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First Convocation in Home Economics Hall

By BARBARA DEWELL

The first "all Home Economics convocation" was held in the auditorium of the new Home Economics Hall on Thursday, September 30. Such a showing as the Home Economics division made that day goes to show the interest of the students in their chosen course and the pride they feel in their beautiful new building.

The auditorium made you thrill as you walked in the door and looked across at the lovely long windows. Each class had its own section and the freshmen in their red prep caps made quite a stir as they practically filled the balcony.

Every year Iowa State has increased her number and this year the Home Economics division did a big part in helping to swell the ranks. There are four hundred and seven freshmen enrolled in the Home Economics course, making an increase of one hundred students over the number last year. No small amount of this increase may be attributed to our Home Economics Hall. The sophomore class this year is increased by ten, and the junior and senior classes have not lost many members. Most of these girls are out teaching for a year before completing their course.

We Home Economics students may well be proud of our number and our hall, but we have a faculty back of us that makes us what we are. Not the least impressive sight of the morning was the platform of the auditorium filled with the staff, seventy-one, including the fellows.

The program for the morning was as follows:

Miss Frances Sims, Acting Dean of Home Economics, welcomed the new students and greeted the old and then read a letter of greeting from Miss Anna Richardson, former Dean of Home Economics here.

Miss Maria Roberts, Dean of the Junior College, told something of the Frances Sheldon loan fund. This is a fund established to help students through school. The Home Economics division was especially honored by Mrs. Julia W. Stanton, Dean of Women, told of a very interesting book written by Mrs. Ewing, who had charge of Home Economics when Mrs. Stanton was in school. This book gives an idea of how Home Economics was taught at that time.

Miss Angeline McKinley, secretary of the Y. W. C. A., told the girls of the Y. W. and some of the things which it does on our campus. So often at school a girl may be educated intellectually but may neglect her spiritual education. Education without character is nothing, while education with character may mean so much.

The Department Heads were introduced, and they in turn introduced their people, who stood.

On the platform were the representatives of the different student organizations. The Home Economics Club was represented by Miss Mable Blom, who told of the purposes of the club and of the loan funds which it supports. The Home Economics Club sponsors the H. Ec. Vodvil, which is an annual affair. In previous years the cast has been picked from the whole Home Economics division, but beginning this year it will be chosen only from the members of the club. The club dues are fifty cents a year.

Our own magazine, The Iowa Homemaker, which is published by the Home Economics students, was represented by Miss Thirza Hull, editor. The Iowa Homemaker is the oldest magazine of its kind published.

Outlook From a Window in MacKay Auditorium.

The presence of Mr. Parley Sheldon, husband of Frances Sheldon, in whose honor the Frances Sheldon loan fund is given. Mr. Sheldon is the oldest citizen of Ames, and was at one time mayor of Ames. He has done a great deal for our school in the state legislature. He has been as interested in the planning for, and the building of Home Economics Hall as any person on the campus.

Omicron Nu and Phi Upsilon Omicron, honorary Home Economics Fraternities, were represented by Helen Sweeney and Virginia Buck. Phi Upsilon Omicron selects for its members girls from the junior class who have good character, good scholarship, who have participated in college activities and who have shown a professional in-
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