

is most gratifying to those engaged in instructing them; as they do not learn that any have been confined during the past month for misbehavior, they cannot but hope that the effect of their instruction may be beneficial, & feel as this concern was entered upon, as a religious duty, that we should endeavor to keep it upon its original basis and not permit our interest in it, to become lukewarm or our efforts in the cause to relax. It is desirable that each one who is appointed on the visiting Committee, if not able to attend, should provide some one to act in her place the day previous, as some difficulty has been experienced by leaving it until First day.

Hannah Talbot & Julia Wilson were appointed to change some of the Bibles & Testaments, the print of which being so small, the women found it difficult to read in them.

Margaret Cheston & Julia Wilson were appointed to collect a fund for defraying the expense of hiring a carriage in bad weather.

Julia Wilson having resigned Mary A. Butler was appointed Treasurer.

Margaret Cheston, Hannah Atkinson, Sarah Savage and Martha Helms were appointed the visiting Committee for next month.

Adjourned to meet at Hannah Talbot's 12th Mo 17th 1846.
Mary A. Butler Clerk.

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In consequence of inclement weather on the day appointed the monthly meeting of the associations for visiting the Penitentiary was not held until 12th Mo 24th - 8 Friends present.
The report from the visiting committee for the past month, of the improvement of the prisoners is very satisfactory. They were not only desirous to learn themselves, but evince great willingness to assist one another in their studies; and their progress during the few months Friends have been visiting them, has been as rapid as they could desire. Nearly all of them are reading in words of one and two syllables and 40 of them are able to read in the Testament.

Rosanna Herbert, Anne Allegood, and Harriet Smith have had slates given them and already write a tolerably legible hand.

Anne Allegood repeated the 8th Chapter of Matthew 31 verses, Harriet Smith about the same number - both colored girls.

Our opportunity for judging of their moral improvement is limited, nor can we so soon expect to find much change in this respect, amongst persons, most of whom have from childhood been familiar with every species of vice - and who have been brought up in ignorance