

bescent on the back, and agrees in every respect with my East Indian specimens.

34. *Lactuca brevirostris*, Champ., sp. n.; glabra, caule terete erecto apice paniculato, foliis lineari-sublanceolatis elongatis acuminatis basi amplexicauli-dilatatis auriculis rotundatis dentatis cæterum integerrimis, pedicellis bracteolatis, involucri squamis exterioribus breviter interioribus longe lanceolatis obtusiusculis, rostro achenio ipso 2-3-plo brevior.

Hong-Kong. At first sight it much resembles the *L. longifolia*, Wall., but the leaves are dilated and auricled, not narrowed at the base, and the beak of the achenia is much shorter. The shape of the heads of flowers is ovate as in *L. longifolia*, not narrow cylindrical as in the section *Mycelis*, to which our plant is allied by the achenia.

35. *Taraxacum dens-leonis*, Desf.—DC. Prodr. vol. vii. p. 145.

Found among the ruins of an old house.

36. *Youngia*? sp., allied *Y. napifolia*, DC., perhaps a mere variety, but there are no achenia far enough advanced to determine its character.

Hong-Kong, a single specimen.

The two plants of Mr. Hinds which I described as *Barkhausia tenella* and *Brachyramphus ramosissimus* are not among Major Champion's. They are both allied to *Youngia*, and, as observed by Wight, the difference between *Brachyrhamphus* and those *Youngia* of which the achenia are narrowed at the apex on the one hand, and some *Lactucæ* of the section *Mycelis* on the other, is but very slight. The fruit in my specimen of *Barkhausia tenella* is very young, but has decidedly too long a beak to be placed in *Brachyramphus* or *Youngia*. The *Brachyramphus ramosissimus* is certainly a congener of and nearly allied to *Brachyramphus Heyneanus*, in whatever genus that species definitively remains; it is equally certain that it has no relation to *Dubyæa* in habit or character, to which however Mr. Hance has removed it.

To the above *Compositæ* must be added a *Xanthium*, probably *X. Indicum*, Roxb., *Gynura ovalis*, DC., *Emilia sonchifolia*, Cass., and *Sonchus oleraceus*, Linn., all of which have been observed in the island or gathered by Mr. Hinds, but are not in Major Champion's collection.

(To be continued.)