

books and distributed tracts amongst the women, and several friends have volunteered to visit them during the past month in the absence of any regularly appointed committee. They have been much gratified to find that during the summer many of the women have been very diligent with their books - and have been careful to instruct one another. Their improvement is evident, and the interest in their books seems now to be nearly general. If a full and active board of visitors can be continued there will very soon be a Bible class, amongst those who did not know how to read when entered in the Prison. There are now 34 women and there should be at least four visitors to keep them all well occupied during school hours. On one occasion there were but two friends in attendance, and they were not able to hear every woman a lesson.

The concern to collect a library for the Prison still continues and some efforts towards its commencement have been made. A small package of books has been received from Philadelphia by H. A. Tyson - and we hope at our next meeting to be able to present an encouraging report of our progress.

Flannell Ann Tyson, Ann Scholfield Sarah Junny - Susan Hopkins are named to visit next month.

Then adjourned
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At a Meeting of Friends Association for visiting the Penitentiary held 12th & 11th - 14 Friends present.

The meeting was informed that the effort to collect a library for the use of the Convicts has been continued with some success. A donation of ten dollars worth of books has been received from the Maryland Tract Society. It was thought best to receive them in the library sets published by the Society - & procure which three dollars additional were necessary - and the meeting directed that a collection be made to obtain this -

A friend informed that application for aid had been made to Henry B. Johns for aid - and he suggested that a little circular should be presented by the association stating their object and wishes.

The following was offered and approved by the meeting and the Secretary was directed to send a copy of it to Henry Johns