

we shall however content ourselves with
genera of *Gamopetalae* nine published
and the correction of important errors
not having time or space for minor
details. We shall want however to refer
to your *Californian* labours and I hope
that you will let us have what you
have printed early in January that we
may quote page etc. for all *Gamopetalae*.
we shall not meddle with vol. 1.

I will examine the catalogue you
read and report - it does not look
at all *Gonolobus*,

Yours very truly
George Bentham

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My dear Gray

Just received yours of the 15th
and I have also one or two previous
ones of yours unanswered but I have
been overwhelmed with *Acanthaceae*
and am in danger of the printer
treading on my heels so that I have
little time for writing.

As to *Alindia* I have ^{pointed out} admitted
its close alliance to *Erythraea* but I scarcely
think it necessary to unite it with that
genus as Engelman proposes - but that
is matter of taste and in a work like
Gen. St. I am unwilling to go against
special monographers unless I see strong
reasons for disagreeing with them - I
return you Engelman's notes as you direct.

In revising *Convolvulaceae* I found
it necessary to keep up *Calystegia* not so much
for the bracts which occur in a few *Sporaea*,

and others but on account of the flattened
stigmata at least as different from those of
Convolvulus as they are in Jacquemontia - then
two genera closely connecting Convolvulus
with Eponsea and passing into both - but
it will never do nowadays to unite large
genera on account of a few intermediate
species for that would oblige us to reunite
the whole series from River to Polymeria

As to *Deanthemum* they were almost
enough to drive me distracted - I sent them
however at last to the printer the day before
yesterday - 120 genera including of course
several which I have had to take upon trust
though I have examined a very large
proportion of them I have been obliged to
omit some evidently new for want of
satisfactory specimens - amongst others
Sheerbreckii n. gen. of which I return you the
flower (and seed). We have a good
specimen from you but which cannot be
cut up without spoiling it - It has evidently
the flower & stamens of *Paobinia* (*Cyrtanthus*)
with the involucre of some (but not all) species
of *Paobinia* (*Ampelopsis*) - I do not like therefore
to make a genus upon that without seeing
specimens in bud and in further advanced

stages - more especially as the involucre is
very variable in *Paobinia* and in one species
at least is reduced to ordinary bracts.

Some *Hexandrium* with which you
associate *Berynia* is a true *Hexandrium*
in habit and character - *Berynia* I must
keep up as distinct.

The genus which includes *Cyrtanthus*
Pericographis etc must take the name of
Paobinia as being a year older than the
other

Lobelia floribunda is identical with
Pericographis pauciflora

I sent you off this morning three
sheets down to A. G. D. in the middle of *Prophy-*
laria

I have just done *Myoporsina* and
Palagiana which are not comfortably
associated with *Metanema* the superior
microphy and radicle is an essential distinction
which approximates them to *Prophyllaria*
Selago differs scarcely more from *Monoleuca*
than *Torria* from *Euphrasia*

I now go to *Metanema* where the way
is already much cleared before me and
Labiata will be little more than a revision
then I must make up *Addenda et Corrigenda*



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