

2 words of comfort and advice, but their attentions might have materially relieved her physical wants. And we would take this occasion to urge upon the Committee, seriously and earnestly, now that we are about to resume our duties in this field of labor, the great importance of a general co-operation amongst the Friends composing the Association, if an interest is to be maintained; or the work continued with any profit or success. As there are many friends who do not feel at liberty to leave our First day afternoon Meetings— we would urge the consideration of some method by which the number of visitors may be ~~increased~~ and the interest of the committee increased as at present, there are many unacquainted even with the names of the prisoners, and of course ignorant of their wants— and we would suggest the propriety of appointing a committee to visit the prison occasionally during the week.

J Wilson

H Lytle

The Committee appointed to have Mary Coleman's case under charge presented

3 a petition for her pardon which had been prepared for the Governor which after various alterations was adopted as follows.

The Memorial of the undersigned respectfully represents

That they are members of the Society of Friends of Baltimore and on the first day of the week for upwards of six years past have been in the habit of teaching the female convicts in the Maryland Penitentiary. They believe that they have had during that time an excellent opportunity to observe and judge of the general conduct of the prisoners. Among these prisoners Mary Coleman has by her good behavior and the peculiar circumstances of her case strongly excited the sympathies of these memorialists.

This woman was sentenced to a confinement of fourteen years, and she has served eight years of this term. She is now about fifty years of age, and her health has suffered so much by confinement that these memorialists believe she will not live to see the expiration of her term unless released by executive clemency. These memorialists believe that the