

- MADEIRA. Alaricus Delmard, Jan. 11, 1909. Is sending seeds of *Xanthochymus pictorius*, a stock for mangosteen.
- MANCHURIA, Mukden. Edward C. Parker, Dec. 17. Sends report regarding progress in Agricultural work in Manchuria.
- PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, Manila, Wm. S. Lyon, Dec. 15. Is sending *Aegle decandra*; will send *Atalantia Jagoriana* in season, March-April. These to be used as suggested by Mr. Swingle as dry land stocks for citrus, to which genus they are related.
- PORTO RICO, Mayaguez. D. W. May, Jan. 7. In the spring can send seed of *Castilloa rubber*; also in May mango seed.
- ROUMANIA, Bucharest. Horace G. Knowles, Dec. 28. Will be in Washington in February and will be glad to give information regarding the fruits and vegetables of that country.
- SPAIN, Madrid. R. M. Bartleman, Jan. 7. Promises to send geranium cuttings from which oil of geranium is manufactured in Spain.
- TRANSVAAL, Pretoria. Mr. F. T. Nicholson, Dec. 12. Offers his services in securing anything we want from the Transvaal.
- TURKEY, Smyrna. Ernest L. Harris, Dec. 14. Sends names of Smyrna firms collecting flowering bulbs in Asia Minor: Edward Whittall; Schlosser & Co.

RECENT VISITORS.

- ARGENTINE. Mr. Wm. Hope, The Kenesaw, Washington. Has lived in Rosario and north on the Parana River in Argentine. In 1870 he introduced the first steam threshing machine into the Argentine.
- Saccharum ciliare* "Paja dos Islas" grows along Parana for 12° of latitude. Plant grows on dry land near water. At Campana there is a company making paper of this grass for newspaper purposes. It grows higher than a horse's back. Mr. Hope thinks it would grow on the St. John's River, in Florida, and perhaps in Texas.