

It is not simply the exercises of the School, but there are occasions where it would be well to confer with the Directors concerning abuses in the Institution - those about to leave, sometimes require assistance or advice - and to those who have been dismissed, a word of caution or encouragement is necessary where they continue their intercourse with us - all these require judgment and deliberation - and an interchange of opinion is often needed -

A long absence will of course abate the interest in them - but we are convinced that if the Committee would visit more frequently they would be so impressed with the great importance of the work, as to be willing to make considerable sacrifice in the prosecution of it. We would therefore, most affectionately and earnestly urge friends - to take it under serious consideration - and to ask, whether when conducted in the sluggish manner it has been for the last year - we are faithfully fulfilling the responsibility we assumed, in undertaking to instruct these poor ignorant creatures - many of them in worse than Heathen darkness.

There are now in the prison 25 women, of whom 2 only are white - of these, but 6

can read - most of the others are little beyond the alphabet - and many of them very young girls, placed there for petty theft - for whom our sympathies have been much called forth; exposed to such association as they are - with old and hardened offenders. for there are now, not less than six women there, imprisoned for manslaughter - and last week a young girl of 16 was placed there for life - who was convicted of murder and condemned to be hung; but her sentence was commuted by the Governor on account of her youth - The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few; let us pray the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into this harvest.

Jane Janney Susan Green & M Cheston were appointed to visit next month.

The meeting adjourned
H Lyth Secy

At a meeting of Friends Association for visiting the Penitentiary held 5th mo 18th 7 Friends present.

The Committee appointed last mo report a faithful attendance and satisfactory conduct on the part of the prisoners so they cannot but feel