

124. Is it true you were running on the hills with men-of-war's men?—No.
125. Did you tell anybody it was true?—I told the Matron when I came back I was speaking to one of the men on the boats, and she told me they said I was running about the hills.
126. Was he going to marry you when he came back?—He asked me to marry him, and I said "No."
127. You did not know his surname: was he called Bill or Jim?—Jack.
128. How long were you on the hills with him?—I was not on the hills with him.
129. How long were you away with him?—I was only with him two nights. I just went out for a walk with him.
130. Where were you living then?—I was staying with my aunt.
131. Were you walking on the hills of an evening?—No; I went for a walk round the break-water.
132. And stayed down for half an hour or so?—Yes.
133. You did not want to see your mother much?—I did not go to her when I ran away.
134. Did L—— want to marry you?—Yes.
135. And you refused to marry him?—Yes.
136. When you were brought back you were treated by the Matron for a week or two?—No.
137. For how long?—She just looked at me that night.
138. And it was all right?—Yes.
139. What are your real complaints against the Home: are you satisfied they are doing the best for you to try and put you into the world a moral woman?—Yes.
140. And are they succeeding, in your opinion?—I do not know. They do not seem to talk about it as though they are.
141. What do you think yourself? You were glad to come back here?—I did not want to come back.
142. You would rather have gone on with L——?—No.
143. You took all this money from this man: What would you have earned had you been at service?—12s. 6d. or 15s.
144. Tell me shortly what are your complaints?—I do not like being here, for the things that are thrown up to us and the way the staff go on at us sometimes.
145. Give us an instance?—Miss Mills blames us for things we do not do, and if you turn round and say it is not true she just takes no notice of you and lets you go on.
146. You do not like wood-chopping?—No.
147. What would you rather do?—Sewing.
148. Have you ever asked the Matron to give you sewing, and relieve you of the outside work?—No.
149. Why not?—Because we have to do as we are told.
150. You know the Matron very well?—Yes.
151. Is she not a kind woman?—Yes.
152. And willing to do all she can for you?—Yes.
153. She never spares herself to try and help the girls along so far as you can see?—No.
154. Why do you not go to her and say, "Matron, I wish you would give me some other job"? Does it make you tired?—Yes.
155. *Mr. Hunt.*] The Matron made a pack of barilla soap, and put it on your head?—Yes, a week after I came back.
156. The Matron was very kind to you?—She did not come before that. I told Miss Mills on Sunday that I had pains in the head, and Matron put a pack on my head.
157. And before you went to the Hospital you were sleeping in the dormitory?—The night before I went the doctor ordered me into the dormitory.
158. And Miss Dean sat up with you all night?—Yes.
159. You have only been punished for running away from the situations found for you?—Yes.
160. Each time a situation was found for you you ran away?—Yes, for the nasty things said about me.
161. You have never tried to run away from the Home?—No.
162. You have never been punished while here?—Yes.
163. What have you been punished for here?—I have had the strap before.
164. How long ago?—I cannot be exact.
165. Before you went to service?—Yes.
166. You have not made any complaint to the visiting ladies at all?—No.
167. You have had plenty of opportunities to talk to these ladies?—No.
168. You have seen Mr. Smail: did you ever tell him you did not like outside work? Have you seen Mrs. Kaye?—Yes.
169. Have you ever complained in any way to her?—No.
170. *Mr. Russell.*] Have you ever told Mr. Fountain of the names of other girls who could give evidence against the Home?—No. I told him there were girls in the Home who would complain just as I did.
171. But you did not give names?—No.