

always considered Jane Purnell one of the most promising women in the school and have never heard a complaint issued against her by any one. She has been assiduous in getting her lessons, did not know the alphabet when she came, and now reads quite intelligibly in the New Testament. She has professed a change of heart since her imprisonment, and the Warden says her conduct has been uniformly consistent therewith. She has been employed in his kitchen, and after paying a short visit to her friends in an adjoining County, expects to return to his service again. She manifested much tenderness except when she bid us farewell, and asked our acceptance of some little presents she had procured for us, as a token of her gratitude. She said, altho not guilty of the crime for which she was sentenced, yet she knew she did wrong and indulged a high temper, and that she believed it had been a blessing to her that she had been placed in the Prison, expressed much thankfulness to the Friends for the care they had extended to her. Saying they had taught her the value of her own soul - and seemed to feel it a great privilege that she had been taught to read - She also expressed regret

at parting with some of her colored friends in the Prison. She has been furnished with a Bible and we intend selecting some suitable tracts for her.

We have received a long report from the Convict Librarian setting forth the exact state of the Library, the general appreciation of the books by the prisoners, and the number of times the different volumes have been read. There are now belonging to the Library 1267 books of these 754 were new or in excellent condition. The others are very small volumes old books, or old numbers of periodicals. - 219 prisoners, 34 of whom are colored men have had liberty to select by personal inspection the books most suited to their taste and capacity. Thirteen of these men could not read at the time of the late fire, but by laboring diligently can now read with sufficient fluency to have their names enrolled in the circulating register of the Library. To these some of the Sabbath School books presented by H. V. D. Johns are particularly useful. Some of the other men prisoners are earnestly striving to learn, and are encouraged in such efforts by the Warden, who offers