

FORM OF A CONTRACT

Between the Country applicant and the Children's Aid Society of Baltimore, Md., with explanatory notes.

BALTIMORE, 186

MR.

Dear Sir:—In reply to your inquiries respecting children to be sent into the country, we would make the following statement of our purposes and plan of working :

We receive children from 8 to 15 years for boys, and from 8 to 12 for girls.

Children without parents or guardians, can be adopted or indentured by the proper authorities, in the county town of the applicant.

We can sometimes induce parents to make a legal transfer of their children, but more frequently we only have permission to send them, with the expectation that, if both parties are satisfied after a trial of two months, the children are to remain till of age; if the children do not prove satisfactory, they may be returned to us at the expiration of two months, if not bound.

We do not place children out as servants, but wish for them good homes in Christian families, where they will be treated with kindness, have opportunities for school, be trained to habits of industry, under a religious influence, and with those who will take an interest in their future welfare.

A letter of recommendation from your pastor, or some responsible person, is necessary; if you live in a neighborhood where we have a "Local Committee," we require its endorsement, and if you have acquaintances in Baltimore, we wish their address. When the child is of age, some provision in money or otherwise must be made for it. See questions 13 and 14.

Persons are expected to call at the "Home," or send some responsible person for the children. Those who cannot call or send, must wait until the Agent can deliver the children to them, and they are expected to pay their traveling expenses from Baltimore, and also back, if returned.

It is required that parties applying give full information as to their wants, and it is advised that they apply for the younger children, experience teaching us that they are more easily managed, and give more general satisfaction than the older.

We shall insist upon your writing us in regard to the welfare of the child twice a year, on the first of January and first of July.

WM. C. PALMER, Agent.