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Dear Dr Gray

A second sober thought inclines me to think that I may have been too hasty in establishing Nasturtia as distinct from Pterostylia !!

I should have considered that a complete separation of sexes. is not sufficient to establish a genus, where there are so many instances in other genera, and is indeed anticipated in P. dagmaroides in its imperfect polygamous flowers — Otherwise the hermaphrodite habit is still less important —

So I shall be ready to receive your adverse criticisms, and if very decided it may be best to print a note of retraction — or at least suspend distribution — at least you will as usual give me your candid opinion. When I can take the matter under consideration, and repair the mischief done before it goes farther

Yours truly

C. C. Parry

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