

December

Four large beds have been cleared by the main entrance, the mounds which formed them were cut down to the normal level previous to turping over.

The Turp we are now laying, is brought from Magazine Hill by permission of Bayliss Esq. also made by Mr. [unclear] and since the [unclear] [unclear]

Large quantities of the soil pared off the turf has been spread over the hill facing the Duke's house to encourage the growth of grass.

The walks leading to the [unclear] building, the [unclear], and from the hill down to the Lake by the new drain have been [unclear]

The Lily Lake has been cleaned out.

Two cases of Plants have arrived from Australia & one from the Royal Gardens, also two from Mr. [unclear].

In the Nursery quantities of cuttings of various kinds have been got in, the weather being now favourable. Of four varieties of N. American grasses [unclear] only 1 has come up, and of three species of Eucalypti 2 have germinated freely.

I have the honor to be  
Yours faithfully  
[unclear]

It is now unable as an authority to report  
some serious infringements of the rules  
since my last Report. Some very rare  
ferns have been pulled up from the Peabody  
and some young Conifers have mysteriously  
disappeared.

During my trip in Perak I collected some  
fine species of ferns which have been found  
by growing grass seeds and as they are very  
fragile for the road for carrying them I would  
suggest the plan of seed sowing as more  
economical.

I have also to request the committee to  
empower me to request a certain amount for  
flower seeds and bulbs etc.

I am very much at a loss as to what to do  
with my herbarium, as I have no room for it  
for it is a great one and as it now includes  
some thousands of specimens I beg to  
request that the committee will take  
the matter into consideration  
Contributions of plants and seeds have  
been received from four Mauritius  
Jamaica, Java, Sumatra and Borneo  
New Zealand, Sarawak and from the  
Hon. Mr. R. Peck and Dr. H. G. Reichenow  
has very kindly offered to send specimens  
of *Ipomoea* and other thousands of seeds  
he requires them.

Yours faithfully  
C. G. Smith  
Secretary to the Committee