

of *Chirita Kurzii* in the Kew Herbarium and have reached the following conclusions:—

1. The species is an undoubted *Briggsia* and should be transferred to that genus under the name *Briggsia Kurzii* (C. B. Clarke) W. E. Ev.

2. It is very closely allied to the Chinese *B. amabilis* Craib, found in Yunnan and Szechuan. Indeed the latter appears to me to be merely a geographical "modification" of the same species, usually of shorter and more slender stature, its upper parts and especially the inflorescence generally rather less hairy, with as a rule fewer flowers and these having perhaps relatively wider corollas.

3. A fragmentary specimen from Upper Burma, collected by R. Farrer and named by Professor Craib *B. amabilis*, exists in the Edinburgh Herbarium. I am unable to separate this from small examples of *B. Kurzii* obtained in Sikkim.

4. Though Sikkim specimens of *B. Kurzii* are frequently taller, stouter, more hairy above and more floriferous this is by no means always the case and there are specimens both at Kew and Edinburgh which do not appreciably differ in these respects from the authentic Burmese and even Chinese specimens of *B. amabilis*.

5. I am inclined to think that such differences as those referred to are no more than might be expected to result from the known climatic conditions existing in the respective habitats of the Sikkim and Chinese forms. Such differences are hardly likely to prove sufficiently fixed to allow of their use as specific distinctions, and it seems probable that the intergradation shown in the comparatively few specimens obtainable for study at the present time will be more fully seen in a more complete range of specimens when that becomes available.

6. While, therefore, I hesitate at this stage to place *B. amabilis* Craib as a definite synonym of *B. Kurzii*, I strongly suspect that it will ultimately have to be so regarded.

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#### NOTE ON *COLURIA LONGIFOLIA* MAXIM.

In my paper on The Genus *Coluria* published in No. LXXI of these Notes it was pointed out that, owing to insufficient description, the affinity of the above species would remain uncertain until authentic material could be examined.

I have now seen some of the specimens collected by Przewalski in Kansu. These were kindly sent from the Leningrad Herbarium, and consequently may be regarded as authentic. They show that *Coluria longifolia* Maxim. is conspecific with *C. elegans* Cardot, so that the latter name now becomes a synonym of the former.

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