Textual Pages of Red Book

Title page of Red Book
(note incorrect spelling of Moseley)

An example of one of the pages of the Red Book. The copperplate writing is elegant but difficult to read in reproduction from the slide collection made available. A facsimile in a clearer typeface is adjacent.

The Red Book contains a title page, the trade card, eleven pages of text and five pages of watercolours.

Titles of Pages of Text

- Introduction
- Character and Situation
- The Inclosure
- Kitchen Garden
- Water
- The Approach
- The Approach (continued)
- Conveniences
- Beyond the Wall
- The Fishery
- Walks

Introduction

Sir,

I am the more convinced of the kind new plan of the improvements at the Moseley Hall that you have so much encouraged, and you may esteem the whole a considerable subject of pleasure, if the latter is your attention. I have never been more convinced than at the present time, that the improvements at Moseley will be the most pleasing, and the most acceptable to the present and future generations, than any other plan that has been suggested. I have therefore determined to make the necessary alterations in the plans, and to proceed with the execution of the improvements, as soon as the weather will permit.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

H. Repton

Map of the Moseley estate by Repton including his ideas about enlargement of the lake and re-alignment of the approach drive. His suggestion about re-locating the kitchen garden is shown by retraction of the overlying flap (lower right). Also note the lower lake (the Great Pool) which was later drained.