

281. Take the last three or four months: have you had plenty to eat since then?—Yes, because it is summer, and you do not want to eat much.

282. How do you account for this? There is no difference in the dietary scale in winter and summer, so if you had plenty to eat in the summer, why had you not enough to eat in the winter?—Because you do not need as much in the summer as in the winter.

283. Why did you not tell the Matron you were hungry, and had not enough to eat?—One girl did tell her.

284. Who was the girl?—Some of the girls have complained, and they were told they had plenty.

285. Did you ever tell the doctor you were not fed?—No.

286. *Mr. Hunt.*] You told us you know C—— T——?—Yes.

287. You said Miss Hunt put her hand in very hot water?—Yes.

288. Did she put her own hand in the water as well?—Not very long.

289. Did she not have her own hands in the water as she held C——'s hand under the water?—No, she held her arm high up, and held her hand under that way.

290. Miss Hunt did not put her hand in the water at all?—No, not until it was cold.

291. C—— T——'s hand got all right after it?—Yes.

292. Do you know what time of the year it was?—In the winter.

293. You have a very bad temper sometimes?—Yes.

294. And you threatened to kill a girl?—Yes, in temper.

295. And that was what you were locked up for?—It was for striking a girl I was locked up.

296. That was the same girl you threatened to kill?—Yes.

297. You have been taken out to service by the Matron several times?—Twice.

298. And your last mistress would not have you back again after you ran away?—She never told me that.

299. You do not like work at all?—I do not mind housework, but not outside work.

300. All the attendants have found fault with you?—I do not know that they all have.

301. Most of them?—They are all pretty fond of doing it.

302. Except Miss Howden?—I always worked well for Miss Howden.

303. And not for the others?—I liked her best, because she did not bully us.

304. You often worked for Miss Howden?—Tuesday and Friday nights. Sometimes Mrs. Kaye does not come.

305. You have often had opportunities to talk to Mrs. Kaye by herself, have you not?—I never thought of doing anything like that.

306. You have had opportunities to do so?—I was never told to do it.

307. You never made any complaints until you made them to Miss Howden?—I never made any complaints to Miss Howden. I only told her what was said about my sister.

308. You like working in the lupins?—No, I do not.

309. Have you not asked to go out?—I do not think I have asked to go. I have asked to go out with Miss Mills.

310. You did not complain about the scrubbing?—No.

311. You had plenty of hot water in the cold weather to scrub with?—No, only cold.

312. You never had hot water?—Not if the staff has been upstairs.

313. You never had hot water?—When I had the chance I took it.

314. Was it against the rules to take hot water?—Yes; we are not allowed to take hot water from the taps.

315. Did you ever complain to any one after the strapping?—Yes.

316. Who to?—To the girls.

317. Did you ever complain to the Matron or the attendants?—No; because they would only tell me it served me right.

318. Did you ever complain to Miss Howden?—No.

319. How long did the marks remain?—Two or three days.

320. You have had a good many strappings since you have been here?—Yes.

321. *Mr. Salter.*] You said just now that six or seven of the girls had complained that they had not enough to eat?—Yes.

322. What happened after that for a week?—We got a plateful of stuff whether we wanted it or not, and if we said we had enough we were made to pass our plates up and get them back stuffed, so that sometimes we were nearly made to be sick.

323. They gave you too much after you complained?—Yes; the Matron told the staff to fill our plates, and make us eat it.

324. Some of the girls were afterwards sick through eating too much?—They were not quite sick, but I was nearly sick through eating too much.

325. How long is it since fruit was supplied to the girls at meals?—We get fruit when it is here to be got—sometimes for dinner and sometimes for tea. We get two pears and sometimes four.

326. And you complain of the outside work because it is more men's work than women's?—Yes.

327. *The Commissioner.*] How often have you been strapped in the last two years?—I got the strap when I ran away, and for fighting.

328. And, of course, you were strapped by the Matron?—By the Matron, when I got twelve cuts; and Miss Hunt strapped me.

329. What did Miss Hunt give you?—Six, as hard as she could come down.

330. And did the Matron strap you as hard as she could come down?—I could take twelve from the Matron, and hardly six from Miss Hunt.