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disagreement. not upbraiding one another on account of any previous conduct or circumstances but rather by a peaceable and orderly demeanour endeavoring to promote each others comfort and improvement.

6th Swearing or in any manner taking the Sacred Name in vain all bad words immoral conversation and indecent behaviour are to be specially avoided.

The committee appointed last month to address the Directors of the Penitentiary reported that they had had the subjoined communications from the Board

To the Board of Directors of the Maryland Penitentiary
Respected Friends

The members of the Female Prison Association hope our motives will be a sufficient apology for suggesting to your notice a few hints which we believe from close observation on the conduct of the prisoners for more than two years would contribute to the maintenance of, good order and materially assist a judicious Matron in carrying out the rules of the institution. We are convinced that the classification of the convicts is essential to their moral improvement - that as far as practicable they should be lodged in separate rooms and that the cells intended for the solitary confinement of disorderly criminals should be sufficiently warm

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to admit of their remaining engaged in their usual work for any length of time deemed necessary without injury to their health. We would be willing to give our assistance to a Matron in making this classification should it be desired.

We would also respectfully suggest the great necessity to the health of the prisoners for a room for drying clothes separate from the workshop.

We do not wish to plead for any undue indulgence being fully aware that the prison is intended as a place of punishment and as such we wish them to feel it. The only object we have in view is the reformation of the prisoners and we believe the advantage in regard to their health would eventually prove economical to the Institution. Many of them have been prevented by ^{severe} colds from attending to their daily occupations and at the time of our last visit nearly half the women were confined to the Hospital from this cause.

The regulations of the Prison with regard to maintaining silence among the convicts appears to us to be almost neglected. Wangling & quarrelling are the necessary consequence even on the Sabbath - This is painfully obvious and opportunities are thus afforded for evil communications which neutralize in a great degree any efforts which can be made for their improvement.

Believing that you are fully aware of a change in that department we take the liberty of offering to your notice the enclosed description of the qualifications of a suitable Matron from the pen of the undersigned - philan.