

MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN.

Mar. 28, 1898.

Dear Professor Saccardo:
I hope to pass through
Padua either en route from
Florence to Venice or
from Venice to Milan
somewhere between the
5th and 10th of May,
and I do not wish
to do so without seeing
you and the impor-
tant garden under
your care, - which I
believe is the oldest
botanical garden in
Europe. And so I
write to ask if you
will not kindly send

and you know the Americans
are so spoiled by having sleep-
ing cars that we do not feel
that we can travel as well
without them!

Assuring you that I do
appreciate the favor of a line
from you, and much hoping
that I may have the pleasure
of seeing you in person, I am
Yours very truly
Wm. Preble.

me a note to Rome
(poste restante), about
April 25th, letting
me know if I might hope
to find you at home
at that time, and,
if so, whether I could
conveniently take a
morning train from
Venice to Padua and
have the better part
of a day there with
you, and then pro-
ceed to Milan by a
night train, in which
we could take a
sleeping car. For
Mrs. Talbot is to
accompany me,