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Several of the prisoners selected a chapter
and read aloud and all seemed unusually
thoughtful. We mentioned, that we were in
daily expectations that our city would be
visited, as other cities had been with cholera,
and as many of our friends were absent, and
the charge would devolve on a few, we thought
that for a season our immediate care of them
would be out of our power - as we each had
families who might require our first care -
and that with the advice of a Physician we
thought it best for the present to discontinue our
visits - tho; as the subject would be presented
for discussion at our monthly meeting there
might be others who would feel willing to
visit them with which suggestion they seemed
much pleased. We particularly desired them to
remember that no common circumstances
would lead to this step and endeavored to
impress them with the necessity of keeping
quiet and calm, regulating their tempers and
being kind and attentive one to another.
When we passed round the room to bid them
farewell none of them left their seats, most of
them were much affected, some wept aloud
and all we think shed tears, and as we left
the room they were still sitting in perfect silence

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It is the judgment of the committee that for
the present the visits at the Penitentiary be
discontinued - tho, of course the way is left open for
any who may feel it their duty to go.
It is thought best that our monthly meetings
be continued as usual - as there are some
persons about to leave who may require care.
The committee appointed to make a
collection for the association are unable to
make their report on account of the absence
of so many members from the city, they are continued
Then adjourned
J. H. Lytle Secy.

At a meeting of Friends association for visiting
for visiting the Penitentiary held 9th mo 13 - fourteen
friends present.

As many friends were absent, and there was
no business requiring care - the meeting of the
association was omitted last month - but during
the time which has elapsed since our First day,
visits to the Penitentiary were discontinued - the
committee have not been remiss of the prisoners -
they have been repeatedly visited, and the wants of
those who have left in the interval have, as far as
practicable, been attended to -

We have thankfully to acknowledge our merciful
preservation from the sad visitations which has so