American Dante Bibliography for 1965

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This bibliography is intended to include the Dante translations published in this country in 1965, and all Dante studies and reviews published in 1965 that are in any sense American.

Translations


Accompanying the Italian text and translation on facing pages, there are a preface, pp. vii-x; an introduction, pp. xv-xliii; an appendix, charting the moral system of the three *cantiche*, pp. 771-772; and a section of notes, pp. 773-795. For this translation, some fifty years in the making, Mr. Bickersteth adopted the text of Manfredi Porena (Bologna: Zanichelli, 1946-1947, with later reprints). In the introduction, Mr. Bickersteth discusses the requirements of a good translation, Dante’s own poetic technique, and the basic inspiration of the *Commedia*. For his version, the translator’s aim is “to give a faithful and idiomatic English rendering of the Italian original in the meter in which this is written.” Mr. Bickersteth’s translation appeared in an earlier edition, without the Italian text, as *The Divine Comedy*, translated from the Italian into English triple rhyme (Aberdeen: The University Press, 1955); his *Paradiso*, with Vandelli’s text on facing pages, was originally published by the Cambridge University Press in 1932.


Slovak translation of the *Inferno* by Karol Strmén, with an introductory study by Arturo Cronia, “Dante u Slovákov” (translated from the original Italian by Milan Stanislav Durica).


Reprint of the work, first published in 1954. (See 73rd Report, 54-55.)
“Paradise, Canto I.” Translated by John Ciardi. In Italian Quarterly, IX. No. 33 (Spring 1965), 4-20.

Verse translation and Italian text on opposite pages, with an introduction, notes, and a diagram. For Mr. Ciardi’s translation of the Inferno (New York: New American Library, 1954) and the Purgatorio (1961), see 73rd Report, 53-54, and 80th Report, 22, respectively.


Translation in verse, with brief introduction and notes. (See preceding item.)


Studies


Compares and contrasts with Dante’s conception Unamuno’s story of the cave (symbol of death), which seems to have been suggested by the Divine Comedy.


Submits that Coluccio Salutati, seconded by Leonardo Bruni, reveals in his critical attitude towards the Divine Comedy a poetics predicated on remarkably modern principles. His letters to Niccolò da Tuderano and Leongiovanni de’ Pierleoni, in particular, contain ideas on the poet’s special status in society, his artistic freedom of creation, the aesthetic marriage of content and form, the acceptability of the vernacular (on equal terms with Greek and Latin) as appropriate vehicle for poetry. Dante’s Comedy was recognized as a “modern classic” by Salutati and Bruni; and Bembo’s violent reaction later implicitly betokened the vitality and importance of their conception of poetry.


Contends that the Dantesque tercet did not influence or dominate Spanish poetry until the 16th century, when it came by way of Petrarch and his followers; and only later did the true Dantesian form gain currency.
Auerbach, Erich. *Literary Language and its Public in Late Latin Antiquity and in the Middle Ages.* Translated from the German by Ralph Manheim. New York: Pantheon Books, 1965. 405 p. (Bollingen Series, LXXIV.)

The original German edition, under the title *Literatursprache und Publikum in der lateinischen Spätantike und im Mittelalter* (Bern: Francke Verlag, 1958), and the Italian version, *Lingua letteraria e pubblico nella tarda antichità latina e nel medioevo* (Milano: Feltrinelli, 1960), were recorded in the 79th *Report*, 40 and 56, respectively. (For reviews, see below.)


Holds Dante to be the father of modern literature and discoverer of the Gestalt of European man, representing him, not as an abstraction, but in his living historical reality. Reprinted from Auerbach’s *Dante, Poet of the Secular World* (Chicago: University of Chicago, 1961), 174-179. (See 80th *Report*, 23.)


Reports that, while Shakespeare is singularly absent from place-names in North America, Dante appears in several names of springs, towns, a railroad station, and a cave, found in California, Colorado, South Dakota, Tennessee and Virginia.


Assesses the transcendent greatness of the *Comedy*, which represents the extreme degree of concomitance of cognitive and creative activity. The author considers Dante’s poem “especially translatable” and “timely because of its universality, not vice versa.”


Points out triads by which Dante reflects the Trinity in his poem, for example, the Pilgrim’s addressing Virgil as “duca-signore-maestro,” which epithets are compared with the attributes of the Trinity; the concept of society made up of Pope and Emperor as guides to the third element, Man; light and music as motifs forming a triad with love in the *Paradiso*.


Discusses the deep religious sentiment of these two great Italians as grounded in the myths of their respective times.

Discusses the translation of Dante in theory and in the practice of selected translators, noting the difficulties and shortcomings of various techniques, and tells how she came to her own solution of using the blank hendecasyllabic line — iambic pentameter with eleven syllables, or feminine endings, the line used by Dante. (On Mrs. Barrows’ version, see 77th Report, 41-42.)


States that, although born six centuries apart and of widely different backgrounds, Dante and Péguy were alike in their “inexhaustible thirst for truth, justice, and freedom,” probing history and the cosmos for the meaning of human life. The author closes with a comparison between two pictures of history in Dante’s Par. VI and Péguy’s Eve.


Cites the more significant work done on Dante in the Slavic lands.


Contends that Botticelli fails to convey the chill despair of Inferno, the hope and convalescence of Purgatorio, and the sublimity of the Paradiso, because his genius was not Dantesque and Dante’s poem, being more lyrical than epic or dramatic, does not lend itself to satisfactory illustration. This review-article on Friedrich Lippman’s English edition of Drawings by Sandro Botticelli for Dante’s Divina Commedia (London: Lawrence and Bullen, 1896) is reprinted from The Nation, LXIII (Nov. 12, 1896), 363-364.


Contends that, lacking our present knowledge of ancient art, Dante could only be conditioned by contemporary medieval artists in his own visual representation of scenes of Rome, Greece, or Judea. It is Giotto, Duccio, Simone Martini, Lorenzetti, also Luca Signorelli (and later perhaps Michelangelo as a kindred spirit) who can help us conceptualize Dante’s images. An illustrated edition of the Commedia would therefore best contain a judicious selection from works of the finest 14th- and 15th-century artists and from miniatures in Dantean manuscripts. Reprinted from The Nation, LVIII (Feb. 1, 1894), 82-83. The essay was also reprinted in Berenson’s Study and Criticism of Italian Art, First series (London: G. Bell and Sons, 1901), pp. 13-19.

Bergin, Thomas G. An Approach to Dante. (See Bergin, Dante, below.)

In this “gallery note” on Dante’s image in the English-speaking world since 1921, the author finds the focus shifted essentially from the social concerns of the late Victorians to the more personal, as we have gained a larger appreciation of the poet’s learning and artistry.


A commemorative sonnet to the Florentine poet.


An omnibus review-article covering nine Dante books of recent vintage, which are separately accounted for below, under *Reviews*.


A general account of Dante’s life in its historical context and a critical appreciation of the *Divine Comedy* in its over-all plan and particular detail.


Studies the symmetrical inclusion of the three Provençal poets: Bertran de Born in *Inferno*, because of his obsession with arms; Arnaut Daniel in *Purgatorio*, because of Dante’s admiration for his inventiveness (rather than special literary merit); and Folquet de Marseille in *Paradiso*, because of his conversion from poetry to religious zeal. That Dante saw in the latter a kindred spirit who also passed from lower to higher forms of love may explain why Folquet replaces in the *Comedy* Guiraut de Bornelh of the *De vulgari eloquentia*. Although Sordello wrote in Provençal, he has no place in this triad, because Italian-born, but Professor Bergin discusses separately at some length his appearance and role in Dante’s *Purgatorio*.

As a first step in the study of the constituent elements of Dante’s poetic world, his manipulation of them, and their inter-relationships, Professor Bergin here documents the human realism of the Comedy and the poet’s syncretistic purpose by doing a census of the nomina divided into three general categories: (1) characters of the narrative itself; (2) figures of reference; and (3) figures of embellishment.


Aside from the allegorical woman-ideal such as Beatrice and Matelda, Dante’s view of woman qua woman is, in accord with medieval tradition, ambivalent, combining a favorable or poetic-inspirational attitude with an unfavorable or clerical-realistic one. In this ambivalence, Dante focuses on few women in his poem and primarily in the love relationship, reserving to men the representation of the greater variety of sins, vices, and virtues. The few women he does treat, notably Francesca, Sapia, Pia, Piccarda, Cunizza, are unforgettable.


Outlines the general structure, justified as one with the artistic form as well as spiritual orientation, of Dante’s Comedy, showing that the poet sought faithfully to see from God’s perspective throughout and thus wrote for the greater glory of God and man. The essay builds directly upon the author’s earlier article, “The Three Beasts and Perspective in the Divine Comedy” (PMLA, LXXVIII [March 1963] 15-24; see 82nd Report, 48-49).

Bernardo, Aldo. “Flesh, Spirit, and Rebirth at the Center of Dante’s Comedy.” In Symposium, XIX (Winter 1965), 335-351.

Examines how the pilgrim, still in the body but endowed with special grace, can pass into Paradise, focusing particularly on a three-stage process by which the pilgrim undergoes a rebirth along the way of transition at the center of the poem from the realm of corruptible matter to that of pure spirit. The moments of change, enhanced poetically with various suggestions of rebirth, occur in Purg. XVI, with Marco Lombardo’s lesson on the birth and nature of the human soul; in Purg. XXV, with Statius’ description of the birth of human flesh and spirit; and in Purg. XXX ff., with the unfolding of the divine perspective in the allegorical procession. At the end of Purgatorio, the insights gained in the process have produced in the pilgrim changes analogous to an actual rebirth of flesh and spirit, so that with innocence restored he is ready to proceed unimpeded to the Paradiso.

Bishop, Morris. “Dante’s Pilgrimage.” In Horizon, VII, No. 3 (Summer 1965), 4-15.

A brief account and appreciation of Dante’s life and works for the general reader, with many illustrations in color and half-tone from manuscript illuminations and more recent artists like Delacroix, Holiday, and Dali.

Devoted entirely to articles on Dante, under the following general groupings: I. Dante in Profile; II. Dante’s Works; III. Dante in Various Countries; and IV. Dante Compared. The 21 articles, separately listed in this bibliography, are by Ray, Bergin, Badosa, Hatzfeld, Mandelstam, Nist, Morawski, Cambon, Hardie, Stambler, Brandeis, Rheinfelder, Pézard, Frederiksen, Arce, Yelina and Khlodovsky, Orsini, Whitfield, Nogami, Strauss, and Batard. (For reviews, see below.)


Contends that the canto’s theme is not specifically the triumph of Christ, but rather the triumph and joy of all the souls in Paradise, together with the triumph of Mary. Professor Bosco stresses that from beginning to end the language and tone express maternal tenderness with regard to the scene described and pious humility on the part of the poet at his insufficiency to convey his vision to the reader. One of Dante’s stylistically most sustained, the canto is permeated with floral and circular imagery wrought of light and melody. The loftiness of theme and simplicity of expression recall the great culture of classical antiquity, profoundly assimilated and humanized by Dante. For Professor Bosco, the basic meaning of the canto lies in the poet’s simple piety, which “completes and conditions . . . the heroic impulse of the imagination that dares contemplate the entire universe illumined by God.” (The essay was translated from the Italian by Anthony J. De Vito.)


Describes a two-semester course on Dante tailored to the special needs and capabilities of students at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Preliminary instruction in Italian language is combined with a literary and critical approach designed to recapture the lively artistic experience of Dante’s poem.


Traces Dante’s progress in love from his accord with Amor in Inf. V, through the Siren of the dream in Purg. XIX and the Matelda episode, to the ultimate encounter with Beatrice—a journey from concupiscence to caritas.

Brandeis, Irma. “Glimpses of the Master’s Hand: Dante’s Ulysses.” In Cesare Barbieri Courier, VII, No. 2 (Spring 1965), 6-12.

Presents a closely reasoned argument, drawing illumination from other parts of the Comedy, to show the justice of Ulysses’ location in the Inferno. His own speech has fooled many readers through the ages, according to Professor Brandeis, a speech full of guile for which he must be condemned. “And it is for himself he burns . . . while knowledge and virtue fare as they may, without him.”

Contains reference to Dante passim as well as an extended discussion of Dante in a final chapter on “The Troubadour Tradition in Italy and England” (pp. 160-203), relating Dante to the Provençal poets and to Arabian science and thought in the context of his thesis which holds to the Moorish origins of troubadour love poetry. The volume includes two maps and several plates of illustrations; bibliography; notes; and index. The translation is by the author himself, incorporating revisions particularly in the final chapter, from the original French, *Les Troubadours et le sentiment romanesque* (Paris, 1945).


Contends that Dante, who provided inspiration for Italian unification, can inspire racial and cultural unity to all mankind.


Investigating the readership of dolce stil novo poetry and the choice of Tuscan as its medium, Professor Büdel questions Dante’s claim that the vernacular was used for ladies untutored in Latin and Auerbach’s contention that a large public educated in Tuscan existed by 1300. He submits that the stilnovistic milieu reveals an élite consciously striving to produce poetry, not popular, but for an élite. The vernacular was chosen to create an exclusive “new” poetry for a “new” bourgeois élite of fedeli d’amore. Hence the dolce stil novo differs from aristocratic and feudal poetry of Provençal tradition.


Dwells upon Dante’s ideal of universal monarchy, or world government, which man continues to seek today, in order to insure universal peace to mankind.

Cambon, Glauco. “Dante’s Noble Sinners: Abstract Examples or Living Characters?” In De Sua and Rizzo, eds., *A Dante Symposium*, 87-98. [1965]

Warns against the stifling of Dante’s poetry through an excessive concern with theological and historical scholarship; suggests a mobile and subtle relation between pilgrim and narrator in the poem, not a dogmatic separation of them; sees a self-transcendence and re-immersion of Dante-author in his past experiences through a mirroring of himself in the various real-life characters he encounters on his pilgrimage.

Holds that the thematic structure of Purg. V recapitulates the movement of the whole Comedy, by looking back to earth, re-echoing the infernal world, and climactically foreshadowing Paradise. The author shows how the canto is a ceremony in the progression of solicitude, with cura the key word at this point of Ante-Purgatory, which is highlighted by the story of Pia.

**Cantarino, Vicente.** “Dante and Islam: History and Analysis of a Controversy.” In De Sua and Rizzo, eds., a Dante Symposium, 175-198. [1965]

Surveys the historical controversy over possible Oriental influences in Dante’s Comedy from the early opinion of Juan Andres (1740) to the present, with a fairly detailed discussion of the various theories, arguments, counter-arguments, and documents produced by a long line of scholars. The author concludes that a broader study would probably show that Dante’s poem incorporates Muslim elements which were simply part of the general cultural background of the European Middle Ages. Includes an extensive bibliography, 193-198.

**Carrier, Warren.** “Dubliners: Joyce’s Dantine Vision.” In Renascence, XVII (Summer 1965), 211-215.

Contends that James Joyce’s art “operates within a Dantine Christian vision,” as evidenced, for example, in his collection of stories Dubliners.

**Cecchetti, Giovanni.** “Il peregrin e i naviganti di Purgatorio, VIII, 1-6: saggio di lettura dantesca.” In De Sua and Rizzo, eds., a Dante Symposium, 159-174. [1965]

Examines the pilgrim and sailing figure of nostalgia here and in many other instances in the Commedia to show how the basic figure, far from being ornamental, analogically informs the whole poem, conceptually as well as expressively. The reference to the pilgrim and the sailors in earthly terms actually represents the anxiety of the souls in Purgatory to return to their “proprio sito” in God, herein lying the “pilgrimage” of the poet’s focus. This is another instance evincing the extraordinary compactness and consistency, both structural and expressive, of Dante’s poem.

**Cesare Barbieri Courier, VII, No. 2 (Spring 1965):** “A Special Issue Honoring Dante Alighieri, 1265-1965.” 47 p. illus.

The four articles, separately listed in this bibliography, are by Brandeis, Rossi, Klein, and Bergin.

**Ceserani, Remo.** “Criticism and the Classics.” In Italian Quarterly, IX, Nos. 34-35 (Summer-Fall 1965), 23-49.

In the context of his examination of scholarly criticism in contemporary Italy, the author appraises the contributions of recent work on Dante (pp. 31-33).

Attempts to account for his undertaking to translate Dante’s *Comedy* into modern English verse and touches on various aspects of the poem to explain why it has such attraction for so many 20th-century readers.


“Originally prepared for a symposium on Dante that was presented May 1 [1965] by the Library of Congress.” (See preceding item and *Dante Alighieri: Three Lectures.*)


Considers the present significance of Dante and suggests that, unlike the 19th, the 20th century cannot embrace him as a contemporary, because of the four influences of Marx, Darwin, Einstein, and Freud. His value to us today is personal, not social. (This is the last part of the concluding talk, given by Professor Clements, during the eight-day celebration of Dante’s 700th anniversary, which took place in Florence, Verona, and Ravenna, in April 1965.)

**Clifford, Nicholas R.** “A Note on Heroes.” In *Four Quarters, XV*, No. 1 (Nov. 1965), 13-17.

Includes, in a discussion of various heroes (e.g., Achilles, Odysseus, Aeneas, Thucydides, Machiavelli, Hegel), the figure of Dante in the *Comedy as the heroic type who criticizes the existing order.*

**Contini, Gianfranco.** “Introduction to Dante’s *Rime.*” In Freccero, ed., *Dante*, 28-38. [1965]

Dante’s *rime* are not a unified *canzoniere*, but simply a collection of divers compositions, of varying style and inspiration, elusive of any chronological ordering. From the canon of the *Comedy* as ideal reference, the *rime* reflect the exploratory workings of Dante’s mind and his technical efforts. Translated by Yvonne Freccero from Contini’s introduction to his edition of *Le rime di Dante* (2nd ed., Torino, 1946).


An account of the translations, classified by types and including a bibliographical account of each translator. Comes with three tables: Chronological List of Translators; Formal Analysis of Translations; and British and American Translators. (For reviews, see below.)

Shows how in *Inferno* XXVI Dante effected a highly suggestive synthesis of various, even diverse, mythic elements associated with ancient tradition and with Ulysses in particular and also subsequent Christian parallels. Dante is seen to relate Ulysses’ voyage to the Fall of Man in the transgression of divinely set limits (cf. *Inf.* XXVI, 107 ff.; *Par.* XXVI, 115 ff.; XXVII, 46 ff. and 82 ff.). Ulysses’ sinking in darkness towards the sunset, as a type of fallen man, contrasts with Elijah’s ascent in light in association with the rising sun, as a type of man redeemed. The ambivalent view of the wandering Ulysses as a paragon of virtue and archetype of trickery has a supporting parallel in Dante’s view of Lucan’s Cato as symbol of God and notorious suicide. Ulysses and Cato journeyed through equally unknown regions, but Cato observed the divine limits set to human knowledge and was saved, while Ulysses did not and was lost. The first canto of *Purgatorio*, therefore, suggestively contrasts Ulysses’ journey with that of Cato as well as the wayfarer, who is also saved.


Catalogue of an exhibit held from February 2 to March 14 of the 1965 Dante Centenary. The 89 items, with foreword, full notes, and 20 plates, cover manuscripts and printed books, prints and drawings, paintings, sculpture, and theater.


The essays, by J. Chesley Mathews, Francis Fergusson, and John Ciardi, are listed separately in this bibliography.


Spanish version of the Dante issue of *Books Abroad.*


A manual on the life, times, and works of Dante, with teaching suggestions for instructing students at the elementary and secondary school levels. Includes illustrations and diagrams, lesson plans, bibliography, and an appendix containing “Dante and Beatrice: A Play with Music.”

Davis, Charles T. “Dante and Italian Nationalism.” In De Sua and Rizzo, eds., *A Dante Symposium*, 199-213. [1965]

Dante’s political faith rested in universal Empire, not an independent Italian state (though Italy would, in any case, remain seat of the Empire and the Papacy). But during the 19th and 20th centuries he has been hailed successively as (1) anti-clerical; (2) Catholic and patriotic Guelf; (3)
prophet of Italian unity; and (4) herald of a greater Italy and a totalitarian state. He will no doubt continue to be invoked on ad hoc political grounds by patriots and politicians.

Davis, Charles T. “Education in Dante’s Florence.” In *Speculum*, XL (July 1965), 415-435.

Describes the general educational situation in late 13th-century Florence, with particular reference to the studium of Santa Croce (Franciscan), emphasizing the neo-Platonist doctrines of Bonaventure, and the studium of Santa Maria Novella (Dominican), emphasizing the Thomistic synthesis of Aristotle and scholastic thought. While the exact relationship of Dante’s intellectual development to these two convents is difficult to determine, their influence was definitely complementary (cf. Par. XI-XII). This early Florentine education owed much to France, where such great teachers as Brunetto Latini, Peter Olivi, and Remegio de’ Girolami received their training. In particular, Professor Davis cites many striking parallels of Dante’s philosophical and political thought in Remigio, who in his long term as lector at Santa Maria Novella held to a theologically oriented educational theory borrowed largely from Aristotle, Augustine, Isidore, and Hugh of St. Victor.

De Sacco, Giuseppe. “Un dannato dell’Inferno dantesco.” In *Parola del popolo* LVIII, No. 76 (1965), 75-77.

Short account of the historical Pier delle Vigne, who is vindicated and immortalized in Inferno XIII.


The thirteen essays, separately listed in this bibliography, are by Montano, Leo, Bernardo, Hatzfeld, Gifford, Cambon, Gilbert, Rizzo, Mahoney, Musa, Cecchetti, Cantarino, and Davis.

Donno, Daniel J. “Dante’s Argenti: Episode and Function.” In *Speculum*, XL (October 1965), 611-625.

Contends that the pilgrim’s harsh attitude toward his former compatriot Argenti (Inf. VIII) is entirely reasonable not only in the immediate context, but also within the poem as a whole, if we distinguish between Dante-poet and Dante-protagonist. The Argenti episode at the end of Upper Hell is, along with the Alberigo episode (Inf. XXXIII) at the end of Lower Hell, one of two important milestones marking the progressive conformity of the pilgrim’s viewpoint with that of divine justice. For aesthetic reasons, these instances are staged abruptly and deliberately designed to create tension between reason and feeling, hence they shock the reader.

Lecture given October 27, 1965, at the Dominican College of San Rafael, as a tribute to Dante whose great work continues to inspire poets today.

**Elina, Tamara.** “Dante in Russia.” In *Parola del popolo*, LVIII, No. 76 (1965), 91-93.

Reviews the course of translation and study of Dante’s works in Russia from the end of the 18th century to the present.


This is the final part of Eliot’s essay on “Dante” in which he focuses on the *Vita Nuova* as showing some of the method, design, and intention of the *Comedy* and thus important for a fuller understanding of the latter. Reprinted from Eliot’s *Selected Essays* (New York: Harcourt, Brace and Co., 1950 [1932]).


Recognizing Dante’s poetry as the deepest, most persistent influence on his own verse, Eliot cites three lessons to be learned from Dante: craft, speech, and width of emotional range. He considers *Little Gidding* his nearest equivalent of a canto of *Inferno* or *Purgatorio*. This talk was originally given at the Italian Institute, London, July 4, 1950.


Argues that the phrase from Shelley is even more significant today, that the *Comedy’s* speaking to us still is attributable to Dante’s vision of order in the world, his understanding of the human psyche, and overall, his poetry itself. Dante felt at one with poets a century before him; he wrote for the future as well.


An interpretative outline of Dante’s works, under the following headings: I. Dante’s Personal Confessions, pp. 15-57; II. The Teaching of Dante, 61-117; III. The Art of Dante, 121-163; Conclusion, 167-177. The introduction is a critical presentation of Fletcher’s work, originally published in 1916 (New York: Home University Library, 101).


While Dante was first a poet, he was also a philosopher in a non-technical sense, with a passion for discovering order in things and connecting one truth with another. His “natural thirst” for God, relating more with *operatio* than with *esse*, is met through the two ways of love and
knowledge and in the convergence of these in the Paradiso. Reprinted from a paper read to the Aquinas Society of London (Blackfriars, 1956).


Contains thirteen essays, an introduction by the editor, a chronology of important dates, notes on the editor and authors, and a selected bibliography. In his introduction (pp. 1-8), Professor Freccero presents Dante’s poem as a spiritual autobiography, in a union of exemplum and esperienza analogous to the Incarnation. The essays, separately listed in this bibliography, are by Auerbach, Pirandello, Eliot, Contini, Nardi, Foster, Poggioli, Spitzer, Singleton, Kaske, Passerin d’Entrèves, Poulet, and Williams. (For reviews, see below.)


Contends that the pilgrim’s frustration in *Inf.* I dramatizes the insufficiency of a purely intellectual conversion and that the journey to virtue required first a descent (*Inferno*) to humility, involving a spiritual death of the old self and the birth of a new self. The subject of conversion is central to the very literary structure. The *Comedy* is itself an *exemplum* of the poet’s conversion experience on the pattern of biography mixed with symbolism set by St. Augustine in the *Confessions.* Dante’s naming himself in the poem, in defiance of medieval convention, lends to the *exemplum* the force of *vero testimonio.* Finally, the duality of the prologue scene is resolved in the unity of the incarnation at the end of the poem, where Dante’s “word” (his conversion experience) is made flesh by the convergence of the self that was (pilgrim) and the self that is (poet).

**Freccero, John.** “Infernal Inversion and Christian Conversion (*Inferno XXXIV.*).” In *Italica,* XLII (March 1965), 35-41.

Contends the pilgrim’s turning upside-down on the hide of Satan derives from a blending of a passage in Plato’s *Timaeus* concerning the spiritual disorientation of the newly incarnate soul, which needs righting through education, and the Christian doctrine of the crucifixion, involving death and resurrection. Aristotelian thought (*De Caelo*) furnished the added detail of right and wrong (left) direction, absolute up and down, in the cosmos. Also cited is St. Peter’s choice to be crucified upside-down, like the “first man” who fell “head downward,” in contrast to Christ. Thus, in *Inf.* XXXIV, 82-84, the pilgrim’s inversion on the crux *diaboli* represents a fusion of the Platonic motif of *paideia* with a suggestion of *imitatio Christi,* marking the transition from sin to penance through a first “conversion.”


Contends that the Satan depicted in *Inferno XXXIV* is not the Satan we expect, made in our image; that the figure is intended, rather, as a sign for the Pilgrim, not for us. Dante
represents Satan as a parodic crux *diaboli*—a zero point between the leaving behind of sin and the movement to grace in a paradox of conversion.

**Frederiksen, Emil.** “Dante and Denmark.” In *Books Abroad*, Dante Issue (May 1965), 108-120.

Reviews Dante’s renown and influence in Danish religious, political, and literary life. In particular, the author cites Dante’s influence on such poets as Paludan-Müller and credits Molbech’s translation of the *Comedy* with the currency of Dantean allusions in contemporary Danish literature.

**Frigieri, Francesco, and Pierfrancesco Listri.** “Dante is Still in Exile.” In *Italian Quarterly*, IX, No. 33 (Spring 1965), 78-87.

Assays the importance of Dante today among young Italians, who are required to “study” the *Divina Commedia* with “reverential exaltation,” but who find their interest whetted independently by the essays of T. S. Eliot and the more recent “lecturae Dantis.” The authors lament, meanwhile, that Italy has lagged in honoring her national poet, while the rest of the world has been actively honoring Dante in the 700th anniversary of his birth.


Includes a section on Dante, entries 9272-9432.

**Fulton, Robin.** “Two Versions of Ulysses’ Last Voyage.” In *Studies in Scottish Literature*, II (April 1965), 251-257.

Compares the unrhymed version of *Inferno* XXVI in Scots by Tom Scott with the English version in *terza rima* by Dorothy L. Sayers, and concludes that English rhyme weakens Dante’s poem, while unrhymed Scots comes nearer in vigor to the original.


Illuminates with concrete examples from Dante’s *Comedy*, especially *Par. I* and VI, Chardin’s ideas concerning work and the pursuit of fame as a good thing from the standpoint of his cosmogenetic-Christogenetic theory of the universe.


Contends there is a good case for the eligibility of Dante for sainthood.

**Gifford, George H.** “Metrical Patterns in the *Divine Comedy*.” In De Sua and Rizzo, eds., *A Dante Symposium*, 75-85. [1965]
Presents a statistical analysis of various kinds of deviations from the strict tercet rhythm in the Comedy, noting that the deviations, while employed more frequently, with dramatic effect, in the Inferno, grow progressively fewer in succeeding canticles, as the tone becomes more meditative.

__Gilbert, Allan H. “Beatrice in Dante’s Plot.” In De Sua and Rizzo, eds., Dante Symposium, 99-113. [1965]__

Submits that the mention and presence of Beatrice forward the action in the Comedy and that Dante may even have inserted appropriate tercets to this purpose. The scene of Beatrice’s unaccountable haughtiness towards Dante at the top of Purgatory is construed by Professor Gilbert as high comedy.


__Gilbert, Allan H. “Spirit and Flesh in Dante’s Commedia.” In Italica, XLII (1965), 8-20. Also in Parola del popolo, LVIII, No. 76 (1965), 100-104. Reviews the various ways in which Dante handles his characters in the world beyond and concludes that while defining them as shades or souls, more often than not he treats them as real persons of flesh and blood, as they were on earth. Dante’s poetic technique deliberately embraces such inconsistency in the interest of varied narrative effect.

__Gilson, Etienne. “A la recherche de l’Empyrée.” In Revue des études italiennes, XI, Nos. 1-2-3 (1965), 147-161. Special number of Dante et les mythes: tradition et rénovation (Paris: Didier). Points out that on his poetic journey to God Dante uses the term empyreo but a single time, in Inf. II, 21, while he defines the concept very late in the poem, in Par. XXVII, 109-111.

__Gilson, Etienne. “Vérité et beauté dans la Comédie.” In Osservatore romano, 4 luglio 1965, p. 5. Seeking and achieving truth as well as beauty in his art, Dante is the perfect philosopher-poet.

__Giraldi, Riccardo. “Dante esule: orgoglio del mondo.” In Parola del popolo LVIII, No. 76 (1965), 64a-65. Focuses on Dante the man of humanity who emerges from the drama of political action and eventual exile an even greater man.
Goldstein, Harvey D. “Enea e Paolo: A Reading of the 26th Canto of Dante’s *Inferno.*” In *Symposium*, XIX (Winter 1965), 316-327.

Contends that just as Poggioli saw in the Paolo and Francesca episode an anti-romance, so must we see in Ulysses’ last voyage an anti-epic. In *Inferno* XXVI, the author finds an over-riding ingredient of irony, patently directed against Florence of great “fame,” against Ulysses whose “epic” voyage ends but in Hell, and against even Dante himself who must take care that his genius be guided by virtue. Several nautical passages in *Purgatorio* I and II and *Paradiso* II and XXVII, as well as *Inferno* XXVI, are cited in support of the ironic recall of Ulysses’ unsuccessful journey in contrast to the poet-wayfarer’s own poetic journey which leads successfully to virtù.


Contains Centenary tribute pieces by P.B.C. [Pierina Borrani Castiglione], Bruno Migliorini, L.B. [Luigi Borelli], and Gail E. Hun.


A tribute to Dante, his genius, and his art, by a poet and painter.


Devotes the first part of a chapter on the “Pre-Humanist Pastoral: I” (pp. 77-110) to a discussion of Dante's pastoral exchange with Dante Del Virgilio and includes occasional further reference to Dante, *passim*, in the context of the study as a whole. Indexed.


A handsome children’s book designed to acquaint the young with Dante in a captivating manner. The text, in rhymed couplets, comes with a short introduction and brief notes to the verses, and a melody, “Lady Bella's Lullaby” (pp. 20-21) composed by the author.


Troubled by the body-soul separation suggested by these lines, the author explores the possible variants, by reversing the positions of the *più* and *men* in v. 17, according to Pietro Alighieri’s reading, or by having *men* in both positions.

Submits that by his own example Croce impressed upon students and critics of Dante the importance of an aesthetic approach to the *Commedia*.


Relates how difficult it was, especially because of the religious gap, for Dante to be accepted in America in the first half of the 19th century. Thanks to New Englanders who traveled in Italy and to Longfellow’s first complete American translation of the *Comedy*, the poet can be said to have “arrived” by the 1860’s.


Surveys a number of recent commentators whom Dante has dragged existentially into his spell and concludes that, despite the myopia of many modern critics, the *Comedy* touches us profoundly, even beyond the aesthetic catharsis, since we today “are bound to hate, love, suffer the same way and under similar conditions as he.” Given our modern sensitivity to art, we also respond to Dante’s painterly and sculptural effects.

**Hatzfeld, Helmut.** “Features of the Poetic Language of the *Divina Commedia.*” In De Sua and Rizzo, eds., *Dante Symposium*, 59-73. [1965]

Drawing parallels with Giotto’s style, the author remarks briefly on Dante’s, under the following headings: adjectival segmentation, gerund constructions, key expressions, individual rhythm, classical solemnity, verbal metaphors, fusion of the real and the metaphysical, and paradox of static dynamism.


Shows there is less of a gap between troubadour and *stilnovisti* poets, Dante included, than so often assumed, by citing selected texts which indicate the later troubadours, particularly after the Albigensian Crusade, “were moving rapidly toward a sweet new style of their own in their changing attitude toward love, in the sweetness and suavity of their verse, and in the increasing tendency toward a transfiguration of the image of the lady.”

**Hunt, Leigh.** *Leigh Hunt on Eight Sonnets of Dante.* Notes printed from the autograph manuscript in the University of Iowa Library, with translations of the sonnets into English by Joseph Garrow, Shelley, and Charles Lyell, a pencil drawing of Hunt by Anne Gliddon, and an editorial introduction by Rhodes Dunlap. Iowa City: Typographic Laboratory, The University of Iowa School of Journalism, 1965. ix, (I), 22 p.
Includes the Italian text of the sonnets with interlinear English translations. “Of an edition limited to three hundred copies . . . printed specially for the Friends of the University of Iowa Library.”


The six pieces, listed separately in this bibliography, are by Ciardi, Bergin, Radcliff-Umstead, Speroni, Le Guin, and Frigieri and Listri. The issue also contains “A Selection from Dante’s Iconography,” consisting of fourteen portraits of Dante (all but one in full color) from various epochs.


The thirteen articles, separately listed in this bibliography, are by Bergin, Gilbert, Rossi, Freccero, Paolucci, Stamblер, Scott, Aguzzi-Barbagli, Sinicropi, Mathews, Musa, Abrams, and Bottiglia.


Explores the Classical, Biblical, and early medieval background to Dante’s giants in *Inferno* XXXI and also in the *Comedy* generally. For example, the author traces the image of Nimrod from a hunter before the Lord to a hunter against the Lord, a tyrant, and sower of pagan worship. The other giants in the canto are also discussed in terms of the previous literature available to Dante. Tribute is paid to Dante’s skill in hiding the legendary derivations of the giants in the texture of his poetry.


Autobiographical novel about the author’s early years, lyrically narrated in a series of spiritual states represented under the sign of various Dantine categories, such as incontinence, violence, fraud, etc.


with equal sovereignty over men—in contrast to the hierarchical sun-moon symbolism denied by Dante in the Monarchia as well. For the second study, see below, under Addenda.


A general essay on Dante and his works in words and pictures.

Kaske, R. E. “Dante’s DXV.” In Freccero, ed., Dante, pp. 122-140.

An abridgement of the first two parts of his “Dante’s ‘DXV’ and ‘Veltro’,” in Traditio, XVII (1961), 185-254. (See 80th Report, 29.)


Considers the duality of Dante’s Purgatorio; the interlocking not only of verse, but also of theme from circle to circle; and the punishments as inversions of sins. While penitence provides effective expulsion of sin, the opposite virtue is but a formal substitute for the given vice. Finally, true philosophy is seen possible only when willing of the good unites with intellection of the true.

Le Guin, Charles A. “Michelangelo’s Florence and Dante’s: An Essay in Comparative History.” In Italian Quarterly, IX, No. 33 (Spring 1965), 56-77.

In an attempt to write history backwards as a means of causal analysis, the author first sketches a comparative study of the changing Florentine skyline between Michelangelo’s and Dante’s times, concluding that the Renaissance palazzi are, symbolically, but “medieval fortress towers gone ripe,” and then traces the death of the Republic in 1530 to the birth of the oligarchical Republic in the Ordinances of 1293, which marked the abandonment of Florentine attempts at democracy.

Leo, Ulrich. “Ueber die ‘Vita Nuova’.” In De Sua and Rizzo, eds., A Dante Symposium, 35-44. [1965]

In this essay, which first appeared as a “Nachwort” to Dante, Vita Nuova: Das neue Leben (Frankfurt-am-Main: Fischer, 1964), Professor Leo discusses the general composition of the Vita Nuova, its intimate relationship to and importance for the understanding of the Commedia. He also rejects the classification of the Vita Nuova, and the Commedia too, as allegory; reaffirms his theory of a later rifacimento, demonstrated in an earlier article, “Zum ‘Rifacimento’ der Vita Nuova” (Romanische Forschungen, LXXIV [1962]; see 81st Report, 25-26); and briefly outlines the architectonic structure of the work.

Levy, Bernard S. “Chaucer’s Wife of Bath, the Loathly Lady, and Dante’s Siren.” In Symposium, XIX (Winter 1965), 359-373.
In the course of his interpretation of the *Wife of Bath’s Tale*, Professor Levy shows that the Wife’s *Prologue* and the pillow lecture of the loathly lady in the *Tale* are analogues to Dante’s hag-siren and her song in *Purgatorio, XIX*, 1-33.

**Locke, F. W.** “Dante’s Perilous Crossing.” In *Symposium*, XIX (Winter 1965), 293-305.

Construes “sulla fiumana” (*Inferno* II, 108) as literally “on the river” to imply an equally figurative bridge on which the Heavenly Ladies observe Dante from above attempting to cross over the perils of Hell to the Earthly Paradise and Heaven. The author cites from Saint Gregory, the *Saint Patrick’s Purgatory*, and Rainerus of Liège passages containing elements of the same figure, by which Dante could expect his reader aware of the circumambient tradition to recognize a microcosm of the poem’s structural movement here in this initial pattern of the crossing of a perilous bridge to a land of light.


Contends that in *Vita Nuova* XII the motif of circularity of the *ballata* (a round dance) forms a subtle balance and harmony with the figure of the circle in the prose (*Ego tanquam circuli . . .*) relating to the traditional figure of Love. Miss Lograsso finds a further intimate relationship with the images of circularity, harmony, and balance in the *Commedia* at such significant loci as *Purgatorio* XXIX, 121-132, and XXXI, 130-135; in the many rounds of dance and song in the *Paradiso*, such as in Cantos XII-XIV; and in the final circle image at the very end of the poem, where Dante’s will achieves perfect harmony with divine love.

**Lucrezi, Bruno.** “Dante e l’Italia.” In *Parola del popolo*, LVIII, No. 76 (1965), 63a-64.

A tribute to Dante’s cardinal role in the spiritual formation of Italy.

**Mackay, L. A.** “Statius in Purgatory.” In *Classica et Mediaevalia* (Copenhagen), XXVI (1965), 293-305.

Examines the nature of Statius’s poetic works, especially the *Thebaid*, and concludes that, despite the bloody tales he told, he had a gentle spirit concerned more with love and reconciliation. Noting that Dante himself admired the lucidity of Statius’s style and placed him in Purgatory with the prodigals on scant information, the author suggests that Statius represents poetic intuition, a subsidiary means to truth, thus complementing Virgil (as human reason) and Christian revelation.


Examines the frequency and significance of verbs used by Dante in the *Paradiso* which are compounded with the prefix *in*- and derived from unusual radicals; and discusses them in relation to the final book of Richard of St. Victor’s *Benjamin Major*. 
Mahoney, John. “The Altra Via and Guido as Attendant Lord.” In De Sua and Rizzo, eds., A Dante Symposium, 141-149. [1965]

Contends that our puzzled response to Ulysses (Inf. XXVI) and Guido da Montefeltro (Inf. XXVII) is resolved and enriched by Tennyson and T. S. Eliot, whose Ulysses and Prufrock, taken together, reinforce Dante’s intended effect by showing that Ulysses and Guido contrast with one another and, taken together, mutually identify their flaws. Dante in turn contrasts with these two figures: he took the same road as Ulysses and turned away from the same course as Guido-Prufrock, with the guidance of Christian Revelation making all the difference.


In this heretofore unpublished essay written in the 1930’s, the Russian poet ranges broadly through the Comedy, revealing a sincere appreciation of Dante’s art in its complexity of form, meter, and simile and of the poem’s structural whole. He considered Dante “the greatest, the uncontested master of reversible and convertible poetic material.”


Discusses Botticelli, William Blake, and Robert Rauschenberg, who in their translations of Dante’s words “into visual vernacular of their time” represent three views of art—the classical imitative, the moralistic, and the exalted.


Professor Grillo (New York) here republishes these preliminary notes by Maradea, which originally appeared in il popolano (Corigliano Calabro), XIV, Nos. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 16 (giugno-ottobre 1896). Maradea’s annotations, which were to be incorporated in a book that was never finished, draw fundamental distinctions between antiquity and the Middle Ages with respect to cultural milieu, spiritual orientation, and aesthetic attitude. Concerning Dante in particular, Maradea brands him as “il poeta dei commentatori . . . poeta di cervello,” because Dante’s kind of imagination was vulnerable to subsequent scientific findings and did not address itself to the mentality and traditions of the “popolo.”


Marraro, Howard R. “Dante e la cultura americana.” In Parola del popolo, LVIII, No. 76 (1965), 78.
Outlines briefly the growth of Dante studies in America from the early 19th century to the present.


Describes in the first part (pp. 433-455) the growth of Dante studies in the United States from the late 18th century to the present, with particular attention to the many American translations of Dante's various works, and concludes with a "Bibliografia dantesca americana dal 1921 al 1964" (pp. 455-559), containing 1371 entries arranged alphabetically. This bibliography is a continuation of Professor Marraro's "Bibliografia dantesca americana dal Settecento al 1921;' in *Atti dell'Istituto veneto di scienze, lettere ed arti* (Classe di scienze morali e lettere), CXXIII (1964-1965), 189-277. (See *Dante Studies*, LXXXIV, 93.)


To enhance our already established knowledge of Parsons’ profound interest in Dante and of his translations, Professor Mathews here documents the extensive influence of, and reference to, Dante in his own poetry.


Traces the earliest awakenings of American interest in Dante and summarises this interest in each major American writer of the 19th century in turn, as attested in his writings. The authors covered are: Irving, Bryant, Emerson, Hawthorne, Whittier, Poe, Holmes, Thoreau, Melville, Whitman, Lowell, and Longfellow.


Same as the piece with identical title in *Dante Alighieri: Three lectures* (Washington: Library of Congress, 1965), pp. 1-22. (See above.)


Cites Dantian echoes in Lowell’s poetry, *passim*. Indexed.


An article drawn from his contribution to the forthcoming volume *The Illuminated Manuscripts of the Divine Comedy* (Bollingen Series), in collaboration with Peter Brieger and Charles S. Singleton. Here Professor Meiss studies the superb Chantilly Ms. 1424 (Musée Condé) containing the *Inferno* with Latin commentary and *dichiarazione poetica* by Fra Guido da Pisa. The Trainsque illuminations are particularly important for the development of 14th-century painting in Pisa. Includes 36 halftone figures, with several from the Chantilly codex.

Montano, Rocco. “Dante’s Style and Gothic Aesthetic.” In *De Sua* and Rizzo, eds., *A Dante Symposium*, 11-33. [1965]

Rejecting many commonly held views, Professor Montano contends that the Renaissance was not a turn toward secularism, but a revolt against the irrepressible intellectualism which characterized theological speculation of the 13th and 14th centuries and the Gothic aesthetic as well. He construes a number of selected texts as showing that, far from being imbued with mysticism, the Gothic world had led to excesses of rational complexities, ingenuity, technicalities, and subtleties; that art, even as Dante himself understood it, was concerned with form, style, and invention, not with content or morality; that the Gothic cathedral itself was not symbolically or metaphysically inspired, but determined by artistic ingenuity and technical necessity. Professor Montano refers to Dante’s *Convivio* and *De vulgari eloquentia* and dwells particularly on *Purg.* XXIV, 52-54, as a statement of the scientific treatment of love, not a romantic interpretation of love as inspiration.


Defines classical tragedy and its components in Aristotelian terms and demonstrates how, even though Dante never read the *Poetics*, the elements of the tragic hero are contained in the Farinata episode (*Inf.* X), which is easily convertible into a small drama.


Reprint of this superannuated work, originally published in 1896 (Boston and London: Ginn and Co.). There is a *vita* of the author on p. [154].

Musa, Mark. “‘There Is a Place down There...’ (Inferno, XXXIV).” In *De Sua* and Rizzo, eds., *A Dante Symposium*, pp. 151-158. [1965]

Resolves apparent difficulties of logic and grammar in *Inf.* XXXIV, 121-127, by establishing a spatial relationship with respect to Mount Purgatory and taking *luogo voto* as the antecedent of *là giù*. Virgil’s speech can thus be construed to end with v. 132, instead of the customary v. 126, while Dante’s policy of auctorial intervention and the thematic consistency are preserved.

Asserting it is time to recognize Baudelaire as an archaizing poet who drew on a large body of religious symbolism, the authors contend that he draws on Dante too, for example, in the poem “La Beatrice,” but with a demonic reversal of his imagery.


Discusses Gramsci’s Marxist criticism of Croce’s distinction between poetry and structure and briefly examines Inferno X, Gramsci’s own test case, to underscore the importance of structure so long as it is considered in its aesthetical relevance.

Nardi, Bruno. “Dante and Medieval Culture.” In Freccero, ed., Dante, 39-42. [1965]

Contends that Dante’s philosophy is not simply Thomism, but is drawn from many other sources as well, including Platonist thought. Translated by Yvonne Freccero from Nardi’s introduction to his Dante e la cultura medievale (Bari: Laterza, 1942).


Homage to Dante as standard-bearer of freedom and justice for mankind.

Niemeyer, Carl. “‘Grace’ and Joyce’s Method of Parody.” In College English, XXVII (Dec. 1965), 196-201.

Cites many small details in Joyce’s story, “Grace,” to support its parodic parallelism with Dante’s Comedy.


Cites some of the “prejudices” that have favorably disposed critics towards Dante’s Comedy until now and proceeds to play Devil’s Advocate by taking the poet to task for his many “impurities” against which the greatness of his work must be considered. For example, the author contends that Dante’s desire to become laureate mars his creation; that without church or state to sing, he sings Scholasticism; that the latter is saved from theological deadness only by the infusion of Courtly Love through Beatrice; that the poem is all-too-human, not divine; that Dante prefers to know about, rather than to know; that this Odyssean triumph of Zeus-Athena over Apollo-Aphrodite at the plains of Troy entails the failure of Western civilization itself; that Dante fails to achieve conviction of God because he must concentrate on his highly rationalized system, which is a Western system, not the truly divine poetry of the Christ, which is Eastern and based on Paradoxical Logic.

Surveys the considerable Croatian interest in Dante from the Renaissance to date, beginning with the magnificent Brescia Dante of 1487, credited to the master printer Dobri Dobri evi (Boninus de Boninis, 1454-1528). Dante’s influence is noted in earlier Croatian writers, while some 19th- and 20th-century translations of the *Commedia* in Croatian are discussed. Himself a poet, Mr. Nizeteo (of the Cornell University Library) has appended his own versions in Croatian of *Per una ghirlandetta* and *Così nel mio parlar,* pp. [23-25].


Brief historical account of scholarly interest in Dante in Japan.


Outlines the penal system of *Inferno* and describes the Buddhist Naraka, according to the book of Gusharon. As points of difference in the Buddhist hell, the author notes a lack of exact retribution and the slaying of animals as a grave sin.

Novelli, Gino. “Dante scrittore.” In *Parola del popolo,* LVIII, No. 76 (1965), [??].

Discusses Dante the writer, the unique instrument of the *terza rima* which he himself created for his masterpiece, and his inimitable art.


Asserts that the line, “la sua volontade e nostra pace” (*Par.* III, 85), beginning with its praise by Matthew Arnold, has been a favorite among Anglo-American critics, reflecting their greater concern with Dante as a moral thinker and believer than as a poet.


Delineates Dante’s theory of progression in the fine arts, as exemplified in the *Purgatorio,* from the material and tangible to the immaterial and intangible, articulated by human agents. Poetry likewise passes from the narrative and epic to the lyrical, and on to synthesis in the dramatic. The culmination of all art is the restored natural beauty of the garden at the top of Purgatory, and Dante struggles to match his poetry to the task at hand.

*La Parola del popolo.* (Chicago) [Dante issue:] “Omaggio a Dante.” LVIII, No. 76 (1965), 55-120.
An international miscellany of articles, tributes, testimonials, and statements, with many illustrations of various kinds. Selected pieces of some length are separately listed in this bibliography.

**Passerin d'Entrèves, Alessandro.** “Civitas.” In **Freccero**, ed., **Dante**, 141-150. [1965]

Submits that Dante considered the city the “typical” form of human association and only later enlarged the scope of this notion to include the Empire as likewise rational and natural. He rejected the Papal claim to supreme authority, but recognized the need for some higher authority to prevent anarchy and assure the blessings of civic life. Reprinted from Passerin d’Entrèves’ **Dante as a Political Thinker** (Oxford, 1955).


Submits a 308-line poem written 62 years before by an adolescent rebelling against the study of Dante’s **Commedia** in school.


With brief analyses.

**Pézard, André.** “Saint Peter’s Needle (Convivio, IV, xvi, 6).” In **Books Abroad**, Dante Issue (May 1965), 105-107.

Examines Dante’s usage of **San Piero** and **San Pietro** and suggests a Florentine church of that name as the subject of much talk at the time, by which mocking allusion Dante wished to stress that notoriety is not nobility, his subject in **Convivio** IV.


A review of Croce’s **La poesia di Dante** (1921), rejecting the latter’s aesthetics which reduced the **Comedy** to isolated fragments of lyricism in a structure of non-poetry. Croce failed to see the poetic synthesis in which allegory forms an integral part of the poem. Originally published in **L’idea nazionale**, Sept. 14, 1921; the translation, by Gian Paolo Biasin, is based on the text in Pirandello’s **Saggi, poesie e scritti vari** (Mondadori, 1960).

**Poggioli, Renato.** “Paolo and Francesca.” In **Freccero**, ed., **Dante**, 61-77. [1965]

This well known essay originally appeared under the title, “Tragedy or Romance? A Reading of the Paolo and Francesca Episode in Dante’s **Inferno,”** in **PMLA**, LXXII, 3 (June 1957), 313-358. (See 76th Report, 50.)

Contains his essay, “Tragedy or Romance? A Reading of the Paolo and Francesca Episode in Dante’s *Inferno*” (pp. 50-102). (See preceding item. For reviews, see below.)


Traces the changing concepts of circle and sphere as originally applied to God, but changed during the Renaissance to include man; finally, in the eighteenth century, man embraces within his gaze no longer the sphere of God, but the sphere of scientific knowledge. Translated from Poulet’s introduction to his *Les Métamorphoses du cercle* (Paris, 1961).

**Provenzal, Dino.** “Abbiamo scoperto il volto della sposa di Dante.” In *Parola del popolo*, LVIII, No. 76 (1965), 94.

Describes a 15th-century portrait, presumably copied from a medieval source, of Dante’s wife, Gemma Donati, which was recently discovered in the castle of the Stecchini family.


Contends that the basis of the *Comedy* is in light; reviews some of the background tradition of light metaphysics from Plato to Plotinus and St. Augustine to Duns Scotus’ translation of St. Denis (Dionysius the Areopagite); comments on the light imagery in *Purg.* XVI; and briefly traces the development of the “two suns” as metaphor of Pope and Emperor.


Places Dante in a line of explorers of the underworld. His great Christian poem accommodated the enlargement of human consciousness of his time; now, the author suggests, a new poet is needed to comprehend the greater freedoms of today.


Treats the theological conception of the Trinity and Dante’s handling of it in the final canto of the *Comedy*. The author suggests sources of the epithets to Mary as her mediation is sought to permit Dante a direct vision of God.


Tribute to America’s active study and appreciation of Dante, especially as manifested in the centenary year.

**Rizzo, Gino.** “Dante and the Virtuous Pagans.” In *De Sua* and *Rizzo*, eds., *Dante Symposium*, 115-139. [1965]
Examines against the theological background Dante’s treatment of virtuous pagans and finds that Dante differs from Aquinas in placing pagans in Limbo (Inf. IV), for he considered them, as exemplified by his chosen guide, Virgil, without sin, but only lacking in the three holy virtues. Cato (Purg. I) is saved through his “implicit” faith in divine Providence; Statius (Purg. XXI-XXII) was converted by the unknowing light bearer, Virgil, as an instrument of God; Ripheus (Par. XX) attains salvation, as an example of God’s “hidden” judgment, through special grace. By means of this sequence of examples the pilgrim gradually comprehends the problem of the salvation of virtuous pagans and the theme itself represents an essential structural element of Dante’s *itinerarium mentis in Deum*.


Reports that his thirty-odd years of teaching Dante have revealed that what in the *Commedia* is most important to students is the sense of moral responsibility.


Construes the central image of the canto in terms of disintegration and dissolution, with which are associated physical gluttony and political avarice as allied devouring passions. The figure of Ciaccio, with his prophecy, in Inf. VI, which initiates the theme of the City, is reflected in another glutton, Forese Donati, and his prophetic vision in Purg. XXIV, while the image of a corrupting downpour recurs with the political theme of instability in Purg. XX and in the last political canto, Par. XXVII.


Treats of Guido da Montefeltro, a fox as military strategist and opposed to the Pope. Even after having become a Franciscan late in life, he could not resist abetting a new pope with foxy counsel; thus he suffers the effects of his total character. The author also touches on the nature of Guido’s tragedy in the light of Auerbach, Bradley, and Aristotle, and applies a concept of spiritual waste to other characters in the *Inferno*.

Saly, John. ”Dante’s *Paradiso*: The Ladder of Man’s Ultimate Development.” In *Insight* (Summer 1965), 8-12.

Building upon his article “Dante and the Way of Self-Discovery,” Professor Saly here focuses on the last *cantica* and draws a parallel between Dante’s journey and the ultimate “self-actualization” of modern psychology.


Contends that Keats not only knew more of Dante’s work than the *Inferno*, but also must have read some of the poem in the original Italian.

While acknowledging previous interpretations of individual passages, the author contends that undue focus on the figure of Farinata results in a distorted reading of *Inferno X*. He stresses, rather, the canto’s important thematic current of “civil chaos and its tragic consequences,” as poignantly evinced in the conversation of Dante, Farinata, and Cavalcante (including Guido), three victims of Florentine upheaval.


The Italian text of *Purg.* I and brief outline of the argument.


A commemorative appreciation of Dante and an exhortation to read him.


To clear up historical misconceptions, the author asserts that the *dolce stil nuovo* is not to be identified with a school of poets, but with Dante’s own discovery of a purely disinterested love with praise of Beatrice: she inspires the love and is its terminus.


This well known work was first published in 1929 (Princeton: Princeton University Press; Paris: Les Presses Universitaires de France). Contents: I. The Date of the *Vita Nuova*; II. *Incipit Vita Nova*; III. *Ego tanquam centrum circuli*; IV. *E che dirà ne lo inferno*; V. *Morràti, morràti*; VI. *Non è del presente proposito*; VII. The Character of the *Vita Nuova*; List of Works Cited.

Singleton, Charles S. “In Exitu Israel de Aegypto.” In *Frecce*o, ed., *Dante*, 102-121. [1965]


Contends that the story of Simon Magus’s headlong fall and broken shank as found in the apochryphal *Acts of Peter* and in many iconographical renderings in cathedral sculpture must have provided the master pattern for Dante’s central scene in the ditch of the Simonists. Two sample sculptures, shown in the accompanying plates, include the figures of Peter and Paul.
alongside the upturned Simon, thus forming a total scene which is exactly mirrored in that of Dante and Virgil standing over the shank-kicking Nicholas III.

**Singleton, Charles S.** “The Poet’s Number at the Center.” In *Modern Language Notes* LXXX (Jan. 1965), 1-10.

Focuses on *Purgatorio* XVII as the central canto in the *Comedy* numerically and thematically, with its exposition of Love which informs both God’s world and the poet’s world. This central canto is marked off and framed by matching canto lengths in a seven-canto pattern of 151, 145, 145, 139, 145, 145, and 151 verses, respectively. The number 7 is seen as the poet’s own number imitating God in analogy. Professor Singleton sketches out various significances of the number 7, indicating that there is more to be done here. For example, we have at the center of the poem another pivotal point of conversion, extending from Canto XIV to Canto XX, with XVII at the center of the sequence.


Asserts that for full experience of Dante’s *Comedy* we must live the poem from within, sympathetically and imaginatively. Using the analogy of a simple sentence, moreover, Professor Singleton contends that full understanding of the poem on its own terms of evolving meaning, or revelation, is realized in retrospect, by looking back, in memory, from the end and also from certain “pivotal points” along the way. The christocentric structure, for example, can be seen not only at the poem’s end, but also at the end of *Purgatorio* and even in *Inferno*. He interprets in particular the christocentric pattern of three allusions to the *ruina* in *Inferno* V, XII, and XXI (with completion of the “sentence” in XXIII). Dante’s “ideal reader,” experiencing the poem for the first time, comes into full awareness of the goal of the journey through the *Inferno* as a descent into humility, and also full meaning of the *ruina,* when the wayfarer girds the rush in *Purgatorio* I. The events at the top of Purgatory as another goal are seen to complete a process of justification. Only by recapturing certain modes and patterns of Christian thought long since lost, but assumed by Dante on our part, can we experience the evolving meaning of the *Comedy* in depth according to the poetic intent.

**Sinicropi, Giovanni.** “Di un commento al *Paradiso* erroneamente attribuito al Sercambi.” In *Italica*, XLII (March 1965), 132-134.

Recounts the vicissitudes by which the commentary on the *Paradiso* in Ms. 74, Laur.-Medic.-Pal., came to be attributed to Sercambi in Bandini’s catalogue of 1793 and only later was discovered by Novati to be actually copied from Jacopo della Lana.


Reviews some recent Dante scholarship and the centenary observances in Italy.
Spada, Nello, and Carol Z. Rothkoph. The Divine Comedy: Hell, Purgatory, Paradise. 

Paperback manual containing sections on the following: biographical information on Dante; notes on Italian pronunciation; introduction to the form and structure of Dante’s poem; canto-by-canto summaries; index to names in the canto summaries; some notes on Dante criticism; suggested study topics; annotated bibliography; and index. Comes with a diagram of each of Dante’s three cantiche.


While noting that Dante probably drew more immediately from classical sources—Seneca’s Hercules furens and especially Virgil’s Aeneid, for his treatment of suicides and squanderers in Inf. XIII, the author cites various other instances of soul-inhabited trees from popular animistic traditions in many cultures of East and West both before and after Dante.


Examines the tropological aspects of Dante’s hell as depicting a state of mind that is hell in this life. Evil actions bring on enslavement, futility, bestiality, and isolation, while evil itself is illusory and hell, the refusal to assert reality. Dante’s journey to redemption is paralleled in the 20th-century search for integration of the self and personal salvation.

Spitzer, Leo. “Speech and Language in Inferno XIII.” In Freccero, ed., Dante, pp. 78-101. [1965]

The essay originally appeared in Italica, XIX (1942), 81-104, and has been reprinted. (See 77th Report, 61, and 79th Report, 58-59.)


Construes the benedictus qui venis as referring to Dante, who does not realize he is the expected bridegroom and thus provokes Beatrice’s upbraiding. In the Comedy, moreover, Dante has superseded his earlier consideration of the earthly paradise; to the beatitudo huius vitae he would add the virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity as attainable in this life. The three cantiche would then represent three “utopias” relating to life on earth. For example, the Paradiso contains not those who have achieved all their highest desires, but rather an accurate and productive relationship to those about them, with the “qualities” of God that must be imaged in human society. Dante is seen to place and rank his personae according to their utility to society. Thus, Professor Stambler here holds to a social interpretation of the Comedy and suggests we concern ourselves more with the “why” of Dante’s writing, in order to understand what he is saying.

Examines the three dreams in *Purgatorio* with respect to their vatic, mythic, sexual, and personal (and functional) significance and discusses the fourfold method of allegory in relation to Dante’s *Comedy*.

Stambler, Bernard. “Trois rêves: Essai d’interprétation structurale de trois rêves dans le *Purgatoire*.” In Tel quel, No. 23 (1965), 52-68.

French version (trans. by Denis Roche) of his “Three Dreams,” which appeared in *Books Abroad*, Dante Issue (May 1965), 81-93. (See *Dante Studies*, LXXXIV, 102.)


Finds in Eliot’s art elements of indirect approach attributable to Ezra Pound and the Chinese poets; impersonalization of private feelings by means of the objective correlative; and the influence of Dante.


Presents a biographical portrait of Dante from the point of view of the modern reader. *Contents*: Preface, pp. 1-7; I. A Shepherd and a Peacock, 8-31; II. Days of Wine and Roses, 32-54; III. A Soldier and a Mystic, 55-77; IV. The Ordeal, 78-105; V. Salt Bread and Steep Stairs, 106-132; VI. The New Messiah, 133-152; VII. Peace at Last, 153-177; VIII. The *Divine Comedy*—I, 178-214; IX. The *Divine Comedy*—II, 215-232; Chronology, 233-236; Bibliography, 237-241; Index, 243-249.


Pointing out that the Romantic poets re-discovered the *Vita Nuova* because of its theme of rebirth, the author shows how Nerval has incorporated elements of Dante’s *libello* in his autobiographical *Aurélia*, ending up, however, not with a Beatrice, but an Isis-Aurélia.


Short general account of Dante’s life and work.

Toynbee’s well known work, here made available in a paperback reprint from the fourth edition of 1910, is a classic of its kind. Professor Singleton has provided an explanatory introduction; an updated bibliography consisting of modern editions of Dante’s works and some modern critical studies, along with all works cited by Toynbee himself; and a number of editorial footnotes at appropriate points where some slight revision was necessary. Comes with fourteen halftone illustrations.


An interpretative re-telling of Dante’s poem in simple prose.


A humorous novel based on the imagined experience of Dante when he returns to this world.


A chapter on the proud, the envious, and the wrathful, reprinted from the author’s recently published *Dante’s Purgatorio as Told for Young People* (New York: Obolensky).


Contends that Yeats reveals an “underlying visionary structure” similar to Dante’s; that he associated unity of being with the “Daimonic man,” of whom he considered Dante and himself prime examples; and that he reveals a Dantean influence in his middle years, when striving to revitalize his work with fresh imagery.

**Webster, Grant T.** “Keats’s ‘La Belle Dame’: A New Source.” In *English Language Notes* (Sept. 1965), 42-47.

Citing parallels in phraseology, the author submits that Keat’s poem long related to *Inf. V*, was prompted in part by Thomas Sackville’s “Induction” to the *Mirror for Magistrates* as presented with a commentary and summary of Dante in Thomas Warton’s *History of English Poetry* (1774-1781).


Cites the *Summa de vitiiis* (c. 1236) of William Peraldus (Guillaume Peyrault, d. 1271) as the likely source of Dante’s classification of the seven vices according to the principle of love. Pietro Alighieri’s commentary is also seen to derive from Peraldus.

Reproduces Shaw’s inscription in his copy of Dante’s complete works (Moore ed., 1909), now at the University of Texas Library, and asks if this has been previously published.


Holds that as representative of Rome and Empire, the figure of Virgil is a subjective creation of Dante’s and is discarded in the *Comedy* at the point where Dante has abandoned dreams of Empire. Dante utilized some Virgilian elements, turning them about for his purposes in the poem; but the difference between them is extreme, according to Professor Whitfield: “Few pairs of poets are in most things as opposite as those who have been cast so long, and so closely, together.”


Takes the passage to reveal “not only the desire to compliment but also Dante’s new humility” after the purgative experience of the first ledge (*Purg.* XI, 118-119, and XII, 9) in contrast to *Inf.* IV, 97-102.


Examines the spring motif particularly as found in poetry of the lyrical tradition of “courtly love” from the Troubadours to the Italian poets of the *dolce stil novo*. In a concluding section on “Italy: Heaven and the Aftermath” (pp. 245-263), the author focuses on the unique synthesis by Dante who, blending philosophical idealism with dramatic realism, created a bridge between the earlier secular love poetry of Provence and the metaphysical poetry of Italy. Dante “entirely subsumes secular expression within religious expression in a way that was never done again.” There is further reference to Dante, passim. Indexed.


Based on the text prepared by Giuseppe Vandelli for the Società Dantesca Italiana (rev. ed.: Florence, 1960). As in the Fay concordance (1888), very common words, connectives, and pronouns have been omitted, and of fourteen common verbs only unusual forms have been included. Latin words are grouped separately in an appendix. Further details of the arrangement are described in the preface, in which the more than a hundred collaborators are also listed. (For reviews, see below.)


Dwells on Dante’s cognition of the Way of Love and the *ben dell’intelletto*, ending with his desire and will fully in the Empyrean. Dante is seen as the Knower, Beatrice the Knowing, and God the Known. The author feels that some sort of love is essential to every man and
woman, and that Dante’s is a great affirmation of the Way. Reprinted from Williams’ *The Figure of Beatrice* (London, 1943).


In this survey of Dante studies and translations in Russia since 1917, the authors note that after the revolution scholars strove chiefly to comprehend the social and historical foundations of Dante’s work. Discussed at some length are Lunacharsky, who saw in Dante’s poetry a unified combination of the old medieval ideology and the new Renaissance humanism, and Lozinsky, who in 1946 received a State Prize for his faithful “model translation in verse of Dante’s *Divina Commedia.*”

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