

December twenty-fourth

My dear Miss James -

I am at a little loss in answering your letter in regard to Miss Thomas' habit and her struggle to conquer it because it is a matter I know so very little about - in fact nothing from actual observations - and only what she herself has told me -

Apart from her emaciation; which seems rather extreme for the amount of tubercular trouble that exists in the chest; I found nothing in the physical examination to suggest the habitual use of morphine in any quantity - and at the time she was here her pupils reacted normally - to light - and there was at no time any indication of drug-taking -

I am not aware that Miss Thomas received special treatment for the habit while in Ann Arbor, although such may have been the case - and I am at present inclined to think that while she may have used opiates more than on any other under the pressure of mental strain or physical pain - that she has certainly a good fighting chance of overcoming the habit entirely ^{now} _{in} if she has not, (as she states) already done so -

so -

I asked Dr. Hay. to keep careful watch of the matter while Miss Thomas is at River Falls, and I am planning now to go up there for a day or two - sometime in January - and go over her case in all its aspects with him - for I feel deeply interested in her welfare - and agree with you - that morphine is more serious than Tuberculosis -

I shall take pleasure in writing you - on my return from there and telling you of any plans we may make for Miss Thomas -

Wishing you - pleasant holidays, a Merry Christmas and -
a Happy New Year -

Very sincerely yours -

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