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It was proposed in accordance with the suggestion of the committee, that each member should contribute a small sum toward, a fund for the purchase of Bibles, tracts, &c., and that Julia Wilson be appointed Treasurer, to which the meeting agreed.

A report of the Prison Association of New York, Remarks on Prison Discipline by Gerrit Smith, and the memoir of Elizabeth Fry were received from Townsend Sharpless of Philadelphia, and Julia Wilson was requested in behalf of the association to express to him her thanks for the same.

Adjourned to meet at Hannah Talbot's 16th mo 18th -
C. J. King Clerk.

At a meeting of Friends' Association for visiting the Penitentiary held 10th mo 18th - 1846

The committee appointed last month reported that the convicts have been regularly visited, and that the continued attention and improvement which they manifest, with the gratitude uniformly shown for the interest displayed in their welfare, afford much encouragement to persevere. Some of the colored women have learned to read with tolerable fluency since Friends commenced their instruction, and within the past month a few have committed to memory a part or the whole of the commandments, with an apparent desire to apply them to the regulation of their conduct. Passages from the Bible and

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several hymns have also been learned by many of the women in addition to their regular reading lesson.

The Warden stated in answer to an inquiry on the subject, that he thought some improvement had been perceived in their conduct, but it is evident that they have so long been under the influence of uneducated passions, that extreme difficulty will be experienced in bringing them into subjection, even if a desire is raised in their minds to accomplish it. Desirable therefore as this result may be, we must commit it in humility to Him who quicks the conscience, yet trusting in the promise that the bread cast upon the water shall not be wholly lost.

Margaret Wilson, Rose Herbert and Francis Turner have each received one of the Testaments procured from the Bible Society.

Margaret Chester, Mary Brooks and Charlotte Hopkins were appointed the visiting committee for next month.

Adjourned to meet at Hannah Talbot's 11th mo 12th

At a meeting of Friends' association for visiting the Penitentiary held 11th mo 12th 1846.

Elizabeth T. King being absent Mary A. Mectur was requested to act as Clerk for the day.

The committee report that the convicts have been regularly visited and their attention and improvement