

My dear Mr. Deane; -

Oxford, 6 Sept., 1903.

Perhaps the following will interest you. It is the inscription on the gravestone of the Tradescant family (for one of them, the founder of the botanical garden here - or rather, its first gardener - I suppose the James Tradescant was named). This garden is also of interest as being the first piece of ground in England set apart for the scientific study of plants. The grave was in Lambeth, but the stone is now in the Ashmolean Museum with part of Tradescant's collections. It was erected 1662.

Know, stranger, ere thou pass, beneath this stone
Lies John Tradescant, grandfather, father, son,
The last dy'd in his Spring, the other two
Liv'd till they had travell'd out and nature thro,
As by their choice collections may appear
Of what is rare in land, in seas, in air.
Whilst they (as Homers Iliad in a nut)
A world of wonders in one closet shut.
Those famous antiquarians that had been
Both gardeners to the Rose and Lilly Queen,
Transplanted now themselves, sleep here, and when
Angels shall with their trumpets awaken men,
And fire shall purge the world, these hence shall rise
And change their garden for a paradise.

Erected 1662

Repaired by Subscription 1773.

The same room contains 10 portraits of the Family,

From the house where we are staying I can almost look on upon their garden, and I plan to visit it this afternoon. We are having a splendid time. Tomorrow to Warwick and Stratford; Leicestershire, etc. and Salisbury garden again. Next week we go to Wiltshire and thence through the Netherlands to Germany. Our kindest regards to both of you. Let me hear again from you if you have time to write. A.S.D.

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