

and the 24th of the 6th mo. Three or four of them are engaged for service or have homes in view. The others request us to find good places for them. The matron recommends eight of them as good workers, and well behaved, but does not know what their habits were previous to coming in. Of these, five or six, ~~she~~ ^{now} did not know the alphabet when they entered; two can ^{now} read in the testament, and the others in words of two syllables.

Of the others to be discharged, some are good workers, but are ^{bad} tempered, or have been ~~addicted~~ to drunkenness or stealing. We can scarcely hope to do any thing for these.

We have a satisfactory account of Priscilla Howard, who was released about six months ago. She was one for whom we had not much expectation while in prison, and were therefore rather agreeably surprised to hear so good an account of her. She has been living with a sister in law of the Warden ever since her discharge, and they are pleased with her.

Susan Bell who went out about the same time, has returned to her former evil practices.

Catharine Cornhays has for several months past professed to be under religious convictions; whether true or pretended, we cannot tell, as we are always ready to doubt the sincerity of their professions; but she seems to have been earnest enough to have aroused the fears of the Romish priest.

Her mother came to see her some time ago, and very soon after, her priest visited her; he requested to ~~be left~~ have a private interview with her, to which the Warden would not consent, but remained with them himself, and heard him admonish her not to heed the instruction she heard in the Sabbath school. nor join in the worship at any time.

Two Sabbath Schools of the city, one a Presbyterian, the other a Lutheran, have lately made have lately made donations of their old libraries, for the benefit of the convicts. They were placed in the chapel, where

our books are kept, and we were notified by one of the supervisors of the necessity of a strict inspection as there were some books among them which would be very offensive to papists, and might have a tendency to predjudice them against the whole. Three of us accordingly went, examined, and laid aside the objectionable and gave them into the care of the Warden who put them in another place.

It was suggested that inasmuch as these donations were not made to the "Association of Friends," but to the Penitentiary; — it would become necessary to acquaint the Directors with this expurgation, give our reasons for it, and recommend or ask their permission to have them sent to the House of Refuge, where there would be no influence unfavorable to their reception; as we know they are good and valuable books, such as the "History of the Inquisition" "Books of Martyrs," "Plea against Popery" &c but not suited to our prisoners.

We were, however, mistaken; for we have since ascertained that they were given to the "Sabbath school for the convict men, and it is therefore with that "Association" we should communicate instead of the Prison Directors.

We have this week been informed that another old library, presented by a fire company, has arrived at the Penitentiary, and we are requested to go and inspect it, and separate the good from the bad; we may readily suppose the latter will preponderate.

They wished us to do it this week, as it is important the books should be taken care of.

We were told by the Librarian that the demand for books had greatly increased since establishment of the men's Sabbath school.