

CALVERT Co., Nov. 29, 1865.

I like my place very much, but the first few days I was very sorry that I left you. Now I am getting along well, and I will never leave my place if I can help it. I go to Sunday school every Sunday. When I was at the Refuge, you used to punish me very hard some times, but now I wish you had given me ten times as much, for then I would have been ten times better. I never will forget what you used to tell me, "Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth." Please send me an "Oriola," for I am fond of singing. Every Saturday, me and Oscar and Mr. B, go out squirrel hunting. I have learnt how to plow since I have been here, and I like it very much. Tell the boys not to fret, for they will be sorry when they leave that House of Refuge, that was my dear old home.

A. K.

CARROLL Co., Dec. 1865.

I am sorry and ashamed I did not write to you before to let you know how I was getting along. I saw the boy at Mr. M. He has a good home if he will behave himself and do what is right. He will have to work, but that is what we all have to do. I am in good health, and am employed in carrying the U. S. mail from ----- to ----- I ride five days a week. I get one dollar a day, boarded and horses found. I send my love to you and to all the Managers of the Institution. I thank them for their kindness to me whilst in their care. Boys, if it was not for the kind home you are all in, I would not be what I am now. I would not hold the employment I do now—I would not have an education to do any thing in the way of reading and writing as I have now. You think you have in hard in this Institution, but there is a day coming when you will say as I do now, that it was the best thing that ever happened to you that you were brought to this House; for you have the time to go to school and to learn to work and know how to behave your selves when you go out to do for yourselves. When a boy does not know how to behave himself he will not be regarded by any one, and one that does know will be respected by every one. Now you all have the opportunity to learn to do what is right, if you will, and if you do not, it is not the officers' fault, but yours. Boys, it is one of the greatest blessings that God ever put in man's head to construct such a house as the Baltimore House of Refuge.

But I am getting tired and sleepy coming home from my day's ride, being in the saddle from 5 in the morning to 6 at night, so I must close.

E. A. W.