

NATIONAL DANTE COMMITTEE

*...To promote in the United States a national recognition
of the six hundredth anniversary of Dante's death*

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Suggestions For a Dante Commemoration In Colleges and Schools

The information which, even thus early in the year, has reached the headquarters of the National Dante Committee, is sufficient to show that the commemoration of the Dante Year will be the greatest literary anniversary that the United States has ever known.

In many parts of the country the commemoration has already begun. The United States is celebrating, not a Dante Day nor a Dante Week, but a Dante Year. The fact that the anniversary of Dante's death falls on September 14th, a date unsuitable alike for exercises in colleges and for large public meetings in centers of population, discourages the designation of any single day as a Dante Day, and points to a celebration in the late spring or early autumn.

Lectures and Study Classes

It is especially recommended that colleges and schools arrange lectures, singly or in series, on Dante's life and works, and classes in the Italian language leading up to the reading of the "Divina Commedia" in the original, as has already been done by many universities and colleges with marked success.

If it is desired to have lectures delivered by some person other than a member of the college faculty, the National Dante Committee will be glad to suggest the names of possible speakers.

School teachers who wish to speak briefly on Dante will be assisted by a pamphlet shortly to be issued by the National Dante Com-