



Map 66. Distribution of *Paphiopedilum lawrenceanum* in Borneo.

59. PAPHIOPEDILUM DAYANUM

The name of this orchid celebrates the eminent Victorian orchid grower and orchid painter John Day of Tottenham (which lies on the northern outskirts of London). Day sent flowers of a stream of new species to H.G. Reichenbach, who reciprocated by naming several in his honour. *P. dayanum* is one of the most distinguished of these and Day flowered it in 1860 from an importation by Messrs. Low & Co. of Clapton. It was, in fact, Sir Hugh Low who had discovered it on Mount Kinabalu in northern Borneo in 1856.

Paphiopedilum dayanum is a most distinctive orchid, readily recognised by its large flowers characterised by a narrow but long dorsal sepal, oblanceolate unspotted petals with long ciliate fringes, and a transversely reniform staminode with obscure apical teeth. Its leaves are amongst the most boldly tessellated in the genus and can have either a bluish green (glaucous) or yellow-green hue. Fowlie (1984)



Fig. 111. Close-up of a flower of *Paphiopedilum dayanum* on Mount Kinabalu. (Photo.: A. Lamb)