

18. How many hours were you there before any one visited you again?—I was the whole day. Only the staff came in with my food.
19. You are quite clear about that?—Yes.
20. How long was it before you ran away the second time?—A year.
21. Where did you go to that time?—To Timaru.
22. How long were you in Timaru?—Three weeks and a half.
23. Who brought you back?—The police.
24. What were you doing whilst in Timaru?—I was a waitress at the C— Hotel for a week, and then I stayed with the P—s.
25. Who were the P—s?—People in Timaru I got to know.
26. Respectable people?—Yes.
27. Who found you out?—The police came and asked me on Friday night, and I told them, and on Tuesday morning they came and brought me home.
28. And the same thing happened the second time: you were strapped again?—Yes.
29. How many cuts did you get?—Twelve.
30. And you were locked up by yourself, for how long?—I was in the cell for two days, the same as before, and the cell door was open after two days.
31. And you were visited only at meal-times during these two days?—Yes.
32. What state of health were you in at this time?—I was ill.
33. What was the matter with you? Did the doctor see you?—She did not see me until the week following.
34. What did she do then?—She sent me to the Hospital.
35. So you were ill enough to go to the Hospital?—Yes.
36. You were ill when you came back from Timaru?—Yes.
37. Did you tell the Matron?—I told Miss Mills.
38. They gave you some food when you came back?—Dry bread.
39. Were you able to eat it?—No; I ate one piece. I could not eat it the first night, and I did not eat it until before tea the next evening.
40. The same bread as was brought to you the day before?—Yes. Miss Mills brought in two more pieces, and when she found I had not eaten the two pieces on the plate she took the others away, and told me I was sulking, and if I did not eat it I would get worse punishment. I told her I had a sore throat, and was not well, and could not eat it, and that is what she said to me.
41. You really were too ill to eat it?—Yes, I had a sore throat, and I did not feel well otherwise.
42. Did the Matron come near you at all?—Not until 8 o'clock.
43. What took place when she came to see you?—I still had a piece of dry bread on my plate, and she asked Miss Mills how much I had eaten, and Miss Mills said I had eaten two pieces, and I still had one piece on my plate.
44. The Matron said I must eat it, so I went to the door-step in my nightgown, and ate that piece and drank a cup of milk.
45. Did Miss Mills say anything to you whilst you were trying to eat it?—No. The Matron just said it was not as good as cake, but that I would have to eat it.
46. Did you get the strap again?—I got strapped just after that.
47. Do you know if at this time the Matron knew you were unwell?—I do not know whether Miss Mills had told her or not.
48. Did you get a very severe beating that time?—I felt it for three days afterwards.
49. I believe some time after this you saw Dr. Alice Moorhouse?—Yes; on the Friday afternoon.
50. What happened after she saw you?—She ordered me to the Hospital, and I went on Saturday.
51. How long were you in the Hospital?—A fortnight. It is a month since I came back.
52. I see you are wearing flannel round your throat: is it still sore?—Yes.
53. Have you had to do the same hard outdoor work as the other girls?—Not since I came home.
54. But before you went away?—Yes.
55. Did you find the work hard?—Sometimes I did—carrying logs and cross-cutting.
56. And stubbing up roots?—Yes.
57. Have you any complaints to make about your treatment in other ways than those you have mentioned?—Just about leaving the table without food.
58. What was that for?—For talking. We get no food, and have to go to work without it.
59. You are not allowed to finish the meal, and it is not sent outside to you to finish?—It is not sent out.
60. So if you talk at table, and are sent out of the room before you have finished your meal, you have to go without until when?—Tea-time.
61. Do you know anything about a room called the reception-room?—Yes.
62. Have you ever been in it?—I was taken up once after I ran away—just before I was strapped.
63. What for?—To be examined.
64. By whom?—The Matron.
65. Were you examined with any instrument?—Yes.
66. Do you happen to know what the instrument is called?—Yes; a syringe.
67. Anything else?—No.
68. *Mr. Russell.*] You have never seen or talked to Mr. Salter before?—No.
69. To whom have you made this statement that he has written there?—Mr. Fountain.