

may have been taken from a garden, though its general distribution is not incompatible with its being wild. It is widely spread in South Africa, and also occurs in Madagascar, Bourbon, St Paul Island, and the Tristan da Cunha group. The American *Blechnum hastatum* can hardly be regarded as specifically distinct.

*Asplenium dentatum*, Linn.

*Asplenium dentatum*, Linn., Sp. Pl., ed. 1, p. 1080; Hook. and Bak., Synop. Fil., p. 196; Bory in Duperr. Voy. "Coquille," Bot. Crypt., p. 270.

ASCENSION.—Indigenous. *Durville*.

Bermudas; West Indies; Florida; Mexico; Guatemala.

We have seen no specimen of this fern from the island, and it is not taken up by Kuhn in his *Filices Africanæ*; but we include it entirely on the authority of Bory. It is such a very distinct species that there could hardly arise any error in its determination, though it is not improbable that Bory was mistaken respecting the country.

*Asplenium lunulatum*, Swartz.

*Asplenium lunulatum*, Swartz, Synop. Fil., p. 80; Hook. and Bak., Synop. Fil., p. 202.

*Asplenium erectum*, Bory in Willd. Sp. Pl., v. p. 328; Hook., Sp. Fil., iii. p. 126, t. 178.

*Asplenium reclinatum*, Houlst. and Moore in Gard. Mag. Bot., ii. p. 260.

*Asplenium alatum*, A. Rich. (non Willd.), Sertum Astrolab., p. 52?

ASCENSION.—Indigenous. Most abundant under the scrub and ferns on the weather side of the Green Mountain, also in crevices of rocks from an elevation of 1000 feet up to the summit—*Hooker*; without locality—*Lyall*, *Seemann*, and *Moseley*.

Generally spread in the tropics, except Australia, and extending as far southward as Tristan da Cunha. The form found in Ascension and Tristan da Cunha is small, reclinate, and usually prolific. Kuhn (*Fil. Afr.*, pp. 102 and 105) retains *Asplenium erectum* as distinct from *Asplenium lunulatum*, and refers the St Helena form to the latter species.

*Nephrodium (Lastrea) ascensionis*, Hook.

*Nephrodium (Lastrea) ascensionis*, Hook., Sp. Fil., iv. p. 124, t. 257; Hook. and Bak., Synop. Fil., p. 279; Kuhn, *Fil. Afr.*, p. 126.

ASCENSION.—Endemic. On the Green Mountain, 1400 to 1800 feet, not very common—*Hooker*; *Seeman*; *Lyall*.

This fern, which is most nearly allied to the endemic St Helena *Nephrodium napoleonis* and *Nephrodium cognatum*, was not collected by Mr Moseley.

*Nephrodium (Lastrea) molle*, Desv.

*Nephrodium (Lastrea) molle*, Desv. in Mém. Soc. Linn. Par., vi. p. 258; Hook., Sp. Fil., iv. p. 67, *pro parte*; Hook. and Bak., Synop. Fil., p. 293; Kuhn, *Fil. Afr.*, p. 136.

ASCENSION.—Indigenous? Without locality—*Moseley*.