

86
Some Friends were continued to visit during the ensuing month.

H. C. Tyson reported that in consequence of indisposition and inclement weather they had not obtained an interview with the committee from the Legislature, who were in the city to inspect the condition of the Almshouse Jail and Penitentiary.

Then adjourned
H. Lytle King

At a meeting of Friends Association for visiting the Penitentiary held 4th mo 11th - 12 Friends present -

Since the report of the committee in 2nd mo last, the Penitentiary has been regularly visited with one exception when inclement weather prevented. During the time the prisoners have generally been orderly and attentive in their behavior, tho their improvement in learning is less rapid than we would desire. The women admitted lately seem much more ignorant and degraded, than most of those who have been dismissed during the last two years, and altho, this is not, of course, cause for regret. yet it renders the duty of the committee less interesting and more laborious.

Three women have been received Emily Trumble

87
a white woman whose term of imprisonment is till 5th mo 1852. and two colored women Cliza and Mary Snell.

Mary Pierce a white woman has been pardoned out by the Governor - and Margaret Caton, Larinia Rodemeyer, Nancy Gale & Henrietta Smallwood have been dismissed their terms of imprisonment having expired leaving at this time in the Penitentiary, 4 white and 19 colored women.

Amongst those who have been dismissed. Margaret Caton has excited much interest on account of the respectability of her children. Altho one of the most troublesome and ungovernable women in the Prison, in education and intelligence Margaret Caton was far superior to any who have been there since Friends connection with it. Intemperance was her vice, and, it was when under the influence of drink that she committed the petty theft for which she was sentenced to imprisonment for two years. At her earnest solicitation, two of the committee called upon her eldest son, whom they found to be a respectable and sensible young man, and so grieved and mortified, that the interview was exceedingly painful. He said that his mother had kept him bowed to the very earth and had, by her conduct made him old, in every thing but years. She had been a heavy expense to him; all that he could do for her, had been