

16. You know you are here for your own good?—Yes.
17. Do you think yourself the training here is doing you good?—Yes.
18. Are you content to stay here?—Yes.
19. Are you happy here?—Yes.
20. Have you plenty of time for play and recreation?—Yes.
21. Have you any complaint of any kind you wish to make?—No.
22. If you left here, would you regard it as a home, or would you have unpleasant recollections of it?—I would not mind coming here again.
23. If you had any trouble, or wanted a friend, to whom would you go?—To Matron.
24. *Mr. Salter.*] You were asked all this last night before Mrs. Branting?—Yes.
25. You would not have liked to say anything else whilst she was present?—No.
26. Have you ever been in the cell?—No.
27. Have you ever seen other girls having their ears boxed?—I saw one little girl having her ears boxed the other evening by Matron.
28. Have you ever been in the reception-room?—Yes.
29. Have the girls complained about the food to you?—I have heard them complaining.
30. What about?—Some say they do not get enough and others say the jam is not thick enough, and others say the tea is not good enough.
31. Is there plenty of jam put on?—The food is good and plain.
32. Would you like a little more jam?—Yes.
33. How often do you get butter?—Every Sunday evening.

V— B— examined on oath.

1. *Mr. Russell.*] What is your age?—Fourteen years.
2. How long have you been in the Home?—Only three months.
3. Have you been happy since you have been here?—Yes.
4. Do the staff treat you kindly?—Yes, they have been very good to me since I have been here.
5. Is this a happier home than the one you came from?—No; I would rather be at my own home.
6. Have you plenty to eat?—Yes.
7. Have you any complaints of any kind to make?—No.
8. Do you find any of the work too heavy for you?—No.
9. Do you do a bit of wood-chopping?—Yes.
10. Do you find that too hard?—Yes.
11. Have you plenty of time for play?—Yes.
12. You enjoy your play?—Yes.
13. *Mr. Salter.*] You are not very strong?—I am getting strong.
14. Do you feel strong enough to do wood-chopping?—Yes.
15. Have you seen girls' ears boxed here?—No.
16. Have the girls spoken to you about their bread and dripping and bread and jam?—Yes; they have said they got bread and scrape, and would like a little more jam.
17. Do you think they are justified in saying that?—I think it is quite enough for myself.

M— J— examined on oath.

1. *Mr. Russell.*] You are sixteen years of age?—Yes.
2. You have been here about eight months?—Yes.
3. Generally, how have you been treated since you have been here?—Very well.
4. Are you happy and contented?—Yes.
5. Do you cut wood occasionally?—Very seldom.
6. When you do, do you find it very hard?—No.
7. Do you mind it?—No.
8. You have plenty of play?—Yes.
9. And plenty to eat?—Yes.
10. Plenty of clothes?—Yes.
11. What else do you want?—Nothing else.
12. Would you rather stay here, or go back to where you came from?—I would just as soon stay here, I think.
13. Is everybody kind to you?—Yes.

THURSDAY, 12TH MARCH, 1908.

A— C— further examined.

1. *Mr. Russell.*] I have called you to repeat to the Commission what you told me the other night in regard to Miss Howden. Do you remember ever being out with Miss Howden at the fowls?—Yes, very often.
2. Had you had on or just before that day a few words with Attendant Mills?—Yes.
3. What about?—A coarse apron.
4. Did you tell Miss Howden you had had some trouble with Miss Mills?—Yes.
5. Did you make any complaint to her that day about the way the staff generally treated you all the time?—No; but on other days I did.
6. When you told Miss Howden you had had some words with Miss Mills about an apron, what did Miss Howden say?—She said it was a hellish place to live in.