

but it appears that for that kindly
relied entirely upon others whose
observations upon details of this kind
have since proved to be so little to
be depended upon I feel now quite
satisfied that *Burmanneria* should
in the series of *Monocotyledons* be
removed from the vicinity of *Orchidea*
and placed next to *Laccinea* if not
united with them in one order

Yours very sincerely and
affectionately
George Beathan

25, WILTON PLACE.
S.W.

London
May 27 1883

My dear Gray

Your most welcome letter
of the 14th inst. reached me last night
enclosing draft for £82.13.3 for
the genera *Plantarum* sent you
including £5.0.11 for Sir Joseph
Hooker which I have sent to him.
I did not expect you to send the
money till you had actually the books
in your possession and had collected
at least the principal part of the proceeds.
At the same time this very prompt
payment is most acceptable for the

charges paid on this last part have
been unusually heavy. Again
therefore I have more cordially to
thank you for the assistance you
have so kindly given us throughout.

For the last two or three months
I have been getting very thin and weak
with but very little appetite and
have now been obliged to give up all
thought of any further botanical
work.

A new part of the *Annales*
/Journal of the *Boiteaux* Botanic
Garden (published at Leyden) has just
come to hand in which is a paper of

Trecub's in which he shows that in two
species at least of *Psoralea* what has
of late been generally considered as an
epibuminal, apparently, homogeneous
embryo is in fact an albumen enclosing
a minute one- or two-celled embryo. I
wish this had been sooner made
known as if Trecub's observations are
correct it would remove *Psoraleaceae*
from the vicinity of *Orchideae* with which
they have otherwise but very little affinity
and place them next to *Lacca* with
which I had formerly associated them
until Blakey persuaded me that the
seed was similar to that of *Orchideae*.



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