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Dear Friend, I really do not know how to begin my letter, nor am able to disclose to you what awful tortures I passed through the last two months between the struggle of wanting to write you, yet being unable to do so. I know you will believe me when I tell you, that I simply could not write. I have not exactly been in the same state you described in your Nov. letter, or like Faust on his return from dissipation, I simply felt and still feel a mental and physical weariness and fatigue a state of mind and body that makes activity or concentration impossible and painful especially when one is burdened and weighed down with work and weary and cursed by necessity to drag an over weary limb although every step causes untold suffering. You Meriton understand fully, I have not written. Do right

I was seized by an impulse
longing to see you to take
you by the hand and look
into your eyes, or at least to
write to you, but I forgot to
take paper with me, so I
am using these bulletins, I hope
you will be given the letters.

I am nursing a Physician now,
a Boston ~~for~~ man, who has been
a silent admirer of mine for
many years. I met him at the
house of Dr. Pate the treasurer
of the Free Speech League a
week ago last Sunday, just
as he was about to start
for Washington armed with
some Resolutions against Tariff
disproportion and the suppression
of Lucifer which took place
several weeks ago. He developed
Pneumonia while there and was
brought here Saturday, a very
sick man. I must tell you

a very interesting incident in
connection with this case. Dr. Dote
I have for several years tried
hard to get work with Dr. Dote
who has a very extensive
practice, but never did succeed
since the Turner affair I
came in closer contact with
Dote and when Dr. Pfeiffer
was brought sick Dote sent
for me. I have done very
little work since the Turner
affair, I was simply unable
to do justice to nursing
and the Turner case and
when I tell you that I raised
almost single handed 16000
for the case, that we published
and mailed about 20000 copies
of the bulletin and leaflets
and thereby forced the matter
into public notice, you will
realize what a mountain of
work there had to be done

and some little time I said for
anything I see of course, if it
had gone according to some dear
"Genossen". Turner would have
been departed long ago and
not a voice raised against
it. As it is we do not expect
anything favorable from the
Supreme Court, but we gained
what we tried for, namely
publicity and agitation. Oh yes
consistency, what a farce, the
very people who shout the
loudest are usually those who
are the most inconsistent
every minute of their lives.
Turner is facing fine, he
gained it all since he is on
the Island, but then he is won-
derfully evenly balanced as easy
going as only an Englishman
can be. The Turner matter
has also given birth to a general
revival, we have been holding
splendid meetings in our club