## THE MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN.

ST. Louis, Mo.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR.

February 12, 1914

Dear Dr. Saccardo:-

The Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Missouri Botanical Garden will be celebrated on Thursday and Friday, October 15 and 16,1914

In addition to certain social features, it is the intention to provide for a scientific program at which distinguished foreign and American botanists will be invited to present papers.

I have the honor, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Missouri Botanical Garden, to invite you to be present on this occasion and to read a paper on any botanical subject you may choose. Provision for the publication of this paper will be made by the Garden and in case you attend, \$500.00 has been set aside by the Board as an honorarium to assist in paying the expenses of your trip.

It is needless for me to add how earnestly I hope it will be possible for you to attend the anniversary celebration and to take part in the program.

As prompt a reply as possible will be appreciated, and it is very desirable that the list of speakers be arranged for within the next month or six weeks.

Hoping that we may have the pleasure and honor of your presence next October, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Director.

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