

Ferndale,

Lawn Crescent,

New Gardens.

May 18th 1893.

Dear Prof. Henriques

The plants from It. of St. Thomé which you send are as follows: —

A = *Elatostemma* n. sp. leaves not half as broad as in *E. Poiriana*, Wedd., and bracts different. Leaves much like the Indian *E. ~~R.~~ acuminatum*, Brongn., but bracts and heads quite different.

B. = *Elatostemma sessile*, Forst.

C. = Welwitsch n. 6269, but I think different from *E. sessile*, Forst., as it is more hispid, and the leaves less membranaceous. I have not dissected the flowers.

D = *Pilea Manniana*, Wedd.

E. = apparently a form of *Urera obovata*, Benth.

The *Epithema* seems to be a distinct species from *E. tenue*, C. B. Clarke in *St. Monogr.* vol. V, p. 181, based on Mann's Fernando Po plant. In that the leaves have veins converging at the base, thus while in yours the are distinctly pinnate.



yours has also a rather less villose leaf, and I believe there are differences in the flower. But E. Tenue is a very poor specimen and I have dissected a flower. I have no doubt yours is new.

Mr. Baker is quite willing that you shall publish a description of *Premna macrosiphon*, Baker, in your catalogue of Plants from St. Thomé.

This work has taken me a little over two hours, for which I propose to charge the sum of five shillings.

May I lay the specimens in the Herbarium here?

Have you yet published the last ones I sent you. I have not seen it.

with kind regards

yours very truly

R. A. Rolfe