

## A Note on *Epidendrum eximium*

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READERS WHO HAVE SEEN Mr. Wright's recent book, "Orquídeas de México," (reviewed in the March BULLETIN) will doubtless recall the pretty red and yellow "mystery orchid" which is the subject of the final plate. This plant had not yet been identified when the book was written, and Mr. Wright suggests that it might be a natural *Epicattleya* with *Cattleya aurantiaca* as one parent, or possibly an undescribed species of *Epidendrum*. The plant is said to be from Cerro de Águila in the state of Mexico. Dr. C. H. Dodson has recently obtained a division of the plant which was photographed, as well as a few flowers for identification, which he kindly shared with the Missouri Botanical Garden. The plant proves to be *Epidendrum eximium*, which was described by Dr. L. O. Williams in the September, 1941, BULLETIN. The species is known only from the states of Mexico and Chiapas and is closely allied to the Guatemalan *Epidendrum sobralioides* (see the July, 1943, BULLETIN). The plant illustrated by Mr. Wright is probably the first of the species to be brought into cultivation. The divisions in California are already showing vigorous root growth, and the brightly colored flowers promise to make this a very worthwhile addition to the cultivated species of *Epidendrum*. — *Missouri Botanical Garden, 2315 Tower Grove Avenue, St. Louis 10, Missouri.*