HULL HOUSE SUMMER

Not the least unique and successful of Miss Jane Addams' many schemes for the benefit of working women is the Hull House summer school at Rockford, Ill. This school has grown since the beginning of the enterprise, and the present session opened last Monday, a few days earlier than heretofore.

A reporter for The inter Ocean visited Rockford last week to get at first hand a history of the place and its work. On alighting from the carriage in front of the main hall of the college the reporter was at first somewhat shyly flattered at what seemed an extraordinarily cordial reception.

A half dozen smiling young women stood at the doorway to welcome, while a spinster figure, looking for all the world like an animated Kate Greenaway, hurried toward him with thinking hands, said cordially: "I am Miss Starr," and it quite broke the reporter's heart to tell the sweet, amiable disappointment which went around when they found out that this was not another new pupil who had arrived. Nearly every one from Chicago now brings a stenographer, a footman, a chaperon, a teacher who intends spending her vacation at the Hull House summer school. And this shows the way in which they are resolved. "I think we may look for some new girls this morning," says Miss Starr to Miss Boynton or some of the other teachers. "Oh, you, I'm glad you reminded me of it," answers Miss Boynton, who has charge of the domestic arrangements. "I'm sure we have one of everything in just right for time, I guess, but I'm not sure. Now, There are a few flowers which will make things more homelike. And do you, Miss Starr, and that sweetness of mine go to the hall and that there are photos on them, you know." Miss Starr does so and every day with flowers registered with the exactness of statistics, the two women go to the hall and there in the midsummer heat were likely to move a season of many continuances.

Rooms of the School.

Unless they happened to have friends in the near country a trip from town was usually impossible, and so the rooms of Hull House Addams resort devoted after a few years of work among the rather scraggly paid working girls in the city that their summer vacations often failed of real good, physically or mentally. Accordingly the school of every day with flowers registered with the exactness of statistics, the two women go to the Hull House