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and is probably *Delicea felix-audax*
a *Delicea* - this bears the greatest tho'
relation to the long calyx form that the
Drctt. v. florous *Delicea Clermontioides*
had. due to *Clermontia grandiflora*
figured in the same work - both the
latter differ from *C. parviflora* in the
ovary 1-celled with ovule
parietal placenta and ovary
above the inner face as
figured by Lindley and Gray. Botanist adds,
that he has verified in specimen, I have found
no such placenta in any other of the
group and have not means of certaining
it in Hellebrand's florous species.

Probably this might give a better character
for *Clermontia* than the calyx and so *C.
parviflora* must go into *Delicea* but I
cannot venture to do so with the insufficient
data our specimens give. Can you help me?
I do not mean with specimen, but with
your own observation.

Yours very sincerely
George Bentham



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bewildered in the battle of moving
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to do with Leinian Society affairs

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your paper are one of the
consequences of the deficiency in our
editing staff which it was my object
to remedy in the proposal that
have given an opportunity of
creating the disturbance which has
driven me from the Chair I must
observe however that your MS

sometimes requires a little more
distinctness in technical names In
your present corrections for instance
you have written Gordonieae and
Goodeniae so much alike that I can
scarcely tell which is which

I hope you will publish your
Composite notes as I may not live
to the end of the present volume of
genera

I have been looking through the
Sandwich Island Sibelliaceae and
adopted the genera as you last limited
them but they are very shady in
some respects - especially as between
Delosia and Clermontea. Hillebrand
has a Clermontea with 1-florous peduncle,
and calyx a little more than half as long
as the corolla and according to him a
variety with the cal short calyx teeth of



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