

At a Meeting of Friends Association
for visiting the Penitentiary held 1st Mo
15th 14 Friends Present.

From the visiting committee we have
the following -

The Penitentiary has been
regularly visited since our last
report except on one first day
afternoon, we were prevented from
going by the fleet.

With the exception of Agnes Boyle
and one or two others, the conduct of the
women has been uniformly good, as
reported by the Matron. The Warden also
gives his testimony that there is a decided
improvement in their general behavior.
Many of them continue to be interested in
their lessons, and are attentive to our
readings.

It is worthy of remark, that the
most promising of them, are those whose
term of imprisonment extends to eighteen
years or for life. They appear to be
the most diligent at their lessons, and
manifest a willingness to assist their
companions to learn after they are locked
up in the cells. The Matron speaks of

these as being particularly good.

This consideration stimulates us in
our efforts to instruct them, and we
hope that if they are strengthened in
the way of well doing they may hereafter
become instruments of usefulness to their
fellow prisoners.

We have collected 357 volumes for
the library, besides a good many
periodicals, tracts &c. All of the books
have been examined and approved
and the most of them delivered to the
Warden, who expressed much gratification
at the reception of them; He has placed
them in a book case in the chapel,
and appointed one of the officers of the
House to be a librarian, whose duty
it is to give them out to the prisoners,
and see that they are duly returned.

A catalogue was also given to the
Warden, and a copy of it retained to be
kept with the records of the Association.
We have acknowledged our obligations
to the Maryland Tract Society for ten
dollars worth of valuable books for forty
thous deposited at the office of the American
for ninety three collected thro the agency
of Henry B D Johns, and for a small