

Kew Oct 24/61

My dear Gray

I have looked again at Actinidia in consequence of what you said. I see I have very badly expressed my meaning in H. Hongk. I generally find in the centre of the ovary a cavity ~~that~~ where the carpels do not meet that is to say that if you make a cross section in the centre when the flower first opens you see the carpels consolidated in a ring round a central cavity; if you make the section above or below the axis is solid - and the styles instead of all proceeding from a central point or in perfectly consolidated *truncinae*, proceed from distinct swollen bases which are

the distant tip, of the carpels and
which I found slightly divergent
in the flower though they were
off with the style as the ovary
swells and the fruit is perfectly
concordate - It was, however
this tendency to apocarpism
in the flowering ovary which
made Lindley put it into
Dilleniaceae

Hooker tells me that Thwaites,
Enum. post 3 is sent you

Ever yours

George Beaton



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