

36
quivalent to the Committee that this should be the
case, but they did not feel that they ought to interfere,
hoping that being deprived of instruction might have
the effect of making them more circumspect in their
remarks, and more willing to bear with one another.

The term of one of the women Ellen Downs expired this
week - she expects to go into the family of the sub-warden.
Several reading and spelling books have been given,
also copy books. Testaments are required and none
being on hand it is necessary they should be procured
this week. The Committee feel in the exercise of their
duty towards these poor outcasts they are often made
to experience that their sufficiency is not of themselves
but as they humbly seek for that aid which can alone
propose the work they are encouraged to believe that
small as their efforts may be in their own eyes they
will be accepted.

The committee agreed in 3mo last to have the
care of providing suitable homes and employment for
the discharged convicts, reported that they had endeavored
as far as practicable to discharge the duties of their appoint-
ment. They are continued with the addition of Phoebe
Thomas and Ruth Lott to exercise further care over
this class.

Julia Milton Ruth Lott Hannah and Lyson and
Sarah Savage are appointed to visit the Penitentiary
during the next month. ~~the same authorities~~

37
call on many times to procure Bibles & Testaments
for the use of the convicts
Remained

At a meeting of Friends association for
visiting the Penitentiary held 15th of 6th mo nine
Friends present.

The following report from the visiting committee
appointed for last month was read.

In presenting a report at this time we can do
no other than acknowledge that many discouraging
circumstances have attended some of our visits
to the Penitentiary - much occurred to convince
us that our field of labor was in a stony place;
that there is but little preparation of heart for
the reception of the good seed; and yet we believe
that we are called upon not to grow weary in
well doing, because of the abounding of sin and
iniquity, for in due season, we shall at least,
reap the sward of peace in our own minds, if we
faint not in singly and simply pursuing the
path of manifested duty. Notwithstanding the
discouragement arising from the hardened state of
some of the prisoners, we are convinced that could
they be placed under a suitable discipline, rightly
administered by a discreet and qualified matron
that a far more satisfactory result would be
produced, under the divine blessing, from our