

At a meeting of Friends Association
for visiting the Penitentiary held 15th
Nov 25.

The following report was read
Altho the meetings of the Association
were discontinued very early in the
Spring yet we are glad to be able to
inform Friends that the visits to the
Prison were continued with one or
two exceptions during the entire
summer and the good effect of
this is visible on the Prisoners.

The committee have been very much
assisted this Fall by the visits of
Ann Maria Brown and Ann Coale
members of Henry Johns congregation who
have labored most zealously amongst the
women - seeming earnestly concerned for their
souls welfare - and their labors have in
some instances been signally blessed we
think. Josephine Webb, a young colored
girl convicted of murder, and sentenced
for a long term of years, having already
been there upwards of five years - appears to
have been awakened to a deep sense of
sin - and an earnest desire to take the
Savior of sinners and her great sobriety

of deportment and meek and humble 89
manner - thus far give evidence of her
sincerity we think - There are some others
who have made a profession of religion
lately - most of which we receive with great
doubt - tho we really believe with a few
there has been an increased interest
in the subject. whilst with others the opposition
and hostility seems to have proportionally
increased - as is manifested in the persecuting
and tantalizing spirit towards those
who are trying to do better - and the
frequent wrangling and jarring with
one another - Two of the women were put
in confinement for quarrelling and fighting
and were whipped many times without
being subdued and it was only when
at the suggestion of one of the male convicts
they were threatened with having their
heads shaved that they were made to
yield - This punishment - as a substitute
for the lash - has since been adopted by
the Board of Directors. No attempt to enlarge
the building has yet been made - the
appropriation from the Legislature being
barely sufficient to meet the debts of the
institution. There are now upwards of
400 prisoners, of whom 24 are females.