

MASDEVALLIA REICHENBACHIANA, *Endr.**

This interesting *Masdevallia* one might introduce as belonging to the *Coriacea* group, provided one does not think it better to make of it a new group, on account of its funnel-shaped tube, narrowed at base, very slender tails, and thin texture. Its tube and tails are whitish, with a blood-red hinder-part in the typical variety. There are others with radiating blood-red lines, others which are nearly black. At least no Costa Rica species is so rich in variety, as my materials prove. The flower is up to 2 inches long. It will no doubt produce such variations as to not correspond with my diagnosis, and then some inexperienced writer may regard my diagnosis "a mistake," as M. Andre did in the case of *Masdevallia polysticta*. The beautiful plant now before me was discovered in Costa Rica by my late friend Endres, and was named by him. It has recently flowered with the Rev. Mr. Norman, Whitchurch Rectory, Edgware, London. *H. G. Rchb. f.*

* *Masdevallia Reichenbachiana*, Endr.—Dense cæspitosa; foliis a basi bene angustis spatulatis acutiusculis apice tridentatis, per dorsum carinalis; pedunculis folia æquantibus seu superantibus usque trifloris (heterochromicis?); bracteis oblongis retusis aristatis; floribus amplo infundibularibus; sepalo summo basi breviter triangulo caudato; sepalis lateralibus longe triangulis multi brevius caudatis; tepalis stipitatis oblongis apice bilobis, infra supra stipitem (ungua) abrupte obtusangulis; labello ligulato oblongo basi subcordato antice acuto crenulato denticulata; carinis geminis subparallelis; columna apice acuta.—*Masdevallia Reichenbachiana*, Endres in litt.: Folia obscure viridia. Pedunculi angulati (quomodo non liquet). Flores flavo albidi dorso hæmatochroi. Varietates plurimæ occurrunt et quoad colorem, et quoad caudarum longitudinem.