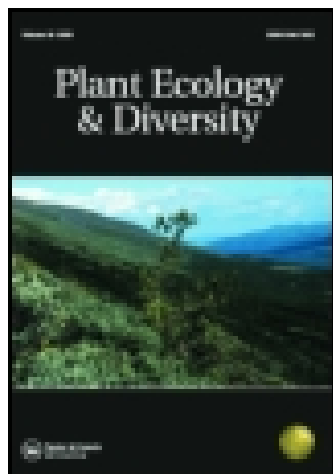


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Tree of Madagascar (*Urania speciosa*), mentioned in Mr Swinburne Ward's letter to Sir W. Hooker, grows well at Trevandrum and Colombo. Dr Cleghorn infers that the localities in this Presidency which would probably best suit the Seychelles Palm, are the Government garden at Trevandrum and the Collector's garden at Calicut. This officer might hereafter transmit growing plants to the Laccadive islands. There is no reason to suppose that the saline soil of the People's Park would prove unsuitable; and the king of palms would be an object of special interest. Dr Cleghorn therefore suggests that not less than eight or ten nuts be sent by steamer to Madras, and placed on arrival under the charge of Mr Denham at the Agri-Horticultural Society's Gardens.

Mr Adam White exhibited specimens of alpine plants, collected by him on Ben Ledi on 7th May. They included *Saxifraga oppositifolia*, *S. nivalis*, and *Alchemilla alpina*. He also mentioned having seen the cuckoo, willow wren, and yellow wagtail in the Pass of Leny on the same day.

Dr Joseph Dickson sent specimens of *Gymnogramme leptophylla* from Jersey.

Mr John B. Lyall, Free Church School, Peebles, sent specimens of *Equisetum umbrosum*, collected by him in the vicinity of Peebles.

Mr Finlay Dun sent roots of a willow tree taken from a drain which they had completely choked up.

Mr Gorrie exhibited flowers of Carstair's new double pelargonium, and of a Japan cherry, introduced by Mr Fortune.

Mr Traill, Aberlady Lodge, exhibited a fasciated peduncle of a polyanthus bearing 170 flowers, in some of which there were two distinct corollas covered by a calyx formed of ten sepals; in others there was a corolla of ten united petals covered by a similar calyx. He also exhibited specimens of what appeared to be a hybrid between *Primula vulgaris* and *P. elatior*, from Argyllshire.

Mr P. S. Robertson presented specimens of *Wellingtonia gigantea*, with male and female cones, produced at Tillychewan Castle.