

English Women Planting Trees. (See accompanying article.)

English Women Felling Trees.



of woman from her home was one which was attended with many and varied difficulties. In the first instance comparatively few of the women were able to do for them, selves properly. Further, although they had their food prepared for them they were not able to purchase food in a thrifty manner, and therefore had to suffer many discomforts. Probably as a result of this the women were difficult to control, and were somewhat unreliable as regards time-keeping.

## Training Required.

A certain allowance must of course be made, due to the fact that the work and the conditions of labour were entirely new to the women, most of whom were unacquainted with outdoor work and rural conditions generally.

The experience gained during the years 1915 and 1916 forced one to the conclusion that this class of untrained labour was not the most efficient for the purpose in view. An attempt was therefore made to partially train the women to at least a knowledge of outdoor conditions. In this connection the West of Scotland College of Agriculture organised at Kilmarnock in 1917 a scheme for this purpose. The women went into residence at the College farm for a few weeks, and were thereafter drafted to forestry work on different