

(from almost every one.) There is certainly a strong attachment for the girls in Talbot county. Made a raid upon the supper table, a movement long to be remembered by our "light infantry," a jolly supper it was—real farmer's fare. Had ravenous appetites, which four experienced waiters exerted themselves to the utmost to encourage; fortunately, no death ensued. Soon after supper, marched to quarters for the night, placing the girls in the charge of a female domestic. Our room contained four large beds, into which I packed our little chaps, deeming it prudent to keep them together as much as possible, fearing sickness consequent upon said supper.

The following morning aroused our "boys" by times. Set the captains to work, washing and dressing the smaller ones under their care; the larger waiting upon themselves. Having completed our toilet, marched in order to breakfast.

Received a visit from Mr. McNeal, he being desirous to see the children previous to the arrival of the applicants. After breakfast, collected all the children together and presented them to the Local Committee, Messrs. McNeal, Dodson and Jump, in our own room. By the adoption of this course much unnecessary trouble was obviated, as none but applicants were admitted. Having previously informed the Committee, as far as my knowledge extended, of the antecedents, character and disposition of each and every child in my company, awaited the arrival of applicants. Did not have to wait long; they soon commenced to gather, when our contracts were properly filled up, and signed by them; after which they were witnessed and endorsed by the Committee, and the children delivered to their new friends, much to the sorrow of their old friend, your humble servant. It was upwards of three o'clock before we accomplished our work in placing our little ones in their new homes. It affords me unfeigned pleasure in being able to state, that I have been greatly blessed in the prosecution of my labors in this expedition; having experienced little or no difficulty in procuring our children excellent homes with pious farmers and mechanics, selected by an efficient committee of judicious men, whose characters are unimpeachable, and whose only and sole object is the amelioration of the condition of the destitute children committed to our care. From the children themselves I experienced no trouble of any account, they having throughout the entire trip manifested happy and cheerful dispositions, and were very obedient. After visiting some of our little ones, placed out in this and other expeditions, whom I found doing well, returned home on Saturday, March 3d. Net expenses incurred, \$9.75.