

### 31. PAPHIOPEDILUM CHARLESWORTHII

*Paphiopedilum charlesworthii* is one of the most distinctive species in the genus. It was originally described by Rolfe based on material flowered by Messrs. Charlesworth, Shuttleworth and Co. of Heaton, Bradford said to have been imported from the 'East Indies'. However, we now know it has a very restricted range in the Shan States of Burma (Myanmar), with a small population in adjacent Thailand and possibly another in western Yunnan, south-west China. A published record from West Bengal, India (Bhose & Bhattacharya 1980) is certainly an error and can be ignored. Practically all imported specimens had originated in Burma. Messrs. Charlesworth, Shuttleworth and Co. received their material from



Fig. 63. *Paphiopedilum charlesworthii*, flowering in cultivation. (Photo.: P. Cribb)