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Case is taken to deal with offenders seasonally and impartially and to punish those who will not be reclaimed the spirit of love before they are disciplined.

The committee in the case of Eliza Houghton presented the following testimony of disownment which with some alteration was approved by the meeting and the same friends are continued for further compliance with the discipline.

The committee on concerns proposed the name of Sarah Janney which being acceptable to the meeting she is accordingly appointed to the service.

The following communication, ^{relating Jane Austen} was received from Philadelphia the meeting of Friends for the Western District and the report of the committee being united with by this meeting Margaret White and Mary Ann Bowler are appointed to unite with a committee of men Friends in preparing a testimony of disownment against her and report next month.

To the (the) meeting of Women Friends of Ball's for the Eastern & Western Districts

Dear Friends

At a meeting of Women Friends of Philadelphia for the Western District held 10th of 3rd mo 1832. The Friends appointed by this meeting to visit Jane Austen formerly Handy at the request

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and on behalf of Friends of Ball's the meeting report that they have an interview with her. She acknowledged the charges brought against her and appeared to be entirely prepared to resign her right of membership in our religious society and the committee were not encouraged to believe the extension of further case would be availing. The clerk is directed to furnish Ball's the meeting of Women Friends for the E & W District with a copy of this minute.

Extracted from the Minutes

Hannah W. Beach

Clerk

This meeting having entered into sympathy with the reduced condition of Friends of Kensington Preparative Meeting Sarah Janney and Dorothy Hopkins are named to unite with a committee of Men Friends in attending the next Preparative Meeting to be held there and take into consideration the propriety of laying it down.

Dorothy Hopkins on behalf of the committee on duty informed the meeting that they had conferred together and were united in proposing the names of Joseph King Jun Hannah And Lyson and Hannah Sallett which are acceptable to Friends and the clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of the men's meeting in signing a minute expressive thereof to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders.