

4. Are you treated well by the Matron and staff here?—Yes.
5. Have you any complaint to make about the Matron or staff?—No.
6. Do you do wood-chopping?—Yes.
7. Is that very hard work?—Sometimes I find it hard.
8. And sometimes not?—Yes.
9. Are you allowed to rest if you are tired?—Yes.
10. How often did you chop wood last week, for instance?—Once.
11. Do you get plenty of time to play?—Yes.
12. Do you get plenty of food?—Yes.
13. And bed-clothes enough?—I could do with another blanket.
14. How many blankets have you in the winter-time?—Three or four. I cannot remember exactly.
15. Have you enough personal clothing, and is it kept separate from the others?—Yes.
16. Have you been punished at all?—Yes; for impudence.
17. Have you any complaints to make about the staff?—No.
18. Are they kind to you?—Yes.
19. You know you are in here for your own good?—Yes.
20. Are you satisfied the training here is likely to do you good?—Yes, it has done me a lot of good.
21. If you left here would you regard this as a place to come back to?—Yes.
22. You would like to come back and see the Matron?—Yes.
23. *Mr. Salter.*] What makes you unhappy sometimes?—When I think of my people.
24. There is nothing about the Home that makes you unhappy?—No.
25. Have you been strapped at all?—No.
26. How long have you been in the cell?—I cannot tell you.
27. Have you been in between one meal and another?—No.
28. Do you scrub upstairs in winter-time?—Yes.
29. What sort of water do you use in winter?—Hot water.
30. In your bare feet?—Yes.
31. Have you seen girls having their ears boxed?—Yes; by Matron.
32. Pretty severely?—She deserved it.
33. Was it a hard blow?—I did not think it very hard.
34. First with one hand and then the other?—No, only one hand.
35. You do wood-cutting because you have to do it?—Yes.
36. You do not care for it?—No.
37. Have you heard the staff say to the girls, "You must not get tired until 5 o'clock"?—Yes.
38. Have you been working at the lupins?—Yes.
39. Were you able to get water when there?—Yes.
40. Suppose the person who ought to take the water forgot to do so, were you allowed to come back for it?—No.
41. Then, sometimes you had to work at the lupins without drinking at all?—No, we had some sent over.
42. Do you know the reception-room?—Yes, but I have not been there.

M— S— examined on oath.

1. *Mr. Russell.*] What is your age?—I am fifteen years.
2. You have been in this Home two years?—Yes.
3. Are you in the first or second division?—Second.
4. Do you help at wood-chopping?—Yes.
5. Do you object to that very much?—No.
6. Do you find it very hard work?—Not very hard.
7. Do the staff drive you when at that work?—No.
8. Do they give you time to rest?—Yes.
9. I suppose some of the girls would rest the whole time if they had a chance?—Yes.
10. Have you heard Miss Hunt or the staff say, "Now, girls, it is no use getting tired yet"?—Yes.
11. Was that remark addressed to girls who were very tired from the start perhaps?—Yes.
12. Not to the girls generally?—No.
13. Do the staff speak nicely to you?—Yes.
14. Are they ever sharp with you?—When we deserve it.
15. But if a girl does well, the staff treat her nicely?—Yes.
16. Is there any one amongst the staff you do not like?—No.
17. Do they make any difference amongst the girls?—No.
18. There is no favouritism?—No.
19. Have you been punished?—Yes; for impudence.
20. Have you been put in the cell?—Yes.
21. Have you seen the Matron box a girl's ears or strike her on the shoulders?—I have, on the shoulders.
22. Have you ever seen the Matron hit a girl on the ears or head?—No.
23. What about the food here?—The food is all right.
24. You get enough to eat?—Yes.
25. Have you ever seen girls eat raw artichokes because they had not enough bread and butter?—No.
26. Are the blankets all right in winter-time?—Yes.