

attendance, which is insufficient with the present number of women. The exercises are necessarily rather hurried to be profitable, especially as the Matron seems now to consider it an infringement on her privileges for us to remain after 4 o'clock - and is not very cordial if longer detained. - The women have not been as quiet and orderly as formerly and were nearly all asleep when we arrived, each time the last two weeks. We felt that it would most effectually arouse the Matron to the duty of collecting in future, quietly to wait till she had assembled them all, before commencing the exercises - but they have become so habitually careless about this, as to cause confusion and disturbance -

Mary Coleman refuses to come into school, and appears hardened, rebellious and wretched, unwilling to listen to advice, shutting her ears against reproof and tho we suppose she may be compelled to come, we do not think it would have any beneficial effect on herself or her companions. We believe the Matron permits many of the women to absent themselves for very trivial causes - and we have

felt somewhat doubtful as to the best course to pursue - but concluded as we had not her co-operation, there would be little use in insisting on their presence.

Most of the women seem to have relapsed into a cold, indifferent state; many of them have resumed old habits. The Matron reports an improvement in the general habits and conduct. There are two or three however who seem truly changed and their consistent course exerts some restraining influence we think on the community. Two of these will shortly leave, and one of them, Virginia Johnson, a very young colored girl, has especially interested us. Her offence was a very trivial one, and we would recommend her to the care of the committee who may succeed us. Four prisoners have left since our last meeting, five will leave before the summer is over.

The season is now approaching when our little company is generally scattered and it is for the meeting to decide whether it is expedient to discontinue our visits -

It is now nine years since this