

43. Did you ever object yourself, or hear any other girl in your presence object?—Yes.
44. And that was the Matron's reply?—Yes.
45. *Mr. Salter.*] Have you ever been in the cell?—Yes; but more than two years ago.
46. Are the girls ever allowed to get access to the daily papers? Do they ever know what is going on in the world except what is told them?—No, they never see a paper hardly.
47. *The Commissioner.*] What do you mean by "hardly"?—They see papers on the walls, and things like that. They are never given them to read, and if they are found reading the paper they are reported.
48. *Mr. Salter.*] Were you ever allowed to see your friends at proper times?—No. My people were coming to see me, but the Matron stopped them, and said I never behaved myself.
49. What reason did the Matron give you for not allowing them to see you?—My sister told me she was coming down to see me, and the Matron told her I had misbehaved, and would not allow her to see me if she came down.
50. Had you been misbehaving?—I did not consider I had.
51. How often do you write to your friends?—Once every three months.
52. Are you told anything about the regulations?—They say it is the regulations, but we never see them.
53. You do not know what the regulations are?—No.
54. You spoke just now about D—— D——: have you seen her punished?—Yes. I have seen her sent to bed for every play-night in the week.
55. What for?—Because she was slow over her work.
56. And does D—— have to do the same sort of work as all the other girls?—Yes.
57. Outside?—Yes; dragging trees and everything.
58. When you were away from time to time, did you write to the Matron?—I did about three times.
59. Do you know A—— C——?—Yes.
60. Did you ever hear her make any complaint to any one in the Home?—That is beyond the two years.
61. *Mr. Russell.*] You are over twenty-one?—No.
62. You are still under the surveillance of the Home?—Yes.
63. *The Commissioner.*] How old are you?—Twenty-one in June.
64. *Mr. Russell.*] Who did you see to inform Mr. Salter that you were prepared to give evidence?—I went to Mr. Fountain's office.
65. Have you seen Miss Howden at all?—I saw her on one occasion.
66. When?—About a fortnight or so ago.
67. Did she tell you you would be wanted to give evidence?—She did not speak to me of evidence.
68. Where did you see her?—I met her in the Square one day.
69. Of course, you had seen the papers with all this hubbub in?—Yes.
70. Did she talk about it with you?—No.
71. How did you come to go to Mr. Fountain?—Through A—— G——. She told me if I had any complaint to make to go to Mr. Fountain.
72. And you had complaints to make?—Yes, I had.
73. Have you been good friends with the Matron all through?—The Matron never liked me, and never treated me with justice.
74. Give me an instance?—For instance, she allowed other girls, when they came to the Home for their holidays, to go into town, but when I asked her she never allowed me.
75. Did she give any reason?—She said it was against the rules of the Department.
76. Did you conclude from that she treated you unjustly—if the Department made the rules?—If she let one girl go, why not me?
77. Perhaps the rules did not apply to her: she may have been living here?—I was living here just as she was.
78. In what other way has the Matron treated you unjustly?—When we were here she did not allow us to go to church.
79. Where is that church?—Manchester Street.
80. Did she give any reason?—No; she said the other girls did not behave themselves.
81. Who could you have gone with to church?—I could have gone with another Catholic girl.
82. And she did not care that you should go to church?—Yes.
83. Can you give us any other reason to show you had a valid complaint against the Matron?—The Matron always had cold feelings for me. She never spoke to me like she spoke to the others, and if I had a fault she always called it out. And when I came home from service she said nothing about me, and when I went to the country she told the girls everything.
84. How do you know?—They told me so.
85. Admitting that, what else is there against the Matron?—Nothing else.
86. You knew you were here to try and be reformed?—Yes; but we could not be reformed if we got our faults thrown up at us.
87. Why?—Because you are discouraged.
88. When here, did she not treat you with all the kindness that a woman could?—No, she did not.
89. Did she not try her best to help you on?—No, she did not.
90. Not in any way?—No.
91. She let you go any way?—Yes.
92. Did not care whether you got up or down?—If I had a fault she was on to me.
93. Did she get you a place when you wanted it?—Yes; but I think I should have been out before I was.