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"AN EVENT IN THE LITERARY HISTORY
OF AMERICA"

WE invite all our readers to join us, on January 29, 1945, at the north-west corner of Nassau and Ann Streets, in the city of New York, in celebration of the centenary of an important event in the history of poetry in the United States.

For the benefit of those who are unable to accept this invitation, we herewith provide a pre-view of the centennial program. All who go to that corner of Nassau and Ann Streets, not far from the southern tip of Manhattan, will there see a bronze tablet which explains the reason for the pilgrimage. This tablet not only marks a spot, but also provides an amount of bibliographical information not readily accessible elsewhere. Even those who have no sentimental interest in literary pilgrimages may therefore be glad to have a transcription of the tablet. It reads:

UPON THIS SITE 1844 - 1845

EDGAR ALLAN POE

OCCUPIED A DESK IN THE EDITORIAL OFFICE OF N. P. WILLIS'S
NEW YORK MIRROR. DURING THAT YEAR AT THE NOON HOUR HE READ
TO HIS ACQUAINTANCES UPON THE VARIOUS NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED
IN THIS VICINITY — IN SANDY WELSH'S REFECTORY ON

ANN STREET OPPOSITE, PORTIONS OF

THE RAVEN

FROM THIS OFFICE HE SENT THAT POEM TO THE
AMERICAN WHIG REVIEW IN WHICH IT APPEARED IN ITS ISSUE FOR
FEBRUARY 1845. PREVIOUSLY, HOWEVER, THAT REVIEW SOLD ADVANCE
SHEETS OF THE POEM TO THE MIRROR, WHICH FIRST PRINTED THE
POEM IN THE NEW YORK EVENING MIRROR WEDNESDAY JANUARY TWENTY
NINTH, AND AGAIN IN ITS WEEKLY ISSUE SATURDAY FEBRUARY EIGHTH 1845
THUS TWICE ANTICIPATING ITS ISSUE IN THE AMERICAN WHIG REVIEW

TO COMMEMORATE THESE EVENTS
IN THE LITERARY HISTORY OF AMERICA

THE NEW YORK SHAKESPEARE SOCIETY

HAS PLACED THIS TABLET
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