

for a term of five years. She seems very much ashamed to see the committee, and appears much softened by their kind manner which was wholly unexpected. She freely confesses her faults, and says it is better that she is again imprisoned, as she had fallen into very bad company and seems willing to conform to the discipline of the prison, and make as little trouble as possible, tho we feel great distrust of all her assurances, after having been so deceived. A wonderful and most salutary change has occurred in the department of the prisoners, which after an interval of several weeks seems to continue without any abatement. Our attention was first called to the fact from a notice in one of our daily papers, stating, that a religious revival had taken place amongst the female prisoners, under the preaching of a stranger the previous Sabbath. The committee who were in attendance that afternoon, saw no especial manifestation of tenderness amongst them; and did not visit the prison again for two weeks. They were then informed by the Matron, who evinced much feeling in relating it, that during that time, there had been no swearing, not

one single profane expression, no angry words, but all had been quiet and harmonious, and there had been a strict observance of all the rules of the Institution. This, was indeed a great change, where previously, they had been continually backbiting and devouring one another, scarcely speaking but in oaths or obscene jests. It is with caution and fear that we would dwell upon this; but, we cannot but believe that the hand of the Lord has been at work upon these poor creatures, and that some of them have been made to feel themselves sinners, and to desire to live nearer to Jesus, and obtain thro the Savior, pardon for their transgressions. And tho, all the help and encouragement that is proper, should be afforded them; at the same time, we feel it very important to caution them against a false security, and from the great error of supposing that the good work had been finished rather than ~~just~~ begun. Just at this time, when hope seemed to fail, and our friends saw so little to cheer them from any prospect of success from their labor, we feel that we may offer a little encouragement to them to persevere in