

strike one as a cruel thing thus to separate parent and child, but where it is for the welfare of the latter most manifestly, it is misplaced kindness to do otherwise. In the case given, where the indulgence granted speaks well for the heart of the man, its result has proved most inimical to the true interests of the master, and of the girl as well.

N. ———, Indiana, Dec. 1st, 1859.

*Indentured April 18, 1859—aged 13 years.*

(In the Refuge about six months.)

In compliance with your request I hasten to answer with pleasure your questions concerning S. A. W.—First, she is still with us. Attends Church regularly—has never staid at home a Sabbath since she came; attends two Sabbath Schools, morning (Methodist) regularly, Mission School, afternoon, nearly so. Her disposition is sometimes *very* stubborn—self-willed, at other times very kind. She could not spell in three letters when I got her; she is now beginning to read. She is writing a copy on her slate every evening but is *remarkably dull*. I could have no comfort sending her to school until she gives up her bad habits. My daughters will teach her at home. She is industrious, kind and affectionate, but when I first got her she was the most consummate story-teller I ever knew—and she even stole a parasol at Church. She has improved considerably in this respect, and in every other since. I read to her your letter, this evening, directly it came; she said, “tell them I am trying to be good and like to live here.” She is very fond of Church and often goes to prayer-meeting through the week. She is very obedient while in your presence. I am raising a little girl of ten; she is an excellent child; her parents live near and they are were very fearful of her injuring their child. She persuaded her to run away with her one night, supplying themselves with money, jewelry and clothes; they started one evening while we were at Church, but returned next morning *very penitent*, bringing back everything they had stolen. I forgave them that time,