## THE BRITISH ACADEMY

BURLINGTON HOUSE, PICCADILLY

LONDON, W.

April 7th, 1914.

DEAR SIR,

It is believed that there exists both in the United Kingdom and abroad a general desire that there should be in 1916, the Tercentenary of Shakespeare's death, a Commemoration of our greatest national poet; and an opinion to this effect was expressed by a meeting held on March oth, at which representatives of leading literary societies and learned bodies came together at the invitation of the British Academy.

This meeting agreed that a General Committee should be formed to consider the best modes of honouring the memory of Shakespeare on the occasion of the Tercentenary, and to take practical steps for that purpose.

It is proposed that this General Committee should deliberate on the matter, and appoint a small Executive Committee to examine in detail the various suggestions and to report to a further meeting of the General Committee. It is hoped that these steps may be taken in the course of the coming summer.

It is anticipated that there will be no difficulty in raising the necessary funds, substantial offers of subscriptions having already been made.

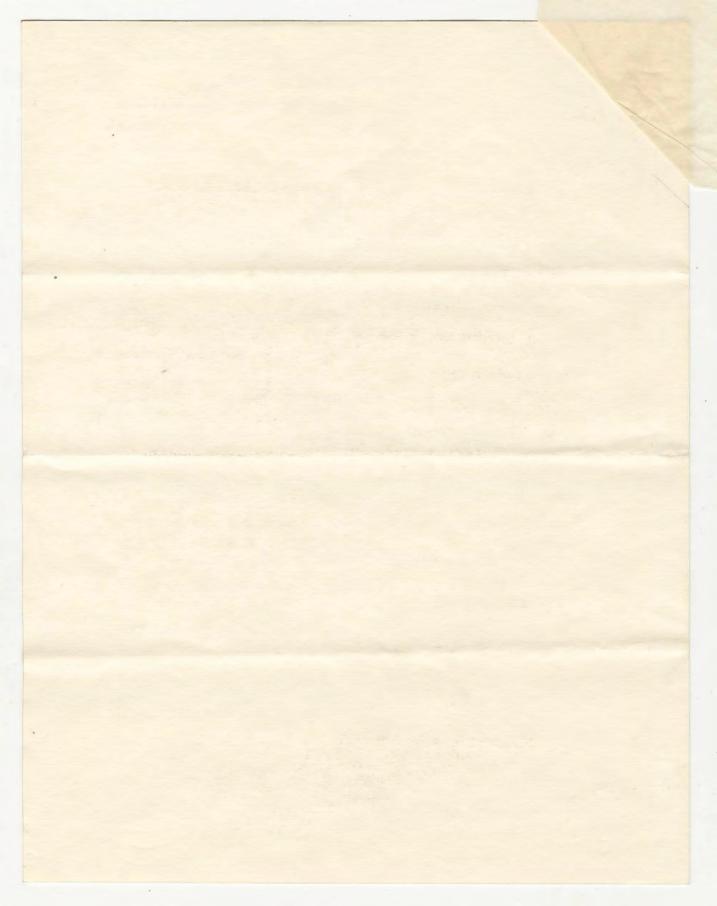
I am accordingly requested to express the hope that

The Unwettery of (hecapo may be willing to participate in the movement by nominating a Representative to join the General Committee.

The acceptance of this invitation need not involve any active duties.

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President.



Chicago, May 14, 1915

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Yours very truly,

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