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Dear Professor Victorin:

I am rather late with my Christmas wishes, but today is Christmas eve which in a German household is more important than Christmas day itself. My children are waiting impatiently for it to get dark so we can light the Christmas tree and they can get their presents. I am taking time off to write you from which you see that I have by no means forgotten you. The interests of the Montreal Botanical Garden also I have constantly at heart and in mind. Of course, I had to devote some time to my family and was busy with Christmas preparations but I have spent already one day at the New York Botanical Garden where I have made a list of some 150 nurseries in various countries from which we do not have any catalogues as yet in Montreal. Also, I have obtained a typewritten outline of the setup of the professional gardeners training school which they have there and various other information.

Today I have spent three hours at the Boyce Thompson Arboretum and have gathered cuttings of 45 varieties of Thuja, Chamæcyparis and Juniperus. Of some of these we have

one or two small plants at Montreal but most of them we do not have yet at all. I have cut enough for 25-50 cuttings of each. I shall gather a good many more after Christmas and when I have all I want I shall mail them to M. Richard. He will store them in the cold frame until I return when I will take care of them myself.

I hope that everything is going smoothly at the garden and that my absence does not cause you any personal inconvenience. Please, let me know if you feel that it would be better for the interests of the garden if I returned before the tenth of January. I do not know myself whether I should really stay away as long as that. But that was your idea not mine. I return at once if you say I should.

I do hope that you are in good health and that you also will find time to take a much needed rest.

With all the best wishes from me and mine

faithfully yours
H. Tenscher