

CHINA, Hong Kong. Amos P. Wilder, Consul General, March 9.
Is sending samples of three kinds of native rices.

CHINA, Ing-ang. Walter W. Williams, March 6. Sends samples of several varieties of soy beans from the Min River, 200 miles west of Foochow. Suggests the use of the China bamboo for paper.

HONDURAS, Tegucigalpa. R. Fritzgartner, March 27. Will send seeds of Matasano (*Casimiroa edulis*) when the fruits are ripe. It is an excellent fruit, but too soft for shipment.

JAVA, Lawang. M. Buysman, March 17. Will try to get *Garcinia dioica*; also offers to send *Achras Sapota*, *Nephelium lappaceum*, *Lansium domesticum*, *Persea gratissima*, *Artocarpus integrifolia*, and *A. incisa*.

JERUSALEM. Ernest F. Beaumont. Is sending sample of the cultivated oats grown there; will send wild oats in season.

RECENT VISITORS.

CHINA. Mr. W. Henry Grant of New York, Secretary and Treasurer of the Canton Christian College. It was proposed to Mr. Grant that he encourage the establishment of a small nursery of American plants at Canton; that the Department would assist the College in doing this, with the understanding that Mr. Groff, who is to have charge of the agricultural work at the College, would collect and assemble in this nursery valuable varieties of South Chinese agricultural and horticultural plants. These he would use as exchange material with the United States Government. Mr. Grant has sent a number of photographs of date palm trees in the vicinity of Sinai.

EGYPT, Cairo. Osborn Ashton. He accompanied an expedition of this office made to the Egyptian oasis of Siwa. After his return to Egypt he will send the Department olive and lemon cuttings and samples of the golden date of Siwa, which is a very delicate date and he says that the growers in the oasis say that the stone is so small that it can be eaten with the fruit.