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Mr. William G. Wilson,
182 Clinton Street,
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Yesterday for the first time I had a chance to look over the prospectus of *Alcoholics Anonymous*. I can give it no higher compliment than to say that I read through the first two chapters without stopping, so gripping was the presentation of the material. If all the chapters are like these two you will have a book that will hold its readers spellbound. These two chapters are the embodiment of what makes any book great. They have something to say and what they have to say is presented in clear, concise, graphic words. It carries the reader on and on with pictures that tell their story of real life facts. There is no attempt at highbrow theories veneered with scientific and psychological wordiness. What you say carries the conviction of truth. I know that you have a great thing in this message and if you keep it on the same plane the book will go over hot. I think you should get an A No. 1 physician who has a wide knowledge of the alcoholic's medical and social problems to write an introduction.

I am keeping the manuscript for a bit but will return it presently. I should indeed like to have the manuscript of the succeeding chapters when they are ready. Needless to say if there is anything I can do to be of help in the presentation of this book or in the furtherance of your work I would consider it a privilege to be called upon.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Esther L. Richards
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