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Mr. DU TRIEU DE TERDONCK'S var. of SIR TREVOR LAWRENCE'S CYPRIPEDIUM.

CYPRIPEDIUM. Vide Lindenia, I, p. 17.

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he new variety which we now figure flowered early this year at Moortebeek, and has been dedicated to the devoted Treasurer of the Orchideenne, Mr. du Trieu de Terdonck, one of the most capable of Belgian amateurs. It may be considered as representing the apogee of the beauty of this highly esteemed Bornean species. The upper sepal particularly is exceptionally large and remarkably coloured, the red stripes with which it is decorated being prolonged to the apex and anastomosing among themselves at several points. The petals are very long, and the lip is of a deeper colour than usual.

In an article published some years ago in the Journal des Orchidées, the following observations concerning the climate of Borneo occur:

"What characterises the habitat of Orchids in tropical regions, and particularly in the Dutch Indies, is not, as one would imagine, a burning sun and a certain dryness of the soil. Most of the species, on the contrary, grow in a very close atmosphere, shaded from the rays of the sun, and plunged in a vapour bath constantly maintained by the long and continued evaporation from pools of rain-water or springs. The temperature is very high in these places, which are seldom penetrated by the sun, and the air is disturbed but little owing to the accumulation of vast heaps of leaves; the sun dries very slowly, and the rising vapour remains stationary for a long time in this stove-like atmosphere. "

In spite of the enormous differences existing between these conditions of life and those under which Orchids in Europe are grown, Cypripedium Lawrenceanum thrives remarkably well in cultivation, develops rapidly, and flowers profusely every year. It is one of the most characteristic examples of flexibility of temperament, and of the marvellous faculty of adaptation possessed by these beautiful plants.