

At a meeting of Friend's Association for visiting the female convicts of the Penitentiary held 3d mo 31st 1859

The school has been regularly attended since our last report with the exception of one 1st day. The reason of this suspension was, — that an order was issued by the Directors requiring the Warden not to admit visitors after the hours for locking up the prisoners, ^{which is half past twelve on 1st days.} This was given without intending or expecting it would affect our school.

~~The time for locking up on 1st day is half past twelve~~
~~etc.~~ From an oversight in the Directors, no reference was made to the special privilege of this Association, (that of instructing the female convicts in the afternoon,) and as this order silently proscribed a prayer meeting held in the men's hospital with the sick, in which the Warden was much interested; he therefore thought it best to let them see all of the bearings of the rule if fully carried out. The cause of the difficulty was inquired into, and we were assured that they did not wish to put any obstruction in our way, and were quite disposed to apologize for it. We resumed our teaching on the following sabbath to the evident gratification of the poor women, who looked unusually pleased when we entered.

We have mostly had a sufficient number of teachers, and the scholars generally appear interested. We have been glad to observe a marked change in their personal appearance; their clothes are well washed and ironed, and in other respects they look neat and tidy, which we think betokens some elevation of character.

There have lately been two new admissions — white women Mary Moore, and Ellen Welsh; the one for receiving stolen goods, the other for stealing gaiters from a store. Neither can read, but both are willing to learn.

Fifteen women are to be discharged between the 1st of the 5th,