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first day evening, the women to understand that it is permitted thro the solicitation of friends. The Warden informed them that he had in his annual report urged the importance of making some improvement in the comfort and convenience of the building - and from the Directors they learned, that they plainly saw the necessity for these alterations, but hesitated only from want of funds.

Phoe Thomas, C Hopkins, J Wilson & E King were appointed to visit during the next month
Then adjourned

W Lytle Secy

At a meeting of Friends associations for visiting the Penitentiary held 2nd mo 21st 10 Friends present.

The following report was presented
The committee appointed to visit the Penitentiary during the past month have but little to communicate beyond the fulfilment of their duty. The behavior of the women has been satisfactory during the hours of school, but several have been confined to their cells in the week, amongst whom was Margaret Catow, who, for the repetition of an offence

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for which she has been repeatedly punished, (that of writing to the men) has had her hair cut off, a measure, which, tho it may serve as a warning to others, has we fear, failed in producing much good in her; for it has aroused the bitterest feelings against those who did it. She said her knowledge of writing had been a source of great trouble to her, as it laid her open to the persecutions of all the convicts, to do what was strictly forbidden & which had repeatedly brought punishment upon her, and we would suggest whether it would not be better for the future, not to give any instructions in this branch.

One of the committee gave a vivid account of the sad end of poor Margaret Riley, which produced a great effect upon them, touching many to tears, a lesson which we trust will not be lost upon them.

Margaret Riley died in the Alms House about nine months after her discharge from the Penitentiary. She had been a long career of wickedness and crime, thieving, lying and prostitution were her vices, and she for months before leaving the prison her