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must be the disturbed and disorderly state in which
we found the prisoners. Some of the most corrupt were
associated in their cells no doubt indulging in wild
communications which were running over the house in
a decidedly unbecoming manner - a few were quietly
seated learning their lessons. We succeeded after some
difficulty in collecting the criminals and were joined
to settle down under the belief that best help was granted
and an influence prevailed that reminded us of the
language "Peace be still".

We were convinced that unless a more vigilant disci-
pline could be maintained by the Matrons on the first
day of the week during our absence that our labours must
be in vain both as relates to the reformation of the prisoners
and our own peace of mind. We subsequently had an inter-
view with the Warden and a few of the Deacons who promised
to give their attention to the subject.

Our second visit was entirely satisfactory as to the deportment
of the prisoners but one about found misconduct. A tenderness
was manifested by some which convinced us that the degraded
objects of our care were still the subjects of Divine compassion
to whom was extended the invitation "repent return and live".
Our third visit was also encouraging. A good spirit prevailed
and all seemed disposed to receive such religious instruction
as we were willing to impart.

The last and fourth visit was truly interesting and we
believe profitable both to the visited and visitors. All the con-
duct was present except 4 or 5 two of whom were sick in the

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Hospital and the others necessarily absent. A seriousness and
solemnity of deportment was present throughout our diligent exer-
cises and a cheering spread over us that comforted our minds
with an humble trust - that He who came not to call the righteous
but sinners to repentance was mercifully present to heal every
contrite heart.

The conduct of the classes has for the last three weeks been
unexceptionable during our visits and their attention to their
books all that we could desire. In the first colored class Virginia
Moore has committed the 5th & 6th chapters of Matthew and
Elizabeth Campbell the 5th & 6th and 7th chapters embracing the whole
of the Sermon on the Mount. Twelve of them could read when
Virginia first visited the prison. Jane Dunn a colored woman
who did not know her letters 18 months ago has committed
40 verses in Matthew. These recitations have been very accurate
and their answers intelligent and though we regret that there
is not greater evidence of a disposition to conform their lives and
conversations to the precepts contained therein yet we cannot
but hope that a knowledge of these blessed truths of the Master
may exert some benevolent restraining influence on their future con-
duct and be brought one day through the Holy Spirit with
a strong power to their hearts. There has recently been
an addition of four prisoners Mary Miller a white woman
who reads Roman and Harnet Gasby Anne Lewis & Leah Gregory
colored - imprisoned for the term of 21 20, and 18 months
respectively. Harnet Gasby reads very well - she knows
a. not know her letters. There are at present 37 women
in the prison 9 of whom are white.