

PALESTINE. Dr. A. Aaronsohn, the newly appointed Director of an Agricultural Experiment Station established in Palestine under the patronage of the German Government, will visit this country in June. Mr. Aaronshon is probaby the best informed botanist in Palestine. He has had a horticultural training at Montpellier, France, and is a doctor of philosophy from one of the German Universities. His discovery of wild emmer in the mountains of Naphtalie attracted the attention of Prof. Schweinfurth, the German African explorer, who first called our attention to his work. He is coming to this country to spend several months in studying the conditions of agriculture, particularly in the southern and southwestern States. A remarkable letter pointing out the presence in Palestine of new varieties of durum wheat, berseem, wild olives, wild almonds, new Crataegus stocks for southern apples, wild prunes, oranges, apricots, etc., is on file in this office and will be sent to any one asking for it. Mr. Aaronsohn has made three expeditions around the Dead Sea and is deeply interested in alkali resistant crops and dry land agriculture. Dr. Aaronsohn desires to meet as many as possible of the Bureau staff interested in the agriculture of the southern and southwestern states.