

MASDEVALLIA GASKELLIANA, n. sp.†

† *Masdevallia Gaskelliana*, n. sp. — Minor, dense cæspitosa; foliis cuneato lineari lanceolatis acutis; pedunculo iunifloro (semper?), cupula modica, sepalorum partibus liberis triangulis, intus hispidis, caudis longe extensis; tepalis ligulatis acutis, apice bivalvibus inter valvas inæquales muriculatis; labello calceolari angusto ore denticulato, carinis longitudinalibus ternis; columna apice longe rostrata, rostro lineari apice retuso, dentato. *H. G. Rchb. f.*

This was imported last year by Mr. F. Sander, and it has just flowered (end of July) with my excellent correspondent, Mr. Holbrook Gaskell, Woolton Wood, Liverpool, under the management of Mr. W. Davies. I suspect I may have had it before, as I have had lately some smashed and crushed flowers, which I could only name as *Masdevallia radiosa*?—this being the sister. Mr. Holbrook Gaskell understood to let me have the plant in the best state. Though it is one of the smaller *Saccolabiatae*, it is a very elegant thing. The lanceolate acute, narrow, somewhat thin leaves scarcely exceed 4 inches in length. The peduncles would appear to remain one-flowered. The outer surface of the sepaline cup is purple-mauve, with two yellow areas on the inferior base and apex of the lateral sepals. Tails longer, mauve-purple on both sides. Inside the cup is light yellowish, hairy, full of mauve spots. Petals purple-mauve; bivalved in the usual manner at top, and these with acute asperities. Lip calceolar, narrow, long (as in *Masdevallia Backhousiana*) with one chief longitudinal keel, and one on each side; light yellow. Column light yellow with a very long beak. It stands nearest to *Masdevallia radiosa*. *H. G. Rchb. f.*