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At a meeting of Friends Association for  
visiting the Penitentiary held 1st Mo 17th 1850  
13 Friends present.

The following report was presented.

The visiting committee inform Friends that  
the prison has not been as regularly visited as  
usual, owing to the inclemency of the weather,  
and the appearance of the Small Pox on the  
men's side of the house. The convicts were vaccinated  
and the disease seems, in mercy, to be arrested.  
We believe there is not a case at the present time.  
It may be a satisfaction to the Association to  
know that notwithstanding the school has not  
been as regularly attended to as is desirable,  
for the progress of the scholars, yet their moral  
and religious instruction has not been wholly  
neglected. Some one of the committee has mostly  
been with the convicts and endeavored as ability  
was afforded, to awaken their benighted souls  
to a sense of their individual need of repentance  
toward God and the remission of their sins,  
through the merits and mercy of a crucified Lord.  
Gloomy as the field of labor often appears  
because of the little we can do, to induce the  
objects of our care to forsake the paths of vice;  
still we are encouraged to believe, that the  
faithful discharge of our duty, under the  
divine guidance will be blessed to these poor

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outcasts of society; and to return to our own  
looms the reward of peace.

The deportment of the prisoners during our  
exercises with them has been sober and respectful  
in the general - we think it very important  
for the preservation of good order, that the  
visiting committee, closely observe who are absent,  
and for what cause; firmly maintaining the  
rule, that all who absent themselves without  
sagood reason, must be kept in their cells.

The Matron kindly cooperates with our views  
and we think it important, freely to communicate  
with her on the subject of the right government  
of the prisoners. We are convinced that prison  
reformation must go on lamely, until some  
measures are taken to classify the convicts - this  
in some degree could be done, if the house  
was properly heated; by which a few of the most  
vicious, could be separated from the comparatively  
harmless ones.

The terms of confinement of Margaret Caton and  
Hancy Gales will end in 4th mo next.

Hannah Ann Tyron on behalf of the committee  
appointed to make application to the  
Directors for some indulgence to be granted  
the women in place of snuff reported that  
they had had an interview with the warden  
who consented to allow them warm tea every