

31. What were you sent to bed for?—For not knowing my lessons.
32. How much money do you give per month to the church?—2d.
33. Do you know that is given?—Yes.
34. Would you rather have it reduced to 1d.?—No.
35. Why not?—I would like to give more if I could.
36. Has the Matron at all times been kind to you?—Yes.
37. Do you go to her now for advice?—Yes.
38. You know you are in the Home for your own benefit?—Yes.
39. Do you feel you are getting on, and are better than you used to be?—Yes.
40. If you went into the world would you regard this as your home?—Yes.
41. If you wanted any advice in any trouble to whom would you go?—To the Matron here.
42. Have you any complaints of any kind to make against the Home or the Department?
—No.
43. Against the staff?—No.
44. *Mr. Salter.*] Have you had a chat with any one about this inquiry?—No.
45. No one has spoken to you at all about it?—No.
46. How long were you in the cell?—About two hours, I think.
47. Have you ever been strapped?—No.
48. Have you ever seen girls having their ears boxed?—No.
49. Are you quite sure no girls have had their ears boxed in your presence?—Not in my presence.
50. Have you ever heard of girls having their ears boxed?—Yes.
51. From the girls whose ears had been boxed?—Yes.
52. So far as you know, do the girls here always tell the truth? Do you always tell the truth?—Very nearly always.
53. Sometimes you tell things that are not true?—Yes.
54. Do you know anything about the reception-room?—No.
55. You know there is such a room?—Yes.
56. Are you sure the girls on the second-class side have hot water for scrubbing?—I am not over there, so I cannot say. When I was there they did.
57. So if one of the girls on the other side says they have not, that is not true?—I do not know.
58. Do you know how much is given per week to the church for all the girls?—No.
59. Do you know that 1s. per week is placed in the plate for all the girls?—I do not know if it is for all the girls.
60. One girl is deputed to put a shilling in the plate?—The staff put it in. I do not know how much they put in.
61. Do you not know that 1s. per week is put in?—I have seen 1s. given in.
62. Have you ever heard any complaints by the girls about the food?—No.
63. When wood-chopping, have you ever heard an attendant, and particularly Miss Hunt, say, "Now, girls; it is not time to get tired until 5 o'clock"?—Yes.
64. Was that because the girls straightened their backs?—I do not know.
65. And you prefer chopping down trees and cross-cutting to housework?—Yes.

E—— B—— examined on oath.

66. *Mr. Russell.*] What is your age?—About fourteen.
67. You have been in the Home eighteen months?—Yes.
68. How many afternoons do you get for playtime?—We get from 5.30 to 8 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, and from 3 p.m. on Saturdays.
69. During the summer-time do you amuse yourselves playing tennis and croquet?—Yes.
70. In the winter-time, what do you do?—We stay inside and do fancy work.
71. Is your time absolutely your own during these hours?—Yes.
72. You have no tasks at all to do?—No.
73. Are you one of the wood-choppers?—Yes.
74. Do you like that work?—Yes.
75. Would you rather do it than be inside?—Yes.
76. What do you do—cross-cut?—Sometimes. I am watering now.
77. Who attends to the seeds and flowers and plants?—Us girls.
78. Then, the whole of your time is not devoted to cutting wood?—No.
79. Would you be three days a week engaged in wood-chopping?—No.
80. Taking one month with another, would you be two days a week at the wood-chopping?
—No.
81. Would you be one day in the week?—Yes.
82. Do you mind chopping wood?—Not at all.
83. Does it make you very tired?—No.
84. Who is the staff who goes with you?—Miss Hunt and Miss Dean.
85. Are they kind to you out there or very severe?—Very kind to me.
86. Are they kind to the other girls, so far as you can see?—Yes.
87. Suppose you feel a little bit tired, are you allowed time to rest?—Yes.
88. Is Miss Hunt very particular in making you start again the next minute, or does she give you plenty of time to rest?—She gives us time to rest.
89. Do Miss Hunt and Miss Dean treat you nicely always?—Yes.
90. And are they nice to you in the house as well?—Yes.
91. Have you any complaint to make about them at all?—Not at all.