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Dear Friend Frank

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After several weeks absence at Providence, seeking in vain either curative or remedial treatment for my acute rheumatism, I am once more at home.

In reply to your kind and earnest letter I can only reiterate its spirit, giving you the assurance that my interest in public affairs, in the safety and welfare of the colored freedom of the South, in the blessed cause of temperance, and in other reformatory movements generally, is as vital as it ever was; and I long to be in a condition to testify and labor as of old. But this is increasing years with increasing infirmities, and I am forced to be rather a looker-on than an actor in the struggles of the times. For the last several months I have been

to conduct - and even from our
thoroughly educated, which has been
such as not only to creep and
crawl, but also to find
so much satisfaction as to make any
mental labor extremely difficult -
It has been a serious burden to me to
attempt to carry on my usual ecclesiastical
correspondence, to say nothing of writing
for the press or attending public meet-
ings. Some time has since chiefly occu-
pied in applying lotions, ointments,
plasters, instruments, &c., &c., and trying
the efficacy of magnetic and electric
instruments, together with the use of
Turkish, animalia, and hot salt
water baths, and taking certain
internal preparations; but all to no
purpose. The case, however, is not such
an obstinate one, and may be cured
for the present, at least, in regard
to the state of nervous disease
I have a considerable quantity of

to the state of the world, and the
condition of our people in
the world.

As to public education, we
are in a state of transition.
There are different views on the
subject, but the general sentiment
is in favor of it.

Admiring your zeal, congratulations
for that you are able to do
for the cause of education, and again
and thank you for the hearty in-
terest you take in our letter
and I am constantly obliged to
you, & remain,

Yours truly
Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

P.S. This letter is not for the
public eye or ear, but the language
relative to Mr. Talbot you are at
liberty to use as you may wish.

Geo. A. Cooke -