

of some of our young friends who seem to have entered with interest into our labor.

It is necessary that we should have a large committee, in order to attend satisfactorily to our duties, as there are 43 Female Prisoners, a larger number than since we have been connected with the Institution. Six colored women have been received since our last report, two of whom, Catharine Slaughter and Catharine Ennis, read in the Testament. Priscilla Harris Matilda Bond, Mary Boston, and Caroline Wilkins are in the A. B. C. class. Most of these are young women and convicted for petty theft. Two of them for stealing a cloak which they pawned for twenty five cents, and expended the sum in liquor. The Matron complains that some of these are much addicted to swearing. The general improvement of the women has been very encouraging. They seem inclined to assist one another in their lessons and their behavior whilst with us is unexceptionable. The reports from the Matron are satisfactory, as to the deportment of most of them during the week -

Seven Testaments have been distributed and a Testament class has been formed of colored women, most of whom did not know their letters when they entered the Prison -

Our library concern has been very prosperous 660 volumes have been collected thro our instrumentality and various donations have been sent to the Warden. All that have been sent thro us, have been carefully inspected; of course we cannot inspect those sent from other sources. We believe the Warden exercises care with regard to the contents of the books admitted.

Another donation of \$40. worth of books has been sent from the Maryland Tract Society, making the liberal donation of \$50. worth of books received from them.

Various plans have been devised by which we may have some supervision of these books, as we feel ourselves in a measure responsible for their preservation, especially for those coming from the Maryland Tract Society - and Richard Janney and some other of our men friends have kindly consented to visit the Prison once a month on First day