

unlike the former, bears in autumn a large number of large dark-red fruits." (Edwin Beckett, superintendent, Aldenham House Gardens.)

MALUS SYLVESTRIS (Malaceae), 56746-56748, 56751, 56753. **Apple.** From Damascus, Syria. Scions presented by Charles E. Allen, American consul. "These apples are grown in the Plain of Zebdani, about 25 miles northwest of Damascus, at an altitude of a little above 3,500 feet. The apples of this region, though small, are known for their delicious flavor and bring good prices in the markets of Syria and Palestine. The methods of culture are primitive and it is believed that the quality and size of the apples could be greatly improved by modern methods." (Allen.)

- 56746. No. 1. "Dershawi."
- 56747. No. 4. "Hamod."
- 56748. No. 6. "Feudy."
- 56751. No. 9. "Iraki."
- 56753. No. 12. "Zebdani."

NEPHELIUM MUTABILE (Sapindaceae), 56781. **Pulasan.** From Buitenzorg, Java. Seeds presented by the director, Botanic Garden. "'Pulasan.' A Malayan tree which is similar to the rambutan in appearance, but differs in the fruit and in the leaves being gray beneath. The fruit is larger than that of the rambutan, and is a deep purple-brown with short blunt processes. According to Ridley, the flavor is decidedly superior to that of the latter fruit." (Macmillan, Handbook of Tropical Gardening, 2d ed., p. 176.)

PASPALUM SCROBICULATUM (Poaceae), 56789. **Kodo millet.** From Burringbar, New South Wales. Seeds presented by B. Harrison. "A native grass about a foot high, relished by all kinds of livestock." (Harrison.)

An erect annual grass, averaging 2 feet in height, native to India, where it is also extensively cultivated for the edible grain. The grain is poisonous, however, unless kept for a number of years. Cattle are fond of the grass when it is young; at the time of ripening it is poisonous to stock. (Adapted from Watt, Dictionary of the Economic Products of India, vol. 6, pt. 1, p. 111.)

PYRUS spp. (Malaceae), 56689 and 56690. **Pear.** From Bedford, England. Plants presented by Laxton Bros. Quoted notes from Catalogue of Laxton Bros.

56689. **PYRUS** sp. "'Superb.' A hybrid between 'Beurre Superfin' and 'Williams.' A very early dessert pear of fine flavor, partaking of the good qualities of both its parents, but ripening earlier than 'Williams.'"

56690. **PYRUS** sp. "'Beurre Bedford.' A hybrid between 'Marie Louise'