

themselves look upon attendance at the Fortbildungsschule as part of their duty as young citizens, and those who choose to do so can reap great advantages from their work there. The intercourse between masters and pupils has become one of friendship and confidence.

And besides the educational advantages of the Fortbildungsschule there is another, and a very important one. The moral education of boys of that age is of great importance. They learn there a feeling of decorum and respect both for others and for themselves. Opportunity is given them for making use of their leisure hours in a more profitable manner than lounging about.

I attended several classes of the Fortbildungsschulen in various places, and saw the work done by the pupils. It was that which bore upon the work of their professions, and was well done. Each pupil has a character-book, signed by the master, and countersigned by the employer and parent or guardian, which shows the number of attendances, absences, his progress and conduct.

It has often been said that the establishment of compulsory education has nowhere brought about a diminution of crime. In the