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ACCLIMATIZATION AND ADAPTATION
OF CROP PLANTS.
COTTON BREEDING.

Washington, D. C., December 1, 1915.

Dr. Robert Ridgway,
Bird Haven,
Olney, Illinois.

Dear Dr. Ridgway:

I find your favor of October 22nd awaiting my return from California, and shall be glad to do anything possible in the line of your suggestion. It is true that young men are sometimes appointed as Student Assistants at a salary of $25 a month and that these positions afford excellent educational opportunities for those who have interest and ability in the lines of our work. As far as I know, the question of foreign Student Assistants has not come up but I will learn whether such an arrangement is possible, if it promises to be desirable in other respects. From the standpoint of our work, everything would depend upon the interest and ability of the young man.

My only visit to Costa Rica was in 1903, and I did not have the pleasure of becoming acquainted with either of the gentlemen you mention, though I met Senor Zeledón in San José.

Very respectfully,

O. F. Cook.

P. S. After the above was written I had a call from Senor Zeledón. He states that the young man will arrive early in December, and I assured him that I would be very glad to do anything possible at that time.