

at an ^{untrue} feeling
prepared for all
contingents, but I suppose
you are used to it
like rats to be
skinned alive. —

With hearty thanks

Yours truly

Ch. Darwin

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March 8th 77

DOWN,
BECKENHAM, KENT.
RAILWAY STATION
ORPINGTON, S.E.R.

My dear Gray

Perhaps you wd like to hear
what little I have been able
to make out about your

flowers.

Leucosmia Burnettiana is in all
probability a simple hybrid from
relative lengths & positions of
stamens & pistils, but more
especially from difference in the
stigmas of the 2 forms, but the
pollen-grain does not differ
in size, which is the best
evidence. —

Only this vote gives a
to what you allude
others to are my heterologues.

It is beautiful work
making out anything about
dried flowers: I never took



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