

448. *Mr. Fell.*] How long did you stay there?—About four weeks.
449. What was the matter there?—I went to the hospital.
450. How long did you stop in the hospital?—About three weeks. After that I went back to the Orphanage.
451. What was the next thing?—I went to Mr. Townsend's again.
452. How long did you stay there this time?—Not very long. I got bad, and Mr. Townsend sent me to the hospital, where I have been till now.
453. How long have you been there?—About five months.
454. Were you in the band in the Orphanage.—No.
455. How many are in the band?—Between thirty and forty.
456. Do they teach you lessons—reading, writing, and arithmetic?—Yes.
457. Every morning?—In the afternoons, and on wet mornings. On fine mornings we work.
458. Do you ever work in the afternoons, or get a holiday?—Sometimes we do get a holiday—by being sent up the hill to pull posts down.
459. How many holidays in the year, when you do not do either lessons or work?—At Christmas time there are about four weeks holidays from lessons. Then we work about the farm, take a turn at the hops for about two weeks.
460. Where is the cricket-ground?—Up past the bathing-hole
461. Is the bathing-hole damned up and big enough for swimming?—Yes.
462. Do all the boys go to swim in the summer time?—Yes; nearly every day.
463. How often do you play cricket?—Nearly every day in the season.
464. How long do you play cricket?—From after dinner till the bell goes for school at 1 o'clock.
465. What time does school leave off?—At 4 o'clock.
466. What do you do then?—Play till 5 o'clock, and then go into school till 6.30, or tea-time.
467. When do you bathe?—Between 4 o'clock and 5.
468. What do you do after tea?—Play games in the yard in summer-time.
469. Do you play football in winter?—Yes.
470. Do you ever play matches?—Yes.
471. Against whom?—Some of the boys. They will not let them go out.
472. How do you play?—Against "Wellington," or "North and South."
473. Do they keep cows?—Yes. There were about eight in milk when I was there.
474. What becomes of the milk?—The Brothers get the cream, and we get the skimmed milk.
475. Do you make any butter?—They make butter for themselves out of some of the cream.
476. Do you have milk in your porridge or tea?—I had no milk in the porridge, and not always in the tea.
477. Do the boys milk the cows?—Yes.
478. Who looks after the sheep?—The Brothers.
479. How many have they got?—I do not know exactly, but between eight hundred and a thousand.
480. Do any of the boys help with the shearing?—No.
481. Who kills the sheep for the mutton?—The boys. I did it while I was there.
482. I suppose it was your knowledge of butchering that enabled you to get employment with Mr. Townsend?—Yes.
483. Who does the cleaning at the school?—Some of the boys.
484. Always the same boys?—No; they are sometimes changed.
485. Does each boy make his own bed?—No. Only in Brother Augustine's dormitory.
486. Do the same boys who do the beds do the sweeping and scrubbing?—Yes.
487. Do they do the dining-room?—No; another boy, who is changed about, does that. The boy who cleans up the downstairs and dining-room stops inside.
488. What happens if the beds are not kept clean?—The boys are sometimes punished.
489. Who puts the clothes away after the visitors' day?—Some of the boys who work in the tailors' shop.
490. Who makes the clothes?—The visitors' suit is bought; the other clothes are made by the boys.
491. One of the Brothers is a tailor?—Yes.
492. The boys who work in the tailor's shop do not go out to work?—Sometimes, when the Brother is not in the shop to look after them. There were ten boys in the shop when I was there.
493. When the Sunday clothes are pretty well worn out, what is done with them?—They are worn on week days.
494. Who makes the boots?—They buy them,
495. And I suppose they buy the hats?—Not all of them. Most of them are made there.
496. And the shirts?—They buy a piece of stuff and make it up.
497. You say the clothes are not warm enough. Did you ever tell Father Mahoney that?—No. I heard other boys tell him, and he said he would see the Brothers; but no more was heard of it.
498. What do you sleep in at night? Do you have a night-shirt?—No; we sleep in the same shirt that we wear.
499. Do you have to wash yourselves every morning?—Yes. If there is no water in the lavatory we have to go down to the creek.
500. Who does the general farm-work?—Sometimes the men, and sometimes the Brothers, assisted by the boys.