

My dear Friend

As I can not meet with
you personally on Fifth day - I feel
most easy in a hurried note
to give thee my views in
relation to our Penitentiary
concern - I believe our duties
there, were ~~engaged~~ ^{entered} into under
a feeling of its being a work
required of us by "Him"; who
in great Mercy, still condescends
to make use of humble instru-
ments in the work of Salvation;
still qualifies and commissions
his servants to labor to turn
benighted souls, from darkness
to light; and from the power
of Satan unto God; that they
may receive forgiveness of sins -
In this faith, we engaged in
our visits, humbly but rejoicingly
reiterating the Gospel truth in

I have thought - whether 126
the Association of Teachers
on the mens side - could
not help in getting up
a School for the Women
of female Teachers -
I do not dear Hannah, urge
my views upon thee or our
friends - but I think the
present state of things call
for our attention, and that
we should make an opening
for other laborers, or make
diligently work ourselves -
I confess that my strength
is not equal to the discharge
of the duty that we are
now proposing to perform, and
I can no longer visit the Penitentiary
as an efficient member of the
Association on the First day of
the week - but still I desire that
we may come to the right decision
and not excuse ourselves from the
faithful discharge of what is required