

238. And Mrs. Smith and Mr. William Reece and Mr. Smail?—I do not know them.
239. You have an opportunity of seeing these people by themselves?—I may have had, but I did not want to.
240. You never made complaint to any of them?—No.
241. Then, Mrs. and the Rev. Mr. Inwood came to see you?—Yes.
242. Did you ever complain to him?—No.
243. When you were chopping these trees down, Mr. Bone, the farm hand, was always present?—Yes.
244. And did all the rough work?—He helped us to pull them down.
245. You have had hot water when scrubbing out the corridors sometimes?—I never had.
246. You have had limejuice when working at the lupins?—I have not.
247. Are your hands all blistered with hard work?—I have signs of it.

C—— A—— examined on oath.

1. *Mr. Salter.*] How old are you?—Twenty on the 30th June next.
2. How long have you been in the Home?—Seven years on the 30th June next.
3. You came in on your birthday?—Yes.
4. Can you choose whether you will work at chopping down trees and so on?—We have to do it; if not, we get punished.
5. Will you tell us about going to the lupins, and whether you are able to get water to drink?—At first we were allowed to take water when we went to work at the lupins, but now we are not allowed to take it.
6. How long is it since you have not been allowed to take it?—We only took it about three mornings.
7. How long is it since you have been working at the lupins: is it more than three or four months?—Yes.
8. When you first went you were allowed to take water?—Yes.
9. Have you ever asked permission to take water?—Yes, and Miss Mills has refused us.
10. You do house-work?—Yes, but very little.
11. You are mostly working outside?—Yes, excepting on Saturday and Monday and Tuesday, when we are down in the laundry.
12. You have been put in the cells?—Yes.
13. Often?—Yes.
14. For how long at a time?—I was put in a whole month when I ran away.
15. You did not sleep in the cell?—Yes.
16. For a whole month?—No, for the first few nights I was back.
17. And then you were taken upstairs to sleep and brought down first thing in the morning and kept there all day?—Yes.
18. Were you in the same cell or in the detention-yard?—Mostly locked up in the cell itself.
19. And when you were in the detention-yard, what had you to do?—I had to chop knotty bits of wood and clean tin dishes.
20. Were you visited at regular intervals during the day?—No, only to bring our meals, and anything else that was very necessary.
21. Was that often?—No.
22. Were you strapped?—Yes.
23. Is that the strap [produced] that is used?—Yes.
24. How many cuts did you get?—Twelve.
25. Was any one present?—Miss McPherson.
26. Do you know why you were strapped?—For absconding.
27. You have been to service?—Yes.
28. Where?—With Mrs. B——.
29. Why did you leave Mrs. B——?—Because a lot of lies were told about my sister that were not true.
30. By whom?—By the Matron and M—— W——.
31. Who is she?—She is a girl at service.
32. An old inmate of the Home?—Yes.
33. Did the Matron speak of these things before you to Mrs. B——?—She said some things to Mrs. B——, and every time I came to the Home she talked about them to me.
34. That annoyed you, and so you ran away?—Yes.
35. Were you allowed to see your sister here?—No; every time I came up the Matron refused to allow me to see her.
36. Have you been locked up anywhere else besides in the cell?—In the dormitory and in the coal-house.
37. How long ago is that?—About six or seven months ago.
38. How long were you in the coal-house?—From 5.30 in the afternoon until nearly 8.30.
39. Why were you there?—For striking a girl who gave me cause.
40. On another occasion you were in the cell for a shorter time?—I was in about four days, and received the strap.
41. What were you fed on there?—Dry bread for two days.
42. And what to drink?—Milk for dinner, and tea at night.
43. Do you remember Miss Hunt coming to you on the third day you were in?—Yes.
44. And what happened?—She strapped me.
45. How many cuts did she give you?—Six, with the strap.