

E. N. M. D. Co., Md., July 2, 1866.

W. C. PALMER, Esq—

Dear Sir :

I herewith furnish you my first report of A. A. She has been to school the last three months, riding with my boys three miles to school, in town, every morning, and returning after four o'clock in the afternoon. During the winter she has been taught in the family. Her advancement has not been such as I had hoped, yet she is acquiring habits of study and application, and is obtaining an insight into her studies that will enable her to comprehend her lessons more readily, and thereby make them pleasures, rather than tasks.

Her health and spirits are fine ; she has been unwell but two or three days since she has been with us, and then, we think, from indulgence in eating.

Her duties in the house and with the family are better understood by the ladies of the house, and from them I have satisfactory evidence of a desire on the part of A. to do her duty; but, child-like, very neglectful—and inclined to play before completing the little labors she may have to perform towards housekeeping.

We have most difficulty in teaching to be *choice* in her associates. She is disposed naturally to make friends with the rude and wild at school—and at home to keep company with the servants. When she becomes older, and can understand our reason for these things, I shall have no fears that she will continue therein. I have spoken of her weaknesses : she has her virtues.

We have found her strickly honest and truthful—remarkably so ; and when we say this, we say all that these words can convey. We are, *on the whole*, pleased with her life and conduct the past six months ; and we may congratulate ourselves that we have been so fortunate in obtaining just such a character as she now promises to be—who will be a credit to those that may raise her, to her mother, and to the Society that has taken charge of her. Thinking the above comprehends all that you wish in your letter of inquiry,

I am, yours, &c.,

R. F. T.

*Note.*—The mother of these children has visited one of them, and heard directly and satisfactorily from the other.

R. P.

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BALTIMORE, *September 6, 1866.*

I respectfully make application to the Execution Committee of the "Children's Aid Society of Baltimore" to receive S. P., who will be ten years of age January 1, 1867. I am unable to provide for my children. My husband is a convict in the Maryland Penitentiary.