

did not want Mrs. Grant to hear anything. Mrs. Grant recounted the experience of a visit to Miss Dolan of a protestant minister of Rutland, where Miss Dolan took the gentleman into the cellar to make sure nobody heard their conversation. Ironically the place chosen by Miss Dolan was apparently directly under Mrs. Grant's room, at least the sound carried so that she heard every word that was said. To save herself from eavesdropping, Mrs. Grant left her room and joined the girls in the front of the house.

Mrs. Grant stated that Miss Dolan put her to work in the kitchen, to cook, and cook she did for the entire time of her stay at the Colony. She never saw any of the books or accounts, did not have any idea what accounts Miss Dolan kept. Miss Dolan complained to her about a great many of her troubles with everybody, mostly with Brandon, but Mrs. Grant had no personal knowledge of any of the financial affairs of the Colony or of the girls. Miss Dolan very definitely did not want anyone else to know any of these affairs.

Mrs. Grant stated that she has seen Miss Dolan slap the girls, but did not attach any significance to this. In her opinion Miss Dolan had to have some authority along the lines these girls could understand, that some of the girls were quite rough characters; that Miss Dolan all in all did a beautiful job with the girls. The line-up in the morning when the girls had to turn in all their money was confirmed, and explained by Mrs. Grant as necessary because the girls lost their money easily, could easily be duped out of it. Whether any accounting of this money was ever given to the girls she did not know.

The one obsession Miss Dolan suffered was that someone would try to fire her; that if that happened she would fight to the last ditch; that it was a good thing Dr. Kelly had a broad back, that he needed it the way Miss Dolan treated him; that fundamentally it was not Dr. Kelly she was fighting anymore than she was fighting Mr. Russell now - whoever was in charge of the Brandon school

would have been the butt of her enmity. Miss Dolan stated many times that the Colony House was hers; that she knew what the State paid for it, that the girls had paid for it many times; that it was she, Miss Dolan, who had made the Colony and it was her home. Miss Dolan considered everybody a spy, a sneak. She would come into the kitchen and rant and rave about the "Weeks School spy". Mrs. Grant said she kept silent, did not react, because she did not want to be involved in an "Irish brawl".

Mrs. Grant told of the fine work Miss Dolan's brother George did at the Colony, his devotion to Miss Dolan, to the girls; how he worked with the girls, counseled with them, taught them in the three Rs; how much the girls liked him. She stated that even the girls told her that the Colony was all right up to his death, that after that the Colony was not what it had been.

Mrs. Grant tendered her resignation. In reply Montpelier sent her a letter offering her an assistant matron's job at the Colony. The letter came to the Colony but Miss Dolan kept it for two weeks before giving it to her. She took Mrs. Grant to the back of the house, out of earshot of the girls, and told her that she, Miss Dolan, knew what was in that letter, that she did not want an assistant. Miss Dolan asked Mrs. Grant to burn the letter right then and there, but Mrs. Grant refused - in fact she still has that letter to this day.

Mrs. Grant stated that she felt Miss Dolan had been in that job too long, that the association with the girls had in some way had its effect on her, that she had lost her usefulness. Mrs. Grant stated that she felt this to be so at the time of leaving the Colony, that the present situation had been long in coming but she felt it was inevitable. ~~xxxxxx~~

Mrs. Grant, since leaving the Colony, has worked at the Weeks School for short periods of time. A year and a half ago her mother suffered a stroke and needs her full attention now.

Mrs. Grant also stated that no one was allowed to give the girls any orders. Frequently in the evening Miss Dolan would be out, and she (Mrs. Grant) or Mary Sharkey would sit with the girls. It made no difference how tired the girls were, how late in the evening it got - the girls were not allowed to go to their rooms. They had to wait until Miss Dolan returned.

Mrs. Grant told of an occasion when the Rev. Bowen H. Shattuck came to the Colony. One of the girls came to ask Mrs. Grant to see Mr. Shattuck, because Miss Dolan was not at home. Mrs. Grant was surprised, because Miss Dolan had not been feeling well and had not gotten dressed at all that day. However, Miss Dolan was in the habit of slipping off with her brother at short notice, and so she went to speak to Mr. Shattuck, who explained that one of the girls who had recently gone to the Colony had been in his congregation and he wanted to find out how she was. Mrs. Grant stated that Miss Dolan was out and sat chatting with the minister, when Miss Dolan suddenly appeared from upstairs, still in her robe. Mrs. Grant stated that this was the only time she "had it out" with Miss Dolan, as she did not relish being made a liar because of Miss Dolan's whims.

REPORT on visit to Mrs. Daisy Grant, Taylor Ave., Bristol, Vermont,
on January 31, 1956:

Mrs. Grant admitted Mr. Russell and myself into ^{her} comfortable ~~xxxxxx~~ home, ~~of no great luxury~~. Mr. Russell explained the purpose of his visit, ~~and~~ ~~xxxx~~ that he had noted from our records that she had worked at the Rutland Colony for over a year, that he was wondering if she could help us with our problem in any way. Mrs. Grant stated that she had expected this approach, but that she did not think she could help us any.

It appeared from the conversation- which lasted about an hour - that Mrs. Grant had worked at the Weeks School for many years, that when the particular part of the school she worked in was discontinued, so did her job. The Department of Institutions offered her a job at the Colony, as an assistant to Miss Dolan, to help Miss Dolan in any way Miss Dolan desired help; that Mrs. Grant and Miss Anderson, now in Mr. Dale's office, went to Rutland to see Miss Dolan; that Miss Dolan let them cool their heels for two hours before she would see them. Mrs. Grant stated that she accepted the job much against her better judgment. She stated that she was always a very healthy person, subject to low blood pressure, that now again her blood pressure was at 100. Yet, when she left the Colony ~~xxxx~~ ^{after} ~~somewhat~~ ^{Jimmy} over a year, her blood pressure stood at 230. She was ordered to bed by her physician and stayed there for one whole month. She states that this was not because of the amount of work, nor because of the girls, but because of Miss Dolan's disposition.

On rare occasions, Miss Dolan would come downstairs in the morning in a sunny mood, and when that happened one could not have dreamed up a nicer person. Most of the time, however, nothing could please Miss Dolan, she would rave and rant all day long. Her obsession of persecution pervaded everything, she did not trust anybody. She did not want the girls to hear anything she said, she