

213. How were you flogged?—On the bare skin with my pants down. I could not sit down for about three months afterwards.

214. *Mr. Bush.*] How many strokes did you get?—Twenty-four strokes with the supplejack.

215. Anything else?—I asked for some tucker, and did not get it; and was flogged because I stole it.

216. Was it before or after the flogging you got for running away?—Afterwards.

217. *Mr. Wardell.*] Were you able to sit down when you got the second flogging?—No.

218. *Mr. Bush.*] Who flogged you?—Brother Wibertus.

219. Anything else?—I was made to go up the hill six times a day pulling posts down. I had one or two posts taken from me. They were given to pets, and I had to go back for more. When I was sick they gave me mustard-and-water.

220. *Mr. Wardell.*] Were you often sick?—Yes; the tucker made me sick.

221. Do you mean you were unwell, or that you vomited?—I vomited. When I went to complain of being sick I was given mustard-and-water two or three times.

222. *Mr. Bush.*] Anything else?—I was hammered on my hands for having no buttons on my trousers, and no means of putting them on.

223. *Mr. Fell.*] Can you tell how many days during the last six months you were there you went up the hill?—Once a week; sometimes twice.

224. Did not the boys look upon the hill-work as a holiday?—I did not think it was a holiday. I put it down as slavery.

225. Did you ever complain to Father Mahoney, after taking his letter up asking for you to be let off, that you had been punished?—No; it would have been no use if I had. I would have got it just the same.

226. Did you complain to Brother Loetus?—No; I did not.

227. Who was your first master after you left the Orphanage?—Mr. Mundy, of Stoke.

228. Did you complain to him?—No.

229. Who was your next master?—Mr. Duff.

230. Did you complain to him?—No.

231. You knew he was doctor to the Orphanage?—Yes.

232. You never complained to any one?—No.

233. When did you first complain?—Only since this inquiry started.

234. *Mr. Bush.*] What sort of food did you get before you were sent to the Orphanage?—I got the best of tucker.

235. *Mr. Wardell.*] Where were you committed from?—From my home in Collingwood Street.

THOMAS LANE, examined on oath.

236. *Mr. Bush.*] You say you want to explain about your brother, first of all?—My brother got a kick on the head from Brother Wibertus. He got his head cut.

237. *Mr. Wardell.*] Did he get his head cut by being knocked against the wall?—Yes.

238. *Mr. Bush.*] You saw that?—Yes; they took him down to Dr. Duff, and said his head was cut by falling over.

239. *Mr. Wardell.*] Where is your brother now?—In the Orphanage.

240. *Mr. Bush.*] Did his head bleed?—Yes.

241. Whereabouts on the head was it?—Near the temple [indicating with hand].

242. How did your brother look when he came back?—The wound was stitched up then: it was bandaged for about three weeks.

243. Do you want to tell us anything else?—Yes. Brother Kilian hit me across the head and face with a bunch of keys.

244. Did it draw blood from you?—It took the skin off.

245. Have you anything else to say?—The bread was mouldy sometimes when we got it, and there was stinking grease on it sometimes.

246. Have you seen boys flogged?—Yes; I have seen marks on them. Some of them got it for nothing.

247. *Mr. Wardell.*] You left the school a year ago last May. Do you know how long you were there?—About six years.

248. *Mr. Bush.*] Were the boys flogged with their clothes on or off?—With their clothes off.

249. What sort of marks were they when you saw them on the boys?—The skin was off.

250. Is there anything else you want to speak of?—Yes. The soup was cold, and there was grease on top of it, and we had to drink it.

251. What about the hill-work?—We used to have to go up six or seven times a day. Some of the boys on their way down would have their posts taken from them and given to pets.

252. Do you mean that when you went up six or seven times the posts were taken from you and given to other boys?—Yes.

253. And you did not go all the way up and down six or seven times?—No.

254. *Mr. Wardell.*] How long ago is it since you went up?—About five years ago, when Brother Wibertus was in charge.

255. Where were the posts you brought down taken to?—To the cricket-ground.

256. Were these posts used for the boundary-fence?—No.

257. Where are you residing now?—In the hospital.

258. Anything else?—The tea was weak when we got it. Most of the boys called it dish-water.

259. *Mr. Wardell.*] What about the clothes?—They were cold.

260. *Mr. Bush.*] Did you always get clothes when you asked for them?—No.