

To Prof C. F. Norton

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Dear Sir

I believe there does not exist a verbal Index to Dante, or rather I should say, a Concordance; for Blome answers pretty well as a verbal Index, though troublesome to consult ~~and~~ The Rimanis is but an indifferent substitute for a Concordance. Would not such a thing be a handsome contribution to the Fests of 1865? I have suggested this to Mr Joseph Aston, formerly a teacher of Italian at Philadelphia and elsewhere in the U.S., and now an Attaché of this Legation, & he would be willing to undertake it