

sible for the obedience of the children, "manners" being held at a premium and duty the first consideration.^b

The relation between master and slave differed little from that prevailing in other portions of the South before the war—a sincere and confiding affection on one side, and on the other a kind and considerate regulation of the simple lives reposed in the white owner's care. When an entertainment was given by the colored people, it was not at all unusual for the mistress to lend her jewelry to her maid for the occasion, showing plainly the interest taken in the pleasure of the slaves; and in sickness they were provided for and given the best attention. There were, of course, exceptions in both cases.^b

This advertisement, appearing in the Florida News, a local newspaper, is interesting, indicating as it does, one method of recovering runaway slaves:

Twenty-five Dollars Reward.

RUNAWAY in November last my negro woman HANNAH. She is about 5 ft., 7 or 8 inches high, black, no front teeth and about 40 years of age. Hannah has a mother in Newnansville or Tallahassee known by the name of Mary Ann Sanchez, formerly the property of Roman Sanchez of Newnansville. The above reward will be given upon her being lodged in any jail where I can get her or upon being delivered to me at Palatka or Jacksonville. Louis M. Coxetter.

Jacksonville, June 5, 1852.

The Tallahassee papers will please copy and send their bills to this office.

This same paper contained another item of interest, one that would indicate that the Town Council was composed of citizens serving for the best interest of the community:

Proceedings of the Town Council

Regular Meeting

Council Chamber, August 6, 1852.

Council Met:—Present, His Honor, Henry D. Holland, Intendant;† Messrs. Buffington, Cooper, and Canova, Councilmen.

Mr. Townsend, elected a Councilman to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Wm. Alsop, appeared for the purpose of taking the oath of office, which was objected to by Councilman Buffington, on the ground of his not possessing the requisite qualifications for the performance of the duties of the office. * * *

Attest, F. C. Barrett, Clerk.

†Mayor.