

broadsides and apocarpous orders often
which there will only be Restitutions etc
which are already well worked up and
Cyperaceae and Gramineae which are all
written out for press only requiring a
little revision in consequence of the
observations of Hackel and others so
that now I hope there will be no interruption
to the sheet per week - the 19th sheet is now
in type which I think will make up about
half the part.

With kindest remembrances to
Mr Gray ever yours sincerely
George Bentham

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My dear Gray

Aug 26/82

I have been long intending to
write to you and give you as you requested
a sketch of the arrangements I proposed for
Lichæum but the printer has been so
close upon my heels that I have had no
time for anything though I have for months
past worked steadily eight hours a day
either at New or at home - Last month I
was for three weeks at the Hobbs, whilst
workmen were in my house - but though
that was very pleasant it was not exactly
a holiday for I could be in the laboratory
every day from 9 to 5 - The Lichæum are
now at last all at the printers - 187 genera
and it was not till the very last that I
could make ~~my~~ up my mind as to their
arrangement - I found the characters so
varied that all seemed for a long time to
be quite a chaos - and it was not till I had
gone through the whole that I could see any

Definite groups - and it was only after I had
got them fairly written out and
recompared the generic with the tribal
characters and twists and rearranged the
groups, that I could bring the whole into
anything like order. I have now twenty
tribes (besides a few subtribes) arranged in
three series, tolerably satisfactory to my
mind - how they will be to you may be
doubtful... they would no doubt have
been better if I could have discussed
some of them with you but there was
no time for that. It is very important to
get the Genera pinched by Xmas, as my
getting over the winter must be very
uncertain - In my first series there
is neither bulb nor ~~radical~~ ^{terminal} ~~leaves~~ ^{at the}
the base of the flowering stem, the fruit
is always a berry (except in Hemeroc.). the
seed rather variable - it includes *Smilax*
Asparagus *Lysirhiza* *Onoclea* *Aspidistra*
etc - the second has either a bulb or crowded
leaves at the base of the flowering stem (not

the apex of the woody caudex) ^{intern - rather} the fruit usually
loculicidal - rarely fleshy and indehiscent or
very rarely a true berry, the embryo long in a
fleshy albumen - and nichede, Hemerocallia
Alouina Cordylina Aphodina (with half a
dozen subtribes) Pharonina Allione Bulleina
and Tulipina - the third series has a variable
habit (no woody caudex) - either exstorse anthers
or septicidal capsule or both - rarely a berry.
the embryo usually very small in a hard
albumen. It nichedes Colicinea ^{irregularly} ~~Staphylin~~
Moularina Melodina Peratrina (as far as I
recollect - for I have no copy by me) - I had
intended giving you some details - but time
not keep the copy back and you will very
soon have it in print

I duly received your two postcard yesterday

The Hookers are at Southampton - They are very well and flourishing - John Ball is just returned from his trip to Peru and gone off again with Mr Ball to Italy - I have now a few little orders to do whilst Selous are present - then come Hookers Palms



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