

*As witness my hand, at said city, this 26th day of October, in the year Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-Five.*

CHARLES P. MEREDITH, J. P.

The following letter has been received relative to J. since he was placed in the county:

W. F., H. Co., Md., June 18, 1866.

MR. W. C. PALMER, *Agent*—

*Dear Sir:*

Your letter of May 11 came duly to hand; and in reply, am happy to say that J. M. is well and enjoys good health, and appears to be perfectly happy and contented with his home. He has attended school one quarter, and his progress has been as good as I could expect. He can read, and spells very correctly. He has also attended Sabbath school regularly for several months, and church every other Sabbath. I would send him to church every Sabbath, but there is none near us only every other Sabbath. I assure you that I think a great deal of J. I think that he will make some day a useful man. I have always found him very truthful and correct. Please excuse me for not replying before this, as I have been very much engaged, but in the future will try and be more prompt in replying to your letters.

Very respectfully, yours, G. W. L.

Also committed, under the same form as above, by Stephen Whalen, *J. P.*, October 3, 1865, G. W. H., aged ten years—“being without a home; his mother being dead; and his father a dissipated man, has neglected him!”

Our agent has, upon several occasions, visited the boy above alluded to. His home is with a wealthy and highly respectable family in the country. There are no other children in the family. He has every advantage—temporal, intellectual, and spiritual. He loves his home dearly.