

with the understanding that they never would do so again, if they did I was to get them new homes—that was a few weeks after she came; since then she has become settled and says she never wants to see her mother. At first when she behaved so *badly* my friends wanted me to send her back, but I never would agree to that for one moment. *I never regretted bringing her, and bad as she is*, it would be a great trial to me to part with either of my girls. They both seem very happy and contented, singing half their time. I think, with the blessing of God on my labor she will yet make a good, decent woman, and if I have been made the means of reclaiming S—, I shall feel as if I have not lived in vain, and *my faith is strong*. Tell her mother she need give herself no uneasiness about S—, for she shall be *well provided and cared for* in sickness and in health, and taught to do everything that is necessary a girl should know. I believe a year hence she will be a good girl. Those fixed habits cannot be changed in a few months. I suppose you have no idea of the extent of your depravity. I have no doubt but the ladies who had the care of her will confirm my statements. I could not have succeeded in raising her properly in Baltimore.

M. A. S.

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HOWARD Co., Md., Dec. 2.

*Indentured March 15, 1857—aged 10 years.*

DEAR SIR:—In answer to your inquiry, I make the following statement: A— R— is still with me; she is well, hearty, and growing finely. She attended the Methodist Sabbath School last summer, and attends church occasionally. Her moral disposition and habits I believe are as good as could be expected from one with such a history as she gives of herself. She tells me that before going to the House of Refuge, she went begging daily through the streets of Baltimore, and that oftimes she was intoxicated, and had to be carried home; and from the description she gives of her former associates, they were more brute than human, and I fear that the habits imbibed from the cradle will in some instances go with her through life.