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The Meeting adjourned
H. Lytle Secy

At a Meeting of Friends Association
for visiting the Penitentiary held
16 Mo 30th 18 Friends present.

The visiting committee reported as
follows.

There have been two omissions
in visiting the Prison since the last
meeting of the association - one occasioned
by inclement weather, the other, the work
of our Yearly Meeting. There are at present
21 prisoners 3 white & 18 colored - 11 of whom
have been received since the beginning
of the present year. All of the white
women read in the testament and
five of the colored - several others
are reading in the second and
third reading books - and will soon
be ready for Testaments. The colored
women seem far more respectable
and intelligent than those who have
been there for the last two years, and
altho this should be cause for regret
rather than satisfaction, yet it makes
the duties of the teachers less irksome
and laborious than formerly. They

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improve very much in their lessons
and are as orderly and attentive
as we could desire - tho from accounts
received, we fear there is much wrangling
and quarrelling thro the week. We
have been much impressed with
the strict observance of our regulations
and the extreme quiet pervading the
room during our attendance - They do
not leave their seats without permission
and in the intervals between their
recitations, there is no talking one with
another - they are very tidy and during
the reading listen with apparent interest.

They express great pleasure in having the
visits of the committee renewed and urge
them not to accede to the Matrons
proposition, to come only once in two
weeks - Three of the women have been furnished
with Testaments and 2 want Bibles -
several others will soon require them, and
as there are no Bibles on hand - it is
submitted to the judgment of this Meeting
whether the funds in the hands of the
Treasurer be appropriated to the purchase
of Bibles & Testaments, or whether we rely
as heretofore, on contributions of them.
We regret that our report of those