

ACHILLES

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California

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Only one other incident: In a letter to me written on February 23, 1926, he said, "In addition to helping build this splendid hospital, you have helped to create and advance many ideas in hospitals," My sister and I would never have given this to Rochester except for his earnest request and valuable assistance.

Well as I knew him, I would be the very last to criticize his way out of this life. You may use any of the above as spoken by one of his best friends.

Please give my kindest regards to Mr. Lovejoy and best wishes for his success in the present undertaking. I think his life was the best monument that could be given to the public.

Very sincerely,

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(hand written letter)

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