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She had been a confirmed Inebriate and her whole nervous system is very much shattered. She has frequent severe spasms, which at times incapacitate her for thinking - but she appears much concerned about the state of her soul - yet finds no peace - having long rested in the error that punishment for sin is awarded in this world. The Matron is willing she should be visited during the week - we commend her case to the attention of our friends -

Several of our friends went on the morning of Christmas to distribute cakes to the Prisoners and were so much interested as to regret there were not more of their number in attendance. They were all dressed with the utmost neatness and assembled in the workshop to receive the cakes, and the pies which our friend A M Brown had brought them. After distributing the cakes we left them for a short time and when we returned - they had made a platform of a chest in the recess of the school room - before which was suspended a curtain. On this platform, three or four of the women sat whilst the others were arranged in order

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at its foot. They greeted us with the hymn beginning "Thou Shepherd kept thine watch by night" after which a dialogue between Christian & Apollyon was well recited, then a hymn followed by the 23 Psalm repeated by Catharine Cornhaus. Most of the recitations were very good and tho a little of the ludicrous was suggested by the inappropriate and overdone gesture of some - yet the whole impression was touching in the extreme. This holiday is the only day in the year on which they are allowed to receive gifts from their friends - and some of the male prisoners had presents to the value of several hundred dollars - turkeys, hams, jars of butter, oysters, preserves, pickles &c but the privilege has been so much abused and has been attended with so much trouble - both to the Warden and Directors - that the Board of Directors intend passing a law prohibiting it for the future. We trust they will make an exception in favor of the Women - whose presents are limited to what we give them with very trifling exceptions -

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