

CHINA, Kiating. Rev. John P. Davies of the American Baptist Mission writes October 24 that the seeds of the lan muh tree (*Machilus nanmu* ?) or nanmu would not be ripe till May or June, but that he would attempt to get them for us then. Meanwhile he is sending a number of cuttings to Mr. MacGregor, Superintendent of Parks and Open Spaces at Shanghai, to be sent us when opportunity offers. He says the trees will probably not stand the frost, so should be planted in the south.

CHINA, Ngu-cheng, via Foochow. Mr. Harry R. Caldwell writes October 29 that he would like to see introduced into this country "a certain kind of berry which seems full of promise were it given a favorable chance under cultivation. As the berry grows wild it is exceedingly delicious, and would certainly be marketable. The berry grows upon a shrubby tree from one to three feet in height; is about the size of the egg of the English sparrow, and is of a deep purple color with a very decided frosted appearance."

CHINA, Tientsin. Mrs. Dr. Yamei Kin writes November 6 that she has obtained a furlough and will visit America. She calls attention to a seedless variety of the Chinese jujube, superior to the ordinary varieties. She says the persimmons having the constriction are ripened there, not by acetic vapor, but by steaming or dipping in hot water for a few moments, a day or two previously to being used. She regrets that the calabash gourds sent her, while growing very nicely, were harvested by her women one day and served in a stew with meat when the gourds were four or five inches long. She says, "Really, gourds are not bad as a vegetable, though I had never seen them so used, and perhaps did us all as much good as if we had been able to make pipes".

INDIA, Kashmir. Leh. Mr. Rassul Galwan writes October 30 that in about two weeks he hopes to send seed of the wild alfalfa (*Medicago falcata*) of the same heavy seeding strain sent by him some time ago. He has just returned from a long journey from Leh to Gilget, Kashgar and Yarkand, taking from April 13 to October 22.

INDIA, Simla. Mr. F. Booth Tucker writes November 14 that he has arranged with the Superintendent of the Government Agri-Horticultural Gardens at Lahore to send us sample seeds of oranges, pomelos, limes and lemons from North India which are able to stand a moderate frost. He is also arranging to get some seed from their next crop in the Kulu Valley. The Salvation Army has there an orange orchard consisting of Maltese and Calabrian varieties which have been doing exceptionally well. The elevation is about 4,000 feet, surrounded by mountains, ranging from