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know more than the alphabet, they have
therefore been furnished with Primers. A
very large number of those who have been sent
in lately are very ignorant & degraded,
yet with a few exceptions, they are attentive
to their books & comply with the regulations
of the school. Henrietta Smallwood absented
herself for several First days, in consequence
of which, the Warden decided, that hereafter
she is to be locked in her cell during school
hours, which met with our approbation.

We have felt the necessity for faith &
patience, seeing so little fruit from our
labor, yet we desire not to be weary of
well doing believing we shall reap if
we faint not.

H Talbot, M A Butler & H Atkinson
were appointed to visit the Penitentiary for
the ensuing month.

Then adjourned.

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At a meeting of Friends associations for visiting
the Penitentiary held 11th mo 22nd 10 Friends
present.

The following report was read
The prison has been regularly visited except on
the week of our yearly Meeting, & the committee

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cannot but notice the quiet that has prevailed
during the time they have been with the women
and their orderly behavior — an improvement
in their learning is also observed, two more
of the colored women are reading sufficiently
well to have Testaments & we would impress
upon the association the importance of having
those of large print — two spelling books & one
hymn book have been distributed this month.
On one of our visits we were informed by the
matron, that Henrietta Small, who has heretofore
absented herself from the school & who has been
one of the most troublesome of the convicts, had
been quite affected by a sermon preached that
morning; the impression continued & the feeling
spread to several others & on the following First
day we found that after they had been locked
in their cells the night previous, they commenced
singing & shouting & the excitement continued
thro the night and morning; seven or eight having
come, to use their own term, under conviction;
They were asked on our arrival if they wished
to come into the school, which they preferred
doing, & we were surprised to find them there
in so quiet a state — they were entreated, if
the good seed had been sown, to strive to keep
still, and if they had been truly visited & had
closed in with the offers of divine love, they