

13. MAXILLARIĀ Skinneri.

M. *Skinneri*; pseudo-bulbis subrotundo-ovatis triphyllis foliis lanceolatis acutis plicatis scapo laxè vaginato ascendente duplo longioribus, bractea herbacea acuta cucullata ovario multo longiore sepalis patentibus oblongo-lanceolatis acutis, petalis 2-plo brevioribus ovalibus erectis supra columnam convolutis apicibus reflexis; labelli trilobi lobis lateralibus erectis truncatis, intermedio longiore ovato rotundato deflexo, appendice carnosâ linguæformi inter lacinias laterales locatâ; columnâ subtus pubescente. *Bateman MSS.*

“ This, the *facile princeps* of all known Maxillarias, has at length flowered in the collection of the Rev. John Clowes, with a vigour and beauty that could not be exceeded in its native haunts. The flowers actually measure upwards of six inches across, from the tips of the lateral sepals, while the latter are nearly an inch and half wide in the broadest part. The colours of this flower are peculiarly delicate, the sepals being pure white, faintly tinged with crimson at the base;—the petals of a more rosy hue, while the lip is almost covered with spots and streaks of the most brilliant carmine. The column again is pure white at the apex, and mottled with crimson spots at the base; while a number of woolly hairs are scattered on its under side.

“ The habit of the plant is stately, and its growth free and vigorous, more nearly resembling *M. Deppii* than any other species. It will shortly be figured in the Orchidaceæ of Mexico and Guatemala.

“ It is a native of Guatemala, and is another of the brilliant discoveries of the gentleman to whom I have ventured to dedicate it, and who, after an absence of four years in the most glorious countries of the New World, has lately returned once more in safety to the shores of his native land; in which, I must be allowed to remark, there is scarcely a collection of

any note that is not more or less indebted to his enterprise and generosity.”—*James Bateman*.

I gladly avail myself of Mr. Bateman's permission to publish the foregoing memoranda. The readers of the Botanical Register will remember that another *Maxillaria Skinneri* has already been described in it (1840, miscellaneous matter, no. 101); but that plant, nearly allied to *M. aromatica*, is not what Mr. Bateman had called after Mr. Skinner, but a species far inferior in beauty, though very handsome. A figure of it will appear in the Register of next month.