

part on classification and value of
character the other day and that on
geographical distribution I shall send
next month.

Have you seen Greuter's new
book? full of details which he has
been very long collecting - but I
should have liked more of summaries
and an index as there is a great
deal to read to get at his views.
He treats only (as the title expresses)
of geographical distribution as
influenced by climatological
considerations not at all with
reference to origin.

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My dear Gray

Many thanks for your of the
25th Jan and its enclosures I was
particularly glad to see the *Peucephyllum*
for it interfered with all my notions
putting it into *Eupatoriaceae* with
its yellow flowers etc. - I refer it with
the *Lupatagineae* to *Senecionidae* - I find
the style branches flattened with ~~the~~ *stigmatal*
axis remaining very nearly the same
which is a very short rounded or
obtusely triangular appendage - I admit
no heterogamous corolla or yellow
flowers in *Veronica* or *Eupatoriaceae*.

I made a mistake about *obovatus*
we had it already.

We had also lately received
Glyptopteris but I was at a loss
to send out where it was published
I was very glad to see *Scirpa*

though it is very well described and figured

I find our specimen of *Clappia* though rather rotten is good enough to figure - I find the large leaves on the main stem at least 3 lobed if not pinnately 5 lobed and I see in Salicotti's maple specimens a second species which I cannot but refer to *Clappia* though with a very different foliage the leaves pinnate with 5 ovate pectinulate segments - the pappus of more paleaceous the pappus of flattened setae split to the middle into about 3 fine setae. - but the same setaeiform pinnules on the receptacle etc. I think I must put the genus with the *Lagethium* notwithstanding the want of glands I am having both species figured for the *Flora Australiensis*



I find I have forgotten *Cassia Covenii* as I have also overlooked *Dalzielia* *Cassia goensis* which must go into *C. timorensis*

Mr. Aschmann has got his *Rubiacinae* all copied out - they are for advance - we begin printing I am in the meantime filling up blanks working up unknown and forgotten genera etc. which takes up a great deal of time - and I am also at *Flora Australiensis* - I have received on loan from Copon some genera from *Chalybium*, *Pyrothium*, *herbarium* which are very useful - I have cleared up a great many doubtful genera but still there are too many remaining uncertain I make out about 750 genera of *Compositae* (*Senecio* & *Antennaria* have each above half a hundred synonyms) and I think the good species must be very near 10,000. - at least 900 *Senecios* I have a long, twaddly paper about them for the *Linnean* I read shortly the



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