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only profitable but interesting to note the growth of the plants, and the effects of cold, heat, water and sun upon this growth. The plants must be kept growing when once started until they reach the proper size and strength for transplanting. The time for this outdoor planting is Spring ~~and~~ the seed must be sown and the plants saved for several weeks before they are ready to be put out-of-doors. I planned to spend eight hours, six days, each week transplanting and nourishing the plants until they reached the necessary stage of sturdiness to be put out-of-doors. I was engaged in this work from the first of April until the first part of July and during this time, failed to work but very few days. During July and ^{part of} August I worked on the farm engaged in various duties, such as weeding and hoeing.

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country in this time of need. I also feel that the work has benefited me in regard to my health for farm work of any kind is not easy and to stand it one must keep physically fit at all times. At the end of my term of service, I was in good health and felt that I had learned many things ^{that} would always help me. Some of these things were directly connected with the work I had been doing in school, for instance accurate readings of thermometers which I had been studying in physics class. I am very glad that I took advantage of this opportunity not only

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Charlotte Avery's Farm Cadet Essay (Transcript)

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come when the plan for releasing High students to work on the farm was put into operations. I asked to be released to undertake this work because I know that my father needed some one to do the transplanting in the greenhouse on his farm. The plants were ready but for lack of help and time were not being cared for at the proper time. The help available were greatly needed for the Spring farm work which must be done immediately and so someone must be found to help in the greenhouse at once. I understood what needed to be done and so took the opportunity afforded to serve the best of my ability. I found at the end of my term of service that I had been able to accomplish what was required of me, thus it was that I eagerly seized the opportunity to render a similar service in nineteen eighteen.

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