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We believe we are safe in offering a word of encourage-
ment to Friends in relation to this very serious and
responsible engagement notwithstanding the abundant
simplification of the Scriptures that "The heart of man
is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked who
can know it" As we are engaged to lift up our hearts for
Divine guidance and Holy help we who quote liberally
to the sincere seeker and upbraider not with doubtless induce
us with thought and wisdom to perform with acceptance
every service required by Him at our hands.

We think the remark of Elizabeth Thy a suitable watch-
word for all engaged in this mighty concern "Much depends
on the spirit in which the visitor enters on the work - It must
be the spirit not of judgment but of mercy."

On behalf of the Committee

W. A. Lyson.

W. Lytle.

The committee in the case of R. J. Ramsay report
that on further inquiry they believe that it would not
be proper for Friends to take any measures to assist
him in obtaining his release. With this conclusion the
meeting united and Hannah Lytle is named to inform
her of its decision.

The Committee appointed to visit the Penitentiary next
month are W. A. Lyson & Savage W. Lytle M. A. Westcott
& H. A. Wilson. They are appointed

E. T. King Secy

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At a meeting of Friends Association for visiting the
Penitentiary held 1st mo 4th 1849 12 Friends present

The report of the visiting committee for last month
was received and read and is as follows

"Since our last Report we have regularly performed
our Prison visits. - Though sensible of our unworthiness for
the least service in the Master's name yet we may acknowledge
the retrospect of the time spent with the prisoners affords a peaceful
savour comparable to the penny a day. The department of the
convicts has mostly been orderly during our visits and where there
has been a deficiency in this respect we have attributed it in a
great measure to the want of a proper superintendence and regular
discipline on the part of the Prisons. We are entirely convinced that
no prison reformation can be accomplished under the present defective
management: Some of the most delinquent convicts appear to be in
fact and little or no discipline is maintained in reference
to their evil communications with one another.

Reformation in the government of these poor degraded
sufferers appears to be a matter of much importance at the
present time and to this subject we would call the attention
of the Association that all may unite in embracing every
opportunity for the promotion of a more wholesome discipline
in the female department of the prisons. Success in this impor-
tant work of mercy will require some self sacrifice from the visiting
committee whose influence and counsel may be very helpful
if watchfulness faithfulness and diligence be maintained.

We are well aware of the depth of the corruption of the
hearts of many of those for whose salvation to strive we