

ABUTILON MOLLISSIMUM (Malvaceae), 56908. From Nice, France. Seeds presented by Dr. A. Robertson Proschowsky. An annual bushy plant, usually 4 to 5 feet high, but reported to reach a height of 10 feet in Peru, where it is native. The stem and the large, very soft, heart-shaped leaves are quite hairy, and the solitary, axillary flowers, about an inch long, are sulfur-yellow. (Adapted from Cavanilles, *Secunda Dissertatio Botanica*, p. 49, No. 67.)

AVENA SATIVA (Poaceae), 56892. Oats. From Wageningen, Netherlands. Seeds presented by Dr. R. J. Mansholt, Royal Netherland College of Wageningen. "Mansholt III." A variety obtained by selection from "Victoire de Svalof." Its chief characteristics are: straw fairly short, very thick, stiff; grain white and plump like that of "Victoire de Svalof," but distinctly larger; season early. It is an excellent variety, very resistant to lodging. It should not be grown on poor, light soils, as it requires rich, well-fertilized land. (Adapted from *International Review of the Science and Practice of Agriculture*, Monthly bulletin of Agricultural Intelligence, vol. 13, p. 331.)

COLOCASIA ESCULENTA (Araceae), 56911. Dasheen. From Canton, China. Tubers presented by G. Weidman Groff, director, Canton Christian College. "A taro, or dasheen, of good quality. The sprouts are distinctly reddish. The tubers are said to be small and quite uniformly elliptical, and the leaves dark green. The variety is also reported to yield well." (R. A. Young.)

COTONEASTER sp. (Malaceae), 57038. From Ichang, China. Seeds presented by Albert S. Cooper, American Church Mission. "An evergreen, growing prostrate on rocky surfaces. Collected on the mountains back of Patung, Hupeh, at altitudes of 6,000 to 8,000 feet." (Cooper.)

CUCUMIS sp. (Cucurbitaceae), 56794. From Johannesburg, South Africa. Seeds presented by A. J. Bester. "A 'cucumber' which I found being grown by the natives. It makes a very fine salad." (Bester.)

DILLENIA INDICA (Dilleniaceae), 56791. From Manila, Philippine Islands. Seeds presented by Adn. Hernandez, director, Bureau of Agriculture. A handsome, medium-sized tree with a round, compact crown; the dark-green leaves are 15 inches long and 3 inches wide. The large white flowers are fragrant and very attractive. The smooth, greenish, heart-shaped fruits, 3 inches long and 4 inches wide, are produced in great profusion, maturing in September and October. The edible part consists of the large, fleshy sepals which inclose the carpels and are pleasantly acid, suggesting the flavor of an unripe apple. In India the sepals are used in making jelly and cooling drinks and are also