

At a meeting of the Association of Friends held 10th mo 13th of Friends present:

The following report was read

Since the last written report our visits have been continued to the Penitentiary with two exceptions which were owing to inclement weather and indispositions. They have been satisfactory to ourselves and we hope in some measure beneficial to the convicts who still seem pleased to receive our instructions and appear generally anxious that our case may be continued. Though we regret to note that at our last visit found some yet unexplained causes several were intentionally absent.

Some of the convicts seem very ambitious to improve and we have been much pleased in observing a decided improvement both in reading and writing and as regards the religious welfare of these unhappy objects of His Divine care and mercy the forcible language of Scripture seems to prevail - "Paul may plant, Apollos water but God alone giveth the increase."

The following letter of application has been sent to the Association of Friends who visit the female prison at the Penitentiary and it is the judgment of the committee that it is not expedient for them to act further in the matter than simply to present it to the board of directors. It was given with the consent of the Warden who reports favorably of her character

and conduct and the committee have seen nothing objectionable in her behavior during their visits.

The subject is left another month for further consideration
July 7th 1848

My dear Ladies

I a poor Prisoner address you these few lines hoping they will lead you to compassionate a poor suffering fellow creature I am now in my eighth year in this Prison and they have been very sorrowful years to me. I have aimed to serve the State and behaved myself as a Dutiful Prisoner. It is true I did the act for which I am here confined - It is also true that it was accidentally done and I am here confined. I have nearly eight years yet before me and when I look forward I am almost compelled to despair. I assure you my beating heart sends forth its deepest sighs. My dear Ladies will you undertake to circulate a petition for me giving it your own signatures & getting all the signatures you can if you will I am sure you can get me out of this place and you will lay me under Everlasting obligation to you & remember them that are in bonds and that fulfil the appointed precept - Daughters of Mercy you will be to me indeed. O my dear Ladies if you will help me I shall be indeed bound by a thousand ties to remember you

Rachel Jane Ramsey