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Dr. Grote Reber
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Dear Dr. Reber:

Your interesting letter arrived a few days ago, and I'm writing to tell you that your request for tying the flowering stems to see if they continue or reverse their directions of growth has been started this day and date as above. There are only a few stems this year - perhaps 5-6, and one of them is flowering and the remainder are in bud. Perhaps it is not too late. We shall report whatever we find.

I have no other suggestions to make regarding the culture of your plants. You seem to be handling them properly. The dormant period comes early when they are young seedlings. Just keep the bulbs in a dormant state, either in a cool room or refrigerated at no less than 40° F. If they are in a pot, then the soil should be kept pretty much on the dry side until proper time for starting them to grow, which here we usually start watering in late September or early October.

Sincerely yours,

Percy C. Everett

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Superintendent