

A REFORMED GAMBLER.

THE LONG LIFE OF JONATHAN H. GREENE
DRAWING TO A CLOSE.

PHILADELPHIA, Penn., Nov. 12.—The long life of Jonathan H. Greene, the reformed gambler, is drawing to a close in the midst of extreme poverty and misery. In early life Greene was a rich and very smart professional gambler, whose field of operations was the lower Mississippi and the Republic of Texas, where for a while he served in Sam Houston's army. He came North, was converted, and became a preacher. He wrote some books exposing the tricks of card sharpers, which had a very large sale. He says he was defrauded of the copyright of his books by a well-known publishing house. He married late in life and lived in this city, where he became the father of a large family of children. A few weeks ago his wife died and was buried by charity. Soon after his wife's death he went away and is said to be somewhere in the West. This morning the Society to Protect Children from Cruelty placed three of Greene's sons in the Southern Home for Friendless Children. The oldest boy is 10 years and the youngest 6. They are named respectively Horace Greeley, George Washington, and Chester A. Arthur Greene. The boys were placed in the Newsboys' Home recently by their eldest sister, who is said to be a newspaper writer. She promised to pay their board, but failed to do so, and the matron of the Home placed the case before the Society to Protect Children from Cruelty. An officer of the society visited the Home yesterday and learned that Horace and George had escaped. Lieut. Beach captured the runaways last evening. Greene has been very poor for a long time. Two or three years ago he contributed to the Philadelphia Times a series of very interesting sketches of wild life in Mississippi and Texas in the days of Bowie, Crockett, Austin, Houston, and other Southwestern frontier "heroes."

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