

Domestic Science

No phase of university work is coming to the front more quickly than that of Home Economics. Four hundred and five girls are now registered in the Agricultural school and college.

The Agricultural School is a state High School. Four years work must be completed before graduation. Two special courses of study are now offered: one for those who expect to enter the university and the other for those who wish to teach Domestic Science in the rural schools.

Every year new and broader courses of instruction are offered. This year's class in Household Administration found it possible to do their work in houseplanning in the agricultural engineering department where carefully trained and experienced teacher could give them special instruction. The girls are looking forward to having a practice cottage, on the campus, where they may solve in detail the innumerable problems that confront the busy housekeepers of today.

Next September a course in Art and Design will be required of freshmen in conjunction with their work in textiles. So great has been the increase in the number of students in the textile laboratories that it has been necessary this year to employ a new teacher in this department. The girls are doing very efficient work in advanced dressmaking and at the same time are making a thorough study of the cost of clothing and applications of practical tests which may be

used by the purchaser in comparing wearing qualities of various textile fabrics.

The courses in foods prove as popular as ever. Nebraska students are fast beginning to realize that a study of foods does not mean simply the preparation of attractive dishes but that it includes an understanding of the various food substances, their composition and place in the diet.

Up to this time Nebraska has not had the facilities to permit students to actually specialize in any one phase of Home Economics, although very thorough courses have been offered in many branches of it. Means are being provided, however, which will make this quite possible. The University is also making every effort possible to carry a part of this work to people out in the state. During this last year thirteen short courses, or weeks schools, in Agriculture and Domestic Science have been held over the state and in every town the work was most gratefully received by the ladies and girls.

Requests are constantly coming in from many places for trained workers in Home Economics and as yet the department has not been able to supply the demand which the field offers. All of the seniors who went out last year are meeting with splendid success and the most that can be hoped for is that in the future more girls will avail themselves of the opportunities which are offered to those who complete this course.

Our Alumni

A number of prominent women are to be found among our alumni and former students. Several popular present day writers were at one time connected with Nebraska.

Willa Siberth Cather, '95, heads the list. Her latest novel is "O Pioneers!" This story deals with western life, particularly the type which was to be found here in the early 80's.

Dorothy Canfield Fisher has recently written a book on "Mme. Montessori Methods," which is considered by critics to be one of the best books ever written by anyone on the subject.

Miss Louise Pound has written several books, and is, at the present time, a contributor to an eastern magazine.

Helen Steter Holingsworth is a short story writer and a number of her articles have been published in McClure's.

Mrs. Julia Nagl James is with a stock company in New York City. Last season she played the second leading part in the "Bird of Paradise" company.

Keen Interest in Swimming.

Girls at Nebraska have a keen interest in swimming. With much effort Miss Gittings succeeded in getting the use of the Y. M. C. A. pool for a few hours weekly. As a result about fifty ardent mermaids spent many happy mornings doing the high dive or the Australian crawl. Occa-

Ada Atkinson, '70, is the State Rural School inspector.

Many of the college girls who are interested in social service work in the university, take up missionary work in the foreign field. Among them are: Mary Billings, Foochow, China; Mrs. Emma Boose-Tucker, '96, Telechow, China; Miss E. W. Ellis, '02, Lichenchow, China; Grace Coppeck, '05, Y. W. C. A. secretary at Shanghai, China; Mrs. Carrie Shultz-Hiltner, '10, Shanghai, China; Olive Griffith, '05, Bilospoor, India; Mrs. Louise Burrows-Oxling, '00, Tokio, Japan; Miss Anna Tibbets, '04, San Juan, Porto Rico; Mrs. Agatha Totten-Anderson, '06, Constantinople, Turkey; Stella Louthridge has a girls' school in Turkey, which has college standing.

Miss Laura Pfeiffer and Miss Daisy Needham of the history department are former graduates.

Mrs. F. M. Hall of this city, who is a prominent suffragette, was at one time a student here.

sionally ambitious swimmers venturing out beyond their depth were filled with fear of the deep, deep sea and shrieked loudly for help. Here was opportunity for would-be winners of hero medals. The courage and dispatch exhibited by the life savers in dragging in the drowning maids by the hair is worthy of honorable mention.

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