

36. Did you tell her you had had no breakfast?—Yes; I told her they had forgotten me.
37. Were you in the cell the next day?—Yes.
38. Were you forgotten then?—No.
39. *Mr. Salter.*] Were you locked in the cell or was the door open?—I was locked in all day.
40. Were you locked in the cell the second day?—Yes, both days.
41. And you were not in the detention-yard at all?—No. I have only twice been in the detention-yard when I have been in the cell.
42. You are absolutely certain you were locked up all day?—Yes.

ELLEN MARIA HUNT further examined.

1. *Mr. Russell.*] This girl J—— L—— has just said that on one occasion in November last she was taken to the cell early in the morning from the dormitory, and that no one came near her until you did late at night, and that she then told you she had had neither breakfast nor dinner: is that true?—No. She may have said, “I have had no tea.” Sometimes we do take it out at 6 instead of 5.30. Then I would fetch it.
2. So that the girl on no occasion was left the whole day without attention?—I have never heard of it.
3. She says she told you?—That is not correct.
4. What is the general character of this girl in the Home?—Thoroughly bad, and a great trouble.
5. Truthful?—No.
6. Generally, she is not a girl whose statements one could accept?—Not at all.
7. And you totally deny her statement that she told you on that evening she had had neither breakfast nor dinner?—She never told me.
8. *Mr. Salter.*] When the girl says distinctly on oath that she was locked in the cell from early morning until tea-time you are not prepared to swear she was not in the cell all that time?—I generally know.
9. That is not the point. Are you prepared to say now on your oath that J—— L—— was not in the cell that day from morning until night?—She was in.
10. Are you prepared to say the girl is swearing what is untrue if she says she was in without breakfast and dinner?—I do not believe she could be there that time.
11. Are you sure she was not there all day, forgotten?—I am quite sure of it.
12. What makes you sure, because the girls are generally visited?—Yes.
13. It is just possible the girl may have been forgotten?—I do not think so.
14. *Mr. Russell.*] You are quite sure the girl made no statement to you about having had no breakfast or dinner?—No; and I think she would have done so. She would be missed at table, and if she is missed at table her meal must be thought of.

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MARY McINTOSH examined on oath.

1. *Mr. Russell.*] What are you now?—I have independent means.
2. I think you were an attendant at the Home?—Yes, from its commencement.
3. And when did you leave permanently?—Between nineteen and twenty months ago.
4. Then, you were here for some six years?—Yes.
5. Since then did you relieve Matron last April and May?—I was five weeks relieving Matron and two weeks Miss Hunt.
6. When you were here, was the wood-chopping going on all the time?—Yes.
7. Did the girls ever appear to be fatigued and tired over it?—I do not think so.
8. Did they ever make any complaint to you to the effect that they were being knocked up by the work?—No.
9. While you were here, were any complaints made as to the food?—Not to me.
10. Generally, were the girls apparently happy and contented?—Yes.
11. Were the relations between yourself and the staff good?—Yes.
12. Did you all co-operate loyally for the benefit of the inmates?—Yes.
13. There was no pulling crossways on the part of any of you?—Not so far as I saw.
14. Were you friends with the other members of the staff and they with you?—Yes.
15. What were the relations between yourself and the Matron?—Friendly.
16. All the time you were here?—Yes.
17. And so far as you could see, were the relations between the staff and the Matron good?—Yes.
18. Was there apparently a happy concert between them all?—Yes.
19. And, generally, while you were here could you see any cause at all for the children to complain about?—Nothing.
20. Did they complain, as a matter of fact?—Not to me.
21. Did you hear of any complaints?—No.
22. In your opinion, was the Matron's manner in dealing with them correct?—Yes.
23. Is she a kindly disposed woman?—Yes.
24. And able to be severe when necessity arises?—Yes.
25. Was the health of the children good?—Yes.
26. Was there anything at all about the establishment while you were here that you thought wanted altering?—No.