

Thus many discouragements seem to be presented, but our exertions on their behalf ought not therefore to be relaxed; rather should they be increased, when we consider their great need, and that the short time that is given to their instruction on first-days is all that occurs to comfort or cheer them in their gloomy abode. They generally manifest a respectful attention in school; some of them appear desirous to learn, and are grateful for the care bestowed upon them. We find that attention is paid to our Scripture readings; by the answers which some of them give when questioned on the chapters that have been read —

To most of our friends, the name of Agnes Boyle — (one of the new prisoners mentioned in the above report) is quite familiar as that of an old offender who was dismissed from prison some years ago — giving promise at that time of much good, and having a great deal done for her by the Association. Her subsequent career of crime is recorded on our minutes, and now, after having served out a term of imprisonment in the jail and Penitentiary in Phil^a she has again come amongst us, hardened, daring, impenitent, setting all at defiance,

and shewing a bold and reckless abandonment of all that is good.

The present crowded and miserable condition of the Prison has continued to excite earnest desires with some of our committee that something may be done to improve its condition and H. A. Tyson and several other of our friends have sought interviews with the Warden — the Physicians, and with some of the directors — all of whom are convinced of the great necessity for some change; and very desirous that some appropriation may be made by the approaching legislature to enlarge the accommodations of the building.

They have been encouraged to prepare an address to the Board of Directors, which they submitted to the meeting; and being approved of — H. A. Tyson — M. Chaston and H. Talbot are requested to sign it on behalf of the Association —

The address is, as follows —

To The Board of Directors of the Maryland Penitentiary
 "The Association of Friends for visiting the Female Prisoners in the Maryland Penitentiary" have been much impressed with the truly appalling state of the