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Dec 28/29

Dear Dr. Penfold:—

Mr Ottum informs me that your plans are definitely arranged to perform the operation on Jan 7. Thank God for that.

I have been much with the boy in recent weeks, ^{and} my distinct conclusion is that further

I have worked earnestly, bringing
into play a life time experience
in practical psychology, ^{and} which
I have reason to believe that I
have mitigated the condition I
have by no means succeeded in
eliminating it. The boy has
grown very confidential with
me ^{and} I believe I have had
excellent opportunity to get
his mental attitude favorable
for your work. I think you
will find him remarkably
acquiescent when the time
comes.

I have resorted to many expedients
to reduce the effect of the drug
which he takes six or more

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Times daily, and some times
during the night. I have
diluted by one half
the strength of the tincture
I have found in his
possession. He may not
discover the ruse. I
have not deemed it
advisable to take
the medicine from him
entirely, for the reason

berth in our compartment, ^{and}
narrowly escaped injury. I
heard him in time to be with
him five seconds after he fell.
I found his right hand trembling
violently. His facial distortions,
^{and} the other attendant conditions,
were as usual. He was
inconscious about 12 minutes;
^{and} regained his full sensibilities
in about 20 minutes. This
attack occurred at 3:15 a.m., after
he had slept three hours. At
7:30, when we arrived, he was
in fairly good condition. He
will arrive in Montreal Sat.
Jan 4. - I shall arrive there Monday the 6th.
Very sincerely,
T. C. Williamson

that he depends upon
it to such an extent
that he would grow
apprehensive, ^{and then}
panic-stricken, were he
unable to obtain a
dose when he really
needs it.

His spell on the train,
coming up Thursday
night was severe. He
fell from his lower

postponement, even of a
day, would be extremely
harmful. I find an
alarming ^{and} progressive
situation in relation to
the sedatives William takes.

There is no doubt in
my mind that he is
acquiring a habit,
all the more easily
because circumstances
seem to justify the act
in his mind.