

10. Could you rest whenever you liked?—Not whenever we liked, but we had ten minutes sometimes.

11. Had you a sufficient amount of rest?—Yes, quite sufficient.

12. How many nights a week did you have to yourselves completely when you were here?—Monday and Thursday, I think.

13. And what about Saturday afternoons?—We had from about 4 p.m., I think, until bed-time to ourselves.

14. During the summer, were you in the habit of playing tennis or croquet?—Yes.

15. You had these afternoons for your own pleasure in the grounds?—Yes.

16. During the time you were wood-chopping, were you under the supervision of the staff?—Yes.

17. Who were the staff at that time?—Miss Mills and Miss Hunt.

18. Generally, were they harsh or unkind to you?—Neither.

19. Were the other members of the staff with whom you were brought in contact different in any way?—No, they were all the same.

20. Then, generally, were the staff nice to you while you were here?—Yes.

21. Did you have sufficient food?—Yes.

22. Was the quality of it all right?—Yes.

23. And your bedding?—Yes, quite comfortable.

24. And your personal clothes were quite sufficient?—Yes.

25. In the winter-time were you called upon to scrub?—Yes.

26. Had you hot or cold water?—Neither hot nor cold. It was warm.

27. Could you have had hot water if you had wanted it or asked for it?—Yes.

28. At any time you were in the Home was there anything you had to complain of except, of course, being kept here?—Nothing at all.

29. Were you in the habit of paying 2d. per month to the church out of your pocket money?—I think I did.

30. You knew that?—Yes.

31. Did you at any time want that reduced to a penny?—No.

32. Have you been on good terms with Mrs. Branting all the time?—Yes.

33. Do you feel now that you have gained any improvement during the two years you were in the Home?—Decidedly.

34. You are now in service?—Yes.

35. Have you had any trouble with your master or mistress?—Nothing of a serious nature.

36. Since you have been away, do you regard this as your home?—Certainly.

37. And when you want advice, to whom do you go?—To Matron.

38. Do I understand that if any trouble arose you would look to this as the point where you could get guidance?—I would.

39. If anything happened to you you would come back here to stay?—Yes, if the Matron would let me.

40. In preference to any other place?—Yes.

41. Were you happy during the whole time you were here?—Very happy.

42. Have you any complaint of any kind to make against the Home?—None.

43. *Mr. Salter.*] Were you in the first division or second division?—I think I was in the second division about six months. Then I came over to the first class.

44. You were specially good, and were promoted?—Yes.

45. How long have you been up from Timaru?—I came up on Monday.

46. You have been staying here?—I stayed here last night. I was at Sumner before.

47. You had a long talk with Mrs. Branting about the inquiry?—No talk whatever.

48. Was the subject of the inquiry not mentioned?—No.

49. In no way whatever?—No.

50. You say you have absolutely no cause for complaint during the time you were here?—Not at all.

51. Were you ever punished whilst here?—No.

52. Did you see any other girls punished?—No; I have heard of it.

53. Have you ever seen the Matron box any girls' ears?—Not in my time.

54. Have you ever heard of her doing it?—No.

55. Have you ever heard any of the girls complaining about the food?—They were satisfied all the time I was there.

56. You say you rather liked the wood-chopping?—Yes.

57. Did you like the cross-cutting and felling?—Yes.

58. And you did not find it hard?—No.

59. Do you think it is the sort of work girls should do?—Well, I do not think it does them any harm.

60. Do you think it fits them for service?—Yes, because you have to do it afterwards.

61. What, tree-felling?—Cutting wood and sawing.

62. You had no option in regard to church-money, had you?—No.

63. You never dreamt of suggesting it should be reduced to 1d.?—No.

64. It was deducted, and there was an end of it?—Yes.

65. Do you know anything about a room called the reception-room?—Yes.

66. Do you know what it is?—Yes.

67. Have you ever been in it?—Yes, there was a library in it.

68. Do you know what it is used for?—I have never been in for that reason.

69. For what reason?—[No answer.]