

Morley's Hotel,
Trafalgar Square,
London. W.C.

March 24th 1896

Dear Sir,

I am delighted to hear that there is a proposal in America to preserve the interesting birthplace of Edgar Allan Poe, one of the greatest geniuses of this century - a great poet, and in my opinion, a still greater story-teller. I had the honour of speaking at the meeting gathered a year ago for the purpose of raising funds to purchase Carlyle's house in Chelsea. That object has now been happily and successfully carried out, and the old house has become a shrine to which pilgrims come from all parts of the world. So it may be in the case of America's first romancer.

Faithfully yours,

S.R. Crockett