

Attendance.

For the winter session 1911-12, 114 students are enrolled at the day class in forestry. The enrolment at the corresponding class in the preceding five years was: 1906-7, 2; 1907-8, 3; 1908-9, 3; 1909-10, 8; 1910-11, 8.

Evening Classes.

Evening classes in forestry are held for the benefit of students who are unable to attend the day classes. The complete course consists now (since 1910) of sixty-four lectures and eight written examinations, and covers two years' attendance (thirty-two lectures and four written examinations in each year, delivered twice a week during the months of October to December and January to March). The subject-matter is similar to that of the day course. The attendance at the classes in the last five years was:—1906—Part I, 6; Part II, 8; Part III, 3. 1907-8—Part I, 12; Part II, 3; Part III, 3. 1908-9—Part I, 6; Part II, 6; Part III, 7. 1909-10—Part I, 12; Part II, 12; Part III, 8. 1910-11—Part I (sylviculture), 14; Part II (management), 7.

Summer Course.

Up to 1908 a special four-weeks course was provided for foresters, but this was discontinued when the present arrangements for the forester's certificate were introduced. During July, 1912, however, a four-weeks course will be held, consisting of forty lectures in forestry and four whole-day excursions, together with special courses of lectures in (1) forest botany and plant physiology, and (2) elementary chemistry and physics by the College Professors of Botany and Chemistry.

III. ABERDEEN.

Forestry has been taught at the Aberdeen and North of Scotland College of Agriculture* since the beginning of the session 1908-9. Attendance at the classes in this subject qualifies for the University degree of B.Sc. in Agriculture. Forestry is not a subject qualifying also for the College diploma in agriculture, but students who gain the agricultural diploma and also pass in forestry can have the fact recorded on their diploma. The classes are attended by numbers of students other than those proceeding to a degree or diploma.

Ordinary Course.

The forestry course qualifying for the degree consists of fifty lectures only, given daily during the first half of the winter session. It deals with the principles of sylviculture, forest management, protection, and utilization, and forest mensuration. The lectures are supplemented by excursions in the neighbourhood.

A further course of fifty hours (lectures, laboratory-work, and practical demonstrations) is held during the second half of the winter session. This class is continuous with and supplementary to that held during the first half of the session. The course is not continued in the summer session.

Summer Course for Foresters.

A four-weeks course of instruction for foresters is conducted in the summer from the middle of August. It includes lectures, demonstrations, and excursions. This course was attended by fifteen foresters in 1910.

Evening Lectures.

Popular evening lectures in forestry are delivered under the auspices of the College of Agriculture throughout November and December in Aberdeen, at Marischal College. The average attendance at these lectures in 1910 was 140.

Courses of lectures are also given at suitable centres throughout the College area. These lectures deal with branches of forest work, and are intended for working foresters. Courses have been given at Evanton, Alness, Kildary, Kiltarlity, Dyke, Fettercairn, &c., and single lectures have been given at numerous other centres. At the courses of lectures the average attendance at some centres has been about twenty, and at others it has been as high as sixty.

Staff.

The University lecturer in forestry, Mr. W. Dawson, is the only teacher of this subject. Special teaching in forest botany, forest entomology, forest chemistry, &c., is not provided apart from his lectures. The ordinary University classes in botany, zoology, geology, agricultural chemistry, and land-surveying are attended by students who are making a special study of forestry.

Accommodation, Equipment, &c.

The forestry classes are held in the botanical department of the University. The accommodation provided is hardly adequate, as there is a large amount of materials and specimens forming the teaching equipment. There is at present no forest-garden, but proposals for the acquisition by the College of Agriculture of an area of 270 acres of Woodland are now under consideration.

Attendance.

Twenty-four students are enrolled for the first half of the winter session 1911-12 (ordinary course of fifty lectures).

* The College of Agriculture, though constitutionally separate from the agricultural department of the University, is more intimately related to it than is the case at Edinburgh and Glasgow. All the College lecturers are University lecturers, and from most points of view the two institutions are identical.