

She is very slow to learn, either her book or work.

She has however improved in some respects.

She is obedient and truthful, but I am sorry to say not industrious, but naturally inclined to be lazy and indolent.

Her prospects for becoming either good or useful are not very flattering at this time; this I regret, as she may not reflect much credit on either of us, and much more trouble than she otherwise would have been.

You are aware that her hearing is very bad for a child of her age, which is unpleasant and often inconvenient. I hope her hearing may yet improve as she grows up.

You ask a letter from her—she has not yet learned to write but is trying to do so; perhaps in a few months more she may be able to comply with your request.

I would embrace the present occasion to inform you that I have never been well satisfied with the selection made for me. I had expected a more intelligent, smart and useful girl than C——, however, as it seems to have been my lot to have her and she seems so affectionate, kind and tender-hearted, and so much attached to the family and place, I have concluded to endeavor to become reconciled to my lot, and I hope I may yet be disappointed in her. J. R.

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DORCHESTER COUNTY, *December 3d.*

*Indentured* ——— 14, 1857—aged 8 years.

M—F—C—is still with me. Her general health is good. She attends Sabbath School, but not day school at present. I instruct her at home; she attends the Episcopal church with myself and wife regularly, her moral disposition and habits are not very flattering but better than at my last report; she is as apt as children generally are, both at her books and employment; she has improved in every respect under my care; she is not very industrious, lacks application and is not truthful. I do not know that she would lack application more than other children if we had much employment for her; I expect to return her to her mother perhaps next week. When I took her I feared I should be