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Dear Betty:

Thanks a million - nay, two million - for your heart-warming letter of March 11th up-dating me on your progress with addicts. I think this is all perfectly wonderful. At this stage, I am sure, it is the quality that counts rather than the quantity. That you have been doing a quality job and have inspired others to do likewise, is very evident.

What can you tell me of the progress of those other groups which at Lexington and here in the East go under the names of Addicts Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous? At times I pick up very second-hand stories to the effect they are making progress but not so much as they might if they really came to grips with the 12 Steps and had proper hospitalization. I'm also interested to know how many people you feel you have really straightened up and how these divide themselves between narcotics who were once alcoholics and the narcotic pure and simple.

All of you concerned in this work surely have my warmest appreciation. And I hope you will let everyone have the occasion of knowing it. Meanwhile, the main transmission belt to the addict will be from our AA members who have also suffered addiction. And they should surely be allowed attendance at open A.A. meetings, just as anyone else is. One more question. Do any of your recoveries who were straight addiction cases find difficulty in identifying themselves with other AA members. I guess I told you, I have noticed in many alcoholics a marked aversion to dope addicts - and visa versa. How is this situation working out as you now see it?

I wish I could write you the long letter that yours deserves. But my desk is piled high.

Meantime. May God love you dearly - all of you.

Devotedly,

Bill Wilson.

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