

6. You do not like wood-chopping?—Yes.
7. Would you rather be outside chopping wood or inside?—Outside.
8. Do you find it tires you very much?—No.
9. Are Miss Hunt and the others of the staff good and kind to you, or nasty?—They have always been kind to me since I have been in the Home.
10. Do you regard this as a prison or as a home?—As a home.
11. When you are cutting wood, does the staff give you a rest if you want it?—Yes.
12. Have you been punished?—Yes; for impudence.
13. What was done to you?—I was put in the cell once, and sent to bed once, and got dry bread once.
14. Did you try to abscond once?—Yes.
15. Did you get out of the grounds?—Yes.
16. What arrangement had you made with any one?—I made an arrangement with A— G— to meet in Christchurch.
17. Was she living at this Home then?—No; we made the arrangement at the Samaritan Home. We were there together, before I came here.
18. Who made the arrangement to abscond, you or A—?—It was both of us.
19. Then you came here leaving her at the Samaritan Home?—Yes.
20. Was it arranged you were to meet on a certain day?—No; we just made up our minds to meet in Christchurch in a month's time.
21. You expected to find her in Christchurch, did you?—Yes.
22. Did you arrange where you were to meet in Christchurch?—No.
23. And because of that you tried to get away that day?—Yes.
24. How long were you away altogether?—I do not know. Mr. Bone caught us.
25. Who was with you?—A little girl named E— T—.
26. What punishment did you get for absconding?—Dry bread and twelve of the strap.
27. Do you consider you get enough to eat here?—Yes.
28. Do you ever feel hungry?—No.
29. Do you get enough bedding in winter?—Yes.
30. Are your own clothes quite sufficient?—Yes.
31. And apart from this episode when you absconded and got the strap, have you been happy here?—Yes.
32. Have you tried to abscond since?—No.
33. Do you want to abscond now?—No.
34. Where would you rather be, in this Home or where you came from?—I would rather be here.
35. Have you noticed whether the staff have been kind to the girls as a rule?—They have been kind, I consider.
36. If a girl behaves well here, is she treated well?—Yes.
37. If you went away from here, where would you consider your home was?—I would consider it here.
38. To whom would you go if you had any trouble?—Matron.
39. Have you any complaints to make of any kind?—No.
40. You are quite happy here?—Yes.
41. You know you are here for certain reasons?—Yes.
42. Are you satisfied the training you are getting here is making you a better girl?—Yes.
43. *Mr. Salter.*] Who was it suggested you should abscond?—A— G— first put it into my head.
44. You fell in with the idea?—Yes.
45. When you came back and got the strap, did you get strapped pretty severely?—No.
46. You were kept in the cell for how long?—A fortnight.
47. During the fortnight you were in the cell, were you visited by the staff at other times than meal-times?—Yes.
48. For the whole fortnight?—Yes.
49. Have you ever seen any girls' ears boxed?—Yes, by Matron.
50. With both hands?—No.
51. Have you seen that pretty often?—Only once.
52. Have you heard of others?—No.
53. You have been asked all these questions before?—Yes.
54. In the presence of the Matron?—Yes.
55. You would not like to say anything against the Matron in her presence?—Oh, yes; if it was not right I would say it.
56. Do you know anything about the reception-room?—Yes.
57. Have you been taken there?—Yes, when I first came here.
58. When you girls turn over in your beds at night in the dormitory, does the attendant call out to you?—Not since I have been here.
59. Have you ever heard girls complain about the food?—I have heard some, but have never taken any notice of it.
60. You are satisfied with the bread and jam and bread and dripping you get?—Yes.

M— P— examined on oath.

1. *Mr. Russell.*] What is your age?—Eighteen years in May.
2. You have been here about sixteen months?—Yes.
3. Generally, are you happy here, or the reverse?—Sometimes happy and sometimes not.