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The object of the cruise was to provide sea experience for students at the Field Studies course in Zoology at Aberdeen University.

On the first day 11 students and one lecturer joined "Scotia" and on the second day 12 students. These were in addition to Mr. Holliday who represented the university throughout.

Most unfortunately bad weather prevented "Scotia" from leaving the dock on the first day, and the work was confined to a series of six demonstrations of gear. This was a poor substitute for going to sea, but went far beyond merely looking over the ship. In fact, about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  hours instruction was given in the "lecturettes".

The second day was excellent and most of the planned programme was completed, though the sea-bed sampling was limited by mechanical failure of the grabs. It is concluded that the total work planned for the day was about right.

I am most indebted to Messrs. Murison and Payne who carried out much of the demonstration, and to the ship's officers who demonstrated navigational equipment and trawling methods.

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