

10th May, 1954.

My dear Slater,

I am sorry you do not think anything can be done with the proposal I made for the Genetic Garden. By giving it this specific name I had hoped to make clear that it would have to be a permanent institution with its own staff and equipment, i.e. with a regular and continuing expenditure. If this is an insuperable obstacle in the eyes of the Council, then of course my suggestion is rejected.

You say that in your opinion such a Genetic Garden could properly be placed in the department of botany in various universities who have gone at least so far as to have a lecturer in plant genetics. This is indeed not what I advise, but I hope you will go ahead with this idea, at least so far as to ^{make}~~procure~~ official opinion on the subject.

Sincerely yours,