

CAMPANULACEAE

Wahlenbergia monotropa *Killick*, sp. nov. distincta, nulla affinitate manifesta obvia.

Herba erecta, 4–12 cm alta, simplex vel basi ramosa, caule scabrido. *Folia* alternata; superiora oblanceolata, 5–8 mm longa, 0·5 mm lata, integra vel interdum 1-dentata; inferiora obovata, 4–5 mm longa, 1–3 mm lata, integra vel 1-dentata. *Flores* terminales, solitarii, subsessiles, caerulescentes. *Calycis* tubus obconicus, 1·25 mm longus; lobi subulati, 2·5 mm longi, marginibus puberulis. *Corolla* subcampanulata, tubo 2·5

mm longo; lobi tubo aequilongi, acuto-rotundati, apice nonnihil cucullati. *Stamina* 5; filamenta basi lanceolato-oblonga pilosa, 1.5 mm longa; antherae 1 mm longae. *Ovarium* 3-loculare, ovulis numerosis. *Stigma* 3-fidum, lobis linearibus recurvatis.

BASUTOLAND.—Drakensberg Area: in alpine grassveld between Indumeni Dome and Cleft Peak, 9,800 feet, *Killick* 2334 (PRE, holotype).

Erect herb, 4–12 cm high, simple or branched at the base, stems scabrid. *Leaves* alternate; upper oblanceolate, 5–8 mm long, 0.5 mm wide, entire or sometimes 1-toothed; lower obovate, 4–5 mm long, 1–3 mm wide, entire or 1-toothed. *Flowers* terminal, solitary, subsessile, pale blue. *Calyx* tube obconical, 1.25 mm long; lobes 2.5 mm long, margin puberulous. *Corolla* subcampanulate; tube 2.5 mm long, lobes equalling the tube in length, acute-round, apex somewhat cucullate. *Stamens* 5; filaments lanceolate-oblong at the base, 1.5 mm long; anthers 1 mm long. *Ovary* 3-locular, with numerous ovules. *Stigma* 3-fid, lobes linear recurved.

This is yet another new species from the summit of the Drakensberg between Indumeni Dome and Cleft Peak: since 1954 ten new species from this area have been described in Bothalia and elsewhere. *Wahlenbergia monotropa* is an inconspicuous constituent of alpine grassland at 9,800 feet and flowers in February.

The affinities of *W. monotropa* are not obvious and it is difficult to assign this species to any of von Brehmer's sections in his treatment of *Wahlenbergia* in Engl. Bot. Jahrb. 53 (1915). The epithet *monotropa* refers to the apparently isolated taxonomic position of the species.