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CHAPTER XXII.

REMEDIAL MEASURES.

In Norway it was reported in 1882 that there were 147,000 farms, 131,000 of which were farmed by their owners, and to the recklessness with which these treat their forests was attributed much of the impoverishment manifested by these.

In view of the waste which has been going on, and of the extent to which lands comparatively unproduced might be utilised profitably by planting them with trees, it was deemed expedient that more attention should be given to this in the education, instruction, and training of students at the National School of Agriculture and Rural Economy at Aas, than had been, and was being, done. And advantage was taken of a re-organisation of this school in 1871 to secure the accomplishment of this. And something is being done to secure at the same time the extension, as well as the conservation and improved exploitation of the forest.

The following is a translation of a report on forest cultivation at Aas, by Mr H. Fougner, which has been sent to me:—'Forest cultivation was commenced at Aas in the year 1868, when, as a first attempt, trees were planted on two small pieces of woodland close to the forest on the Söraas Hill. On one of these about $\frac{1}{2}$ maal (1 maal = 02,363 acres) were planted different kinds of foreign fir trees—as *Pinus austriaca*, *Pinus strobus*, *Pinus cembra*, *Pinus montana*, *Abies alba*, *Abies pectinata*, and *Larix Europæa*; on the other piece about $\frac{3}{4}$ maal were planted mostly deciduous trees, more especially elm, maple, and ash, mixed with small groups of *Pinus austriaca*, and *Pinus strobus*. Both these plantations, after having been