

judge for the future what would be most suitable and best to choose for the purpose of forest cultivation under circumstances similar to those at Aas. This, however, entails, what it is difficult to avoid, that some pieces of the cultivated woodland do not succeed so well as others, and that some small bare spots have to be replanted; this inconvenience will, however, be removed by more experience.

Further, it must be noticed that the present forest cultivations, on account of their serving in the first place as experiments for the pupils of the school, can consequently never be expected to be executed with the same exactness and prospect of a successful result as if workmen of experience could be employed; the pupils having only when they have finished their instructions in forest cultivation in each course, acquired the experience necessary, and such knowledge of matters as that would be required from an ordinary trained planter. The practising foresters in Germany are wont, in a well-known phrase, to talk with a certain disrespect of "academical plantings": plantings executed by the students at the agricultural academies; and the same thing might consequently with some right be used about the plantings executed by the pupils here. This point should therefore be well considered when criticising the cultivations; and it must not be forgotten that these cultivations are, and must be considered as, works of inexperienced pupils; on which account the ordinary plantings here will also always have a comparatively greater extent than would be the case under other circumstances.

After these remarks, which were considered necessary to draw attention to the forest cultivations executed subsequent to the same becoming an obligatory subject of instruction, the report proceeds:—

'In the year 1872 about 3 maal on the hill between Frydenhaug and the lodging-house for the workmen, near to the sowing of 1871, were sowed with fir seed, mixed with a little larch seed. The seed came up all right, and it looks well. On the space between the high road