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My Dear Doctor Saccardo.-

I can not forbear giving some expression to the great pleasure I take in this large invoice of learned documents received from yourself and Doctor Bigninot. Such treatises as your folio on "La Botanica in Italia" and "Il Primato etc. etc." ought almost to check my own audacity in attempting to write, from far-off America, any chapters of Italian botanical history.

But then, as you will have seen, if you have gone through my brochure even cursorily, ~~that~~ I deal mainly with the published works of the great makers of landmarks.

I have already studied as carefully, and have illustrated in the same way as I did Brunfelsius, Tragus and Cordus, your Matthioli, Cesalpino, Fabio Colonna, not having omitted Porta, the father of ecology. I am now at work on the lesser, yet great, men of even the 15th-century, Herm. Barbanus and Leonieus. With the fullest appreciation of your great help, I am

Yours most cordially
Edw. L. Graham.

In case you have occasion to write me again, be kind enough to write in Italian; for, more fond of that than of French, I read it with as much equal readiness. E. L. G.