

284. Have you nothing but a coat and shirt on now?—No.
285. Do you feel cold now, or when you are outside?—No.
286. *Mr. Harley.*] What have you had for dinner the last three days?—Potatoes, meat, and bread yesterday; potatoes, beef, and sago the day before; the day before that the same as yesterday.
287. How long have you been having bread for your dinner?—We used to get it all the year round on Fridays; and two or three months on other days with the stew.
288. Since the visit of the Board?—Yes.
289. Was it after the visit of the Board that this commenced?—Yes.
290. You have sago now. Did that also commence since the visit of the Board?—Yes.
291. You have run away once or twice, have not you?—Only once.
292. What did you run away for?—I stole apples, and thought I would get punishment.
293. What sort of punishment did you expect?—On the hands.
294. How many times have you been punished during the past two years, not including the times in the cells?—Seven or eight times.
295. Were you punished always in the same way?—Yes.
296. Have you ever been whipped on the body?—No.
297. Have you seen other boys whipped on the body?—No.
298. When the boys are punished, do the other boys see?—Sometimes.
299. *Mr. Wardell.*] Where are they punished, then, when the other boys don't see?—When they are punished in school the other boys see it. When they do wrong things outside they are brought in and punished at the bottom of the staircase.
300. *Mr. Harley.*] Did you ever have any mustard and water?—Yes, twice, for being ill.
301. What is the effect?—It makes you vomit.
302. Do you know what is the matter with you before you take the mustard?—I had a headache once.
303. *Mr. Bush.*] Anything else?—No.
304. *Mr. Wardell.*] Do you know what made you ill?—No.
305. *Mr. Harley.*] How do you feel after taking the mustard?—Hot. I do not like it.
306. *Mr. Wardell.*] Who gives you mustard?—Brother Finien.
307. *Mr. Harley.*] Do the boys take this willingly?—No.
308. What happens when they won't take it?—Brother Finien says he will take a stick to them.
309. Where were you on the 24th May last (Queen's Birthday)?—In the cell.
310. Have you ever been punished by being made to kneel?—Yes, for half an hour or an hour at a time.
311. How does that affect you?—Not much; I do not mind it.
312. *Mr. Fell.*] Do you get enough to eat?—Yes.
313. *Mr. Bush.*] Always?—Yes.
314. *Mr. Fell.*] Supposing the first helping is not enough, do you get more?—Yes, by holding up your hand. Brother Kilian, who used to serve us, would bring us some more.
315. Did you ever hear any boys complain of not having enough; or have you ever complained yourself?—No.
316. *Mr. Wardell.*] Have you ever held up your hand, and then received more food?—Yes.
317. *Mr. Fell.*] What was your work?—Washing all the morning. I had to get wood for the washing.
318. Did you all go up the hill together to get wood?—Yes, all except the little boys.
319. Which do you like best, getting wood or washing?—Getting the wood.
320. *Mr. Wardell.*] Did you ever have any other work to do?—Before washing I had to do the dormitory. I have been in the washhouse about a month.
321. *Mr. Fell.*] Before you went to the washhouse what had you to do?—Heaping up stones in the fields, and pulling wood down.
322. Which do you like best, the washhouse or the lessons?—The washhouse.
323. Pulling down wood is the best fun of all?—Yes.
324. I suppose you know that boys have been put in the cell for running away?—Yes.
325. Were your clothes warm enough for you?—Yes.
326. Did you ever grumble that you had not enough clothes?—No.
327. Did you ever see a boy getting food out of the pig-tub, or hear of it?—No.
328. Was your shirt ragged when you left the school?—No.
329. Do you remember whether this was your shirt?—Yes.
330. How did you get that big hole in it?—Getting over a fence.
331. *Mr. Wardell.*] After you ran away from the school?—Yes.
332. *Mr. Fell.*] How often do you have a clean shirt?—Once a week.
333. I suppose you can read and write?—Yes.
334. Did you have any lessons while you were in the cell?—Yes; geography and sums.
335. *Mr. Wardell.*] What standard are you in?—The Sixth.
336. *Mr. Fell.*] Who set you those lessons?—Brother Augustine, the schoolmaster.
337. Did he go in afterwards to hear you say them?—No; I learnt them myself.*
338. Where did you do the sums?—Sitting on the floor.
339. *Mr. Wardell.*] There was no table or shelf in the room?—No.
340. *Mr. Fell.*] Were you never taken out to do your lessons?—No; I had to do them in there.
341. You went to mass twice on the Sunday?—I went on the Queen's Birthday and on Sunday.
342. Did you write that letter [letter produced]?—Yes.