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## ADDITIONAL NOTICES, EMENDATIONS, AND CORRECTIONS

- p. ix, on footnote. Wallich in founding the genus *Hitchenia*, after Mr. Hitchin, erred in the spelling.
- p. xiii, l. 7—*for* Scheuzeria *read* Scheuchzeria.
- p. xxv, l. 12 from bottom—*omit* the perplexing issue will be described later on.
- p. xxvi, l. 3—*for* Thibet *read* Tibet, also in l. 2 from bottom of preceding page.
- p. xxxi, l. 18—*for* Jordan Hill *read* Jordanhill.
- p. xl, l. 7—the list here alluded to is given in the Appendix (A) following this Sketch in the ‘Annals of Botany,’ Vol. XVI.
- p. lv, footnote <sup>1</sup>—*replace by* the Grounds of West Park are now occupied by the Sewage Works of Kew and Richmond.
- p. lxiii, l. 15—*for* Wilfred *read* Wilford; his mission to Japan preceded that of Oldham as did that of Barter in W. Africa precede that of Mann. Miller was associated with Kirk in Livingstone’s expedition of 1863, and Macgillivray and Milne served together in H.M.S. Herald’s voyage.
- p. lxxviii. l. 3 from bottom—Professor Oliver in 1864 succeeded Mr. A. Black, who was the first Curator of the Herbarium, having been appointed in 1853. Mr. Black’s health failing he retired in 1864, became Superintendent of the Botanical Garden of Bangalore and died in 1865.
- p. lxxix, footnote <sup>2</sup>—*omit* ‘and Baker’ in the last line.
- p. lxxx, l. 17—*for* Thibet *read* Tibet.
- p. lxxxii, in footnote—*for* Cowfield *read* Cowfold.
- p. lxxxiii—I regret the omission of the name of Miss Bromfield amongst the contributors to the Herbarium of Kew. In 1853 that lady presented to Kew the botanical library collections and MSS. of her deceased brother, Dr. W. Arnold Bromfield, F.L.S., of Ryde, Isle of Wight. This gift consisted chiefly of British, N. American, West Indian, and Palestine plants, together with about 300 botanical works, including fine copies of the best editions of some of the early botanical writers and costly folios of later authors, many of them of great rarity.
- p. lxxxv, l. 17—after Church—*enter*—modelled by his nephew, Sir Reginald Palgrave, K.C.B., late Clerk of the House of Commons.