

24. If you get into any trouble, whom do you tell?—I never tell any one if I get into trouble.
25. Is the Matron kind to you?—Yes.
26. Is she a friend to you?—I like her very much.
27. If you left here, would you consider this your home to come to if you wanted a home, or would you look upon it as a prison?—I would look upon it as a home.
28. Would you go to the Matron if you wanted advice or got into any trouble?—Yes.
29. Have you any complaint at all to make?—No.
30. You are quite sure?—Yes.
31. You are quite happy here?—Yes.
32. *Mr. Salter.*] Are you quite sure that if you went away from here you would like to come back again?—Yes, I would come back.
33. At wood-chopping, have you ever had to drive wedges in with a maul?—No.
34. How do you split the wood?—With an axe. The logs are short.
35. You do not feel tired after it?—No.
36. And you honestly say you would rather do wood-splitting and sawing than be inside helping in the house?—I like doing work outside.
37. Have you ever been to work at the lupins?—Yes.
38. Have you had to grub some of them up?—Yes, and burn them.
39. Is it true you do not get water when you go over there?—They bring water to us.
40. But if you forget to take water are you allowed to go back to get a drink?—No.
41. You say the staff never drive you: do you understand what driving means?—They are never very cross with us.
42. But do they tell you it is not time to get tired yet?—They have never told us that.
43. Have you ever heard girls complain about not having enough food?—Yes.
44. But you always were one of the lucky ones who got plenty?—I always had enough.
45. Have you seen girls' ears boxed?—No; I have seen them hit on the back.
46. By whom?—Matron.
47. Do you know anything about the reception-room?—I was there once.
48. What for?—[No answer.]
49. *The Commissioner.*] We understand the girls go there for physical examination, and if a girl goes there for physical examination we know what that means.

M—— M—— examined on oath.

1. *Mr. Russell.*] What is your age?—I am seventeen and a half years of age.
2. You have been two years and ten months here?—Yes.
3. Are you in the first or second division now?—First.
4. How long have you been in the first?—Five months.
5. You have holidays every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday?—Yes.
6. And these afternoons and evenings are entirely at your own disposal to do as you like?—Yes.
7. What do you do in the summer time?—Play in the grounds.
8. Tennis and croquet?—Yes.
9. And what do you do in the winter time?—Stay inside and sew and sing and play games.
10. Have you done wood-chopping at any time?—Yes; I still do it.
11. Do you think it is hard?—I do not think it is very hard.
12. I suppose you do not kill yourself?—No.
13. Are Miss Hunt and Miss McPherson with you, as a rule?—Yes.
14. Do they give you time to rest, or do they drive you all the time?—They do not drive us.
15. Do you get ample time to rest at intervals—say, after cutting a branch?—Yes.
16. I suppose you are not allowed to what is called "loaf"?—No.
17. Have you any complaint of any kind to make against the wood-chopping?—No.
18. Do you attend school?—Yes.
19. When you have been chopping in the morning, do you find that that work in any way prevents you learning your lessons in the afternoon?—No.
20. Do you get ample food here?—Yes.
21. Have you heard any of the girls complain about not getting enough to eat?—Yes, some of them.
22. Do you get the same as they do?—Yes.
23. There is no distinction made between the different classes of girls?—No.
24. You all have your meals together in the one room?—Yes.
25. You see exactly what the others get?—Yes.
26. Who made complaints about not getting enough?—M—— R—— and G—— N——.
27. These are the only two?—Yes.
28. How long back is this?—When I was in the second class.
29. You have heard no complaints since?—No.
30. Do you get bedding enough, and sufficient and proper clothes?—Yes.
31. Do the staff generally treat you kindly or not?—Very kindly.
32. Is there any of them you would like to say anything about?—No.
33. Are you good friends with the Matron?—Yes.
34. Do you like the Matron?—Yes.
35. Have you been punished at any time?—Yes, for giving impudence.
36. What was your punishment?—I was put in the cell.
37. You know Miss Howden, who was here?—Yes.
38. Has she ever had any talks with you?—Yes.