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I sent my son (= S. Ramanujan) to England in 1914 thinking that my family, ever wedded to poverty, would become rich, and that my son would become famous. Like Achilles, he won everlasting fame; like Achilles, he died young.

Letter of Ramanujan's mother to Hardy.

In: Kanigel, p. 332