

manifested duty, leaving ⁹⁸ the result with Him, who alone can change the hearts of His rebellious people.

We have at present but 16 scholars, a smaller number than at any time during our visits to the Prison - there are several others whose duties in the front office prevent their attendance. With the exception of Mary Coleman and Emily Trimble (the latter received during our summer recess) they are all very ignorant and degraded colored women, apparently almost insensible to any good impression tho their demeanor has uniformly been quiet and respectful. Rose Herbert, whose term of imprisonment does not expire for another year, has been pardoned out; we find it difficult to decide thro what influence, tho we have been informed it was at the solicitation of the Warden and former Matron, whom she nursed with great care and attention during a spell of sickness. We regret that we cannot indulge a reasonable hope that our labors with Rose have produced any abiding good impression, which will exert a restraining influence on her future conduct. We have been told that previous

to leaving the Prison, ⁹⁹ she burned all the books and tracts which have been given her by the committee, in presence of the Priest and the Matron. Rose Herbert is a woman of great power, quick and impulsive in her feelings, and if her energies were directed in a good channel, she is capable of accomplishing a great deal - but we fear the consequence of her hasty and uncontrolled temper. She has gone home to her Mother, and has called to see several of the committee since leaving the Prison, looking very neat and respectable.

It is with great sorrow we have to inform the meeting of the return to sin and folly of Agnes Boyle, of whose reformation we have entertained greater hopes, than of any one who has left the Prison. Ignorant and degraded to the lowest degree when we first became acquainted with her, she improved so rapidly and evinced so great an interest in religious instruction - and was withal so grateful and affectionate that we could not but feel deeply interested in her; and the reports which have been presented by the committee having care of discharged convicts encouraged the belief, that she was indeed endeavoring to live a better life. She has been particularly favored since