

## LETTERS FROM CHILDREN.

“SHELTERED FROM THE BLAST.”

(Referred to in our last Report.)

S. F. Co., PA., *May 20th*, 1866.

DEAR MR. PALMER: i received your letter some days ago the box was all safe i thank you for what you sent me i am learning to play the accordian i will try and keep the books will read them too i can use the microscope. the candy oranges and cake hav all gone down the red lane we are hauling the stack of straw theat you helped tramp so tight the men wished that you were here to help now Laura and i are going to sunday school, well have you heard from my brother, please tell me where to direct to my sister i want to write to her, give my love to Mrs. P. and all the children i was so taken up with the sight of the accordian i couldnt write right away. I like It here very well I woulnt want a better home I went to school four months 1866 please write soon to  
R. h. 1866.

Not satisfied with present attainments—looking ahead. A destitute orphan. picked up in the Fells Point Market.

R. B. Co., MD., *March 20th*, 1866.

MR. PALMER: I have not heard from you in a long time, the reason I did not write I have been busy going to school this winter I went one quarter and nearly a half I am well and hope you are the same Mr. Palmer I have changed my mind and if you have no objection I would like to be a black smith I think it is a better trade than farming I'll tell you the reason why I think so if I should learn Blacksmithing and live to be a man and could go to farming then if anything should break such as waggons and plows I could mend them myself. Mr. G. and all the rest says they are very willing for me to go and learn the trade, give my love to Mr. D. and Charlie D. and all the rest of my friends if you should happen to see Charlie D., tell him to write to me.

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Yours Truly,

*March 19*, 1866,

P. L.