

APPENDIX III

BOTANICAL

INTRODUCTORY NOTE ON BOTANICAL COLLECTIONS.

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The plants from Capt. Deasy's first expedition were received at Kew, in February, 1897, and were determined by members of the Herbarium Staff.

Among the more interesting of the plants collected on this expedition (the Botanical collecting on this journey being under the charge of Mr. Arnold Pike), may be mentioned *Ranunculus similis*, Hemsley (figured in Hooker's Icones, tab. 2586), a species closely related to *R. involucatus*, Maxim. and *Senecio* (*Cremanthodium*) *Deasyi*, Hemsley (Hooker, Icones, tab. 2587), gathered at Horpa Cho at a height of 17,500 feet.

On the second expedition, Capt. Deasy commenced collecting in Hunza in October, 1897, and continued to collect in Chinese Turkestan and Northern Tibet. The plants on this occasion were determined by members of the Staff of the Botanical Department of the Natural History Museum. Among the more interesting may be mentioned *Caragana frutescens*, D.C., var. *turfanensis*, Krasn, from foot of Ak Chalak Tagh, Kerian Mountains, previously collected by Przewalski at Chotan; a dwarf *Potentilla*, near Aksu, which I was at first inclined to consider as a new species, but is, perhaps, only an unnamed montane variety of the very polymorphic and widely spread *P. sericea*, Linn.; *Lactuca* (*Brachyrhampus*)