

F. Mueller Melbourne,
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To G. Fr. Darwin, F.R.S.,

Allow me, honored Sir, to send
you herewith a proofsheet of a
work, on the particular pages
of which you will find (51) all
the species of the genus *Darwinia*
^{as now known} enumerated. When Budge in
1875 established the genus in
honor of your celebrated Grand-
Grand Sir, ^{both} he little thought ^{perhaps}
that this imperishable ^{work}
moment would prove ^{in the} varied and
course of the century so rich in
^{form} species, and they could not foresee
that many of the ~~species~~ conge-
neric ~~forms~~ ^{species} would prove of such
grand beauty. By extending
the limits of the originally ma-
notypic genus to *Genethyllis*,

While the same diversity of the structure of the anthers occurs in the genera *Eucalyptus*.

the illustrious Bentham, as your lamented father and yourself were aware, gave to the genus a splendid access of additional forms, some in first instance rendered known by myself. By my invading subsequently the insignificant defined genera *Homoranthus* and *Chamaelaucium*, the scope of the genus ^{Darwinia} become still larger, so that now 37 well marked specific forms stand on record in my species - Census of Australian indigenous plants. The differences in the ~~dent~~ apertures of the anthers of *Darwinia* proper and *Chamaelaucium* are not greater, ^{than these,} which ~~distin~~ separate the section *Paranthera* of *Eucalyptus* from the *Parallelanthera*; and as within the same natural order an uniform principle of generic distinction must necessarily prevail,

I felt compelled, to augment the
limits of Darwinia, and thus
with feelings of deep pleasure
I have been able to pay also
some special and lasting ho-
mage to the man, who has been
honored with ovations from
every part of the civilized world.
~~In~~ More than 20 years ago, when
an interchange of letters between
your parents and myself be-
gan, I had already the pleasing
opportunity of telling him, that
it was the fascinating descrip-
tion of his voyage round the
globe, through which I was
much drawn into my path of
special professional life. Of this
I shall remain conscious in
the perhaps only very brief period,
during which it may still fall
to my share by the grace of pro-
vidence to aid in rendering
known the marvellous godly

work displayed ^{by the} in the vege-
table ~~life~~ ^{creation} in our atom of the
universe.

Respectfully your
Geo. von Mueller,
M.D.

The first part of the Census
will appear, if God grants
me life and health, at
the end of this year, and
I shall not fail, to offer them
for you and your kind brother's
acceptance a copy.