

140. That work has never made you ill?—It has made my head ache two or three times.
141. Are you subject to headaches?—Yes.
142. You get headaches easily?—Yes.
143. Do you complain that that work is too hard for you?—I am always very tired after coming over from the lupins.
144. What work do you suggest you should do if that is taken off you?—I would sooner do washing than that any day.
145. You prefer wood-cutting to washing, do you not?—I prefer sawing rather than chopping.
146. And rather than washing?—No, not rather than washing.
147. Did you ever tell the Matron that you would like to be relieved of the lupin work and put to washing?—No.
148. Why did you not tell her that: she has always been willing to meet you in any way she can, and make your life as pleasant as possible?—Yes.
149. Then, if you had asked her to relieve you of work at the lupins, you have no reason to think she would not have done so?—No.
150. Is the light in the cell quite good enough to read?—Yes.
151. Did you have a book when you were there?—No.
152. Did you ask for one?—No, you are not allowed a book in there.
153. Who put you in the cell the first time?—Miss Mills.
154. Why did you not know the catechism?—I tried to learn it, but I was not used to learning it.
155. Did she not tell you beforehand that if you did not learn the catechism you would be put into the cell?—No.
156. She never mentioned it to you?—No.
157. How long ago is that?—Just after I came here.
158. So that matter is three years old?—Yes.
159. You were put in the cell for a short time on the Sunday morning?—Not more than a quarter of an hour.
160. Do you know it is the rule that if a girl does not know the catechism she has to go into the cell?—I did not know it was the rule then. I knew we had to learn the catechism.
161. Did you try to learn it?—Yes.
162. Not very much?—I did try.
163. But you had not been used to the catechism?—No.
164. On the second time you were impudent to Miss Mills: what was the impudence?—It was over a fowl. She told me to chase a fowl, and I could not catch it, and she told me I was a fool, and I said I was not a fool.
165. What else did you say?—I cannot remember.
166. Did you say she was a fool?—No.
167. You say you could not get any water at all when you were at the lupins: did you ever ask the Matron about it?—No.
168. Was there water in the irrigation paddock?—Yes.
169. Was it not a fact that the girls did not take water over with them?—They used to take water with them, and then they were not allowed to.
170. Is it not a fact that if they did not take water with them they were not allowed to go back?—Yes.
171. On that particular morning, why did not the girls take water?—I asked Miss Mills if I could take water, and she would not allow me.
172. Was it your duty to take water on that morning?—No.
173. Have you never been allowed to take water to the lupins?—I have, but I have not taken water for a good while.
174. Have the other girls?—No.
175. Do you mean to suggest that the girls who go over to the lupins are not allowed to take water to drink?—They used to take water with them, but they are not now allowed to.
176. How long is it since you have been allowed to take water?—About a month.
177. How long ago is it since you got into the cells because of this water business?—Before the Matron came back from her holidays.
178. The Matron tells me you have only had this lupin place since last October?—Yes.
179. How many times have you been allowed to take water there?—It is about a month since we have been allowed to take water there.
180. Then, I understand that during last month—that is, February—you were not allowed to take water to the lupin paddock?—We were not over there in February.
181. What do you mean by saying you were not allowed to take water there during last month if you were not there in February? How long was it before February?—In the school holidays.
182. Do you mean to say you were over there from pleasure?—We had to work every day nearly in the holidays. We did not have to go to school in the day.
183. That would be the Christmas holidays?—Yes.
184. What was said when you were not allowed to take water?—I asked Miss Mills before we started if I could take some water over to the lupins for the girls.
185. What other girls were present when you asked that?—All the morning-school girls—about fifteen girls.
186. What did Miss Mills say?—She said the afternoon-school girls could do without water, and she did not see why we could not go without it.
187. Was there any other occasion on which you asked to be allowed to take water and were refused?—Yes.