

1 Dante. Then visited a garden attached to some dukes palace, a very beautiful place, the back
2 part of which is on the side of a very high hill. We ascended by steps and inclined paths to
3 several pavilions and a chapel at the summit from which we had a birds eye view of the city and
4 an extensive panorama of the surrounding country. We saw in this garden several cypress
5 trees about 400 years old and 120 feet high.

6 Oct. 24th. Took carriage & guide. Visited 5 churches and a museum. Saw many fine paintings,
7 sculptures, and other objects of interest. There is nothing surprising in the architecture of this
8 city. They have some fine old campanile towers of great height.

9 Oct. 25th. Sunday. No English church here so we walked about town. Made a second visit to
10 the Arena and gave it a more thorough examination. In this arena St Zenone suffered
11 martyrdom, being torn to pieces by wild beasts. See Guide book for further description of this
12 interesting old city.

13 Oct. 26th. Left Verona at 9:55 a.m. Arrived at Venice 2:35 p.m. Loaded on board of a gondola
14 at the station and sailed off for our hotel stopping on the way at our bankers where we
15 received nine letters. Put up at Hotel Bellevue, our windows looking out on the celebrated
16 Piazza of St Mark, the church of St Mark being directly in our front. Had a good time over our
17 letters. Drew £ 20 of Blumenthal. Wrote letter to John. We met a young man with two sisters
18 (from United States) first at the Milan cathedral. Our girls struck a very sudden intimacy with
19 these strangers, and we found them stopping at the same hotel with us in this place. The girls
20 immediately deserted us to accompany these strangers in a boat ride and did not return until
21 10 ½ o'clock at night causing Mrs. Van and I great anxiety and the girls around blowing up.

22 Oct 27th. The effect of the scolding last night was shown by the girls getting up a 6 o'clock this
23 morning to go out with these young people to see the sun rise. And as it was full moon last
24 night, I pretty generally came to the conclusion that they were Moon struck. They were tired
25 enough to go to bed about the time that Mrs. Van and I were ready to take a walk. We all went
26 first to the top of the campanile tower and had a general view of the city and the adjacent
27 islands. After leaving the campanile, walked through church of St. Mark and into the court and
28 through the corridors of the Ducal Palace. In the evening took along Gondola ride to see Venice
29 by moon-light. Very romantic, but I prefer sun light.

30 Oct. 28th. Employed a "valet de place" or guide to lead us to principal places of interests. Find
31 that we can accomplish more in a day with a good guide than could be done in a week without
32 their aid. First visited on foot church Saints Paul & John, commenced 1240, finished in 1430, a
33 magnificent Gothic building, roof supported on round cols. Has a fine dome. Many fine
34 monuments and paintings. Next visited the Jesuit ch. Exterior not remarkable. The interior is
35 lined with marble, white inlaid with verde antique. The effect is very fine and must have cost
36 an immense sum. The high altar is magnificent, entirely of marble, the canopy supported on
37 ten spiral or twisted columns of verde antique. Taken altogether this is the finest church
38 interior we have yet seen. We now went to the Doges Palace and thoroughly examined the