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Mr. C. E. McBride,
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Dear Mac:

It was a personal shock when I read of the death of John T. Doyle. This fall he came to visit us in our home and spent about two hours. It seemed as if he was supremely happy and enjoying life, although I did see that he was a little more feeble. But his conversational powers were at their best.

And true to the John Doyle deference for women, he did not forget a box of candy for Mrs. Allen.

Mrs. Allen says that when she thinks of the perfect gentility, John T. Doyle had everything that a gentleman should possess. She remembers when we were in New York how he spent a full day taking her to the Hardware Club and all the sights in New York, when Jimmy Walker was in his height of glory. Mr. Doyle pointed out for Mrs. Allen and introduced her to John Kieran and Mr. Lincoln of Spaldings, the attorney. He also pointed out the attorneys that broke the Pulitzer will - a non-breakable will. And he showed her many other famous people.

I have always counted him as one of my very splendid friends, and when we read in the Star of his passing we were shocked at the personal loss. I thought you paid him a fine, sane tribute - one that John T. Doyle would love to read. Mrs. Allen is writing Mrs. Doyle. He always spoke so fondly of his daughter and his son and his family. But he went out in a fine way. I do not know of a finer way to go than the way he went, and to have had 71 years of useful life and to not be a burden to himself or to anyone else - I would say the Maker was certainly kind to him.

I thank you for paying Mr. Doyle a fine tribute and for linking my name with him as one of his friends.

Sincerely yours,

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