

This place is about 1,600 feet high, and we can count on rain, not torrential tropical rains, but good, growing rains, from April 15 to December 15. From the middle of December to the middle of April there are occasional showers only. The temperature never goes above 80° and never below 60° F. I have had growing side by side, coffee and turnips, sugar cane and radishes, lettuce and pineapples, bananas and potatoes, but the latter were not a success."

JAPAN, Sendai. Miss B. C. Pifer writes December 19, 1910 that she will send the gampi (*Wickstroemia canescens*) seed just as soon as she gets settled, and will also send the Imperial chestnut. She will send both grafts and seed of the Shibu Kaki persimmon. She writes that the only reason she can find why the *Paulownia imperialis* is cut to the ground annually is to form a good hedge of young growth, remarkable for the striking appearance of the leaves. The bean that she sent us was of a *Wistaria* from Formosa, and she will send new seed as soon as she receives it.

NEW ZEALAND, Wellington. Mr. E. Clifton, Director of Agriculture writes December 10, 1910 that there is only one variety of sweet potato in New Zealand, which will be sent us in March or April next.

NEW SOUTH WALES, Bathurst. Mr. H. W. Peacock, Manager of the Bathurst Experimental Farm writes November 29, 1910 that *Carissa brownii* does not grow in his district but he has requested the Government Botanist to send us such species as are available.

PALESTINE, Jerusalem. Mr. E. F. Beaumont writes December 18, 1910 that in three or four weeks some of the American Colony will be going down to Jericho where the *Ononis* we request grows three, four and sometimes six feet tall.

PARAGUAY, Villarica. Mr. C. Mahaux writes December 8, 1910 that he has a supply of the *Eupatorium* (or *Stevia*) *rebaudianum*, a species which at one time was advertised as containing a substitute for sugar 16 times as sweet as the latter. The sweet substance is a glycerine. He will send us seed later, as he has a considerable number of the plants. He is in search of *Solanum ciliatum* for us. The *Feijoa*, he says, is entirely unknown in his part of Paraguay. He has sown imported seeds for three years without results. He will also send us *Pachira* (Para nuts), chayotes, *Jacaratia* (or *Carica*) *dodecaphylla*, and *Carica papaya*.