

Villa Monticella

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PORTA SAN PANCRAZIO  
ROMA

Compliments

21 Dec. 59

Dear John:

You and Richard were good to write me about my leaving the Academy - I'm <sup>much obliged</sup> to you for it. I'm afraid, a fact, for we left Rome last week

and are now in a rented house in the Veneto

for 6 months (with the exception of February, when

we'll be in New York) and was <sup>just</sup> leaving the

Academy - very hard indeed - but I felt -

after 23 years, that my time had really come

and that it was the moment for some one else

to take over.

I have never been so touched or so grateful for anything as I was for the Academy's attention

on 12 December. I had expected to have a quiet moment - but my trip had perished

attached to it

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President of the Academy - Instead there

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has speech from Grafton Bronghton,

the head of the Bell Art de Angles. I don't know, Maggi

of the Veterans, John Wood Pickman and

Joe Killian - followed by the presentation

of a scroll with your name on it

and two drawings by Donald Knickerbocker.

Maah was in town - I nearly got - and I don't

think that I'd done little something that

deserve all this. Thank you, deeply indebted for

your part in it.

I'm sorry we won't be seeing you and

Richard again in town, for I always found our times

there together. (The Academy was lucky to have you as a

friend), but we hope to see you in New York

and often again in various other places.

All very best to you both -  
Francis