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Self-Government at Wright Hal Has Stood Test and Proves Effective.

March, 1922, the women of right Hall deemed it a wise time he ability of self-government. The women of many eastern colleges had

worked out minutely, a plan of self fovernment. Accoraingly, with the advice of Miss Phyllis Byrnes, the
committee appointed for drawing up committee appointed for drawing up
a constitution, applied to Mount Hola constitution, applied to Mount Holyoke, Wellesley, Smith and other
men's colleges. Using these consti-
tutions as a workable basis the committee carefully drew up one applying it to the needs of the campus. At
this time the Faculty and the Student Council formally recognized the ganization.
The organization of the Wright
Hall Senate is simple, but very ef fective. Each literary society elects one member from each class-members
who will be qualified to represent their class-women in a most honorable manner. Nominations for the
President come from the student body. The Senate members then elect the officers of the organization. Miss Avis Lane, who had proven her worth in a high scholarship record and in ious executive positons was unanimously elected the first President
Elizabeth Munger was elected Vicepresident, with Agnes Youngs as Secretary, which position is now filled
by Esther Boyce, and Margaret Poole by Esther
as Treasurer.
The purpose of the Wright Hal Senate is to co-operate with the Dean of Women in promoting the highest
standards of honor and integrity in all matters of personal conduct, to the women of the Hall. Last spring the womente members were successfully piloted through very troublesome waters in the rigid enforcement of
the traditional rules for Alma College Women. At times it seemed to
the President and her staff that the task at hand was unsurmountable, but the determination and co-operation of each member gradually solved
the problem. In the fall of 1922, the Senate recognized in Dean Montgomery an efficient and worthy
counsellor who has made the task counsellor who has made the task justly criticised by classmates and faculty for inefficency in thoroughly carryng out the purpose of the Sen ate. However, as a new organiza-
tion, blazing the trail for the future tion, blazing the trail for the future
members, it feels that it has left it a path recognizable for the honest endeavor to strengthen the integrity,
honor and self-reliance of a body of honor and self-reliance of a body of
college women who must teach others these principles when they leave
Alma Mater. The members of this trail-blazer for self-government, feel trail-blazer for self-go school of ex-
amply repaid for the
perience through which it has passed this season.
purpose of the Senate It is the purpose of the Senate to
establish the tradition of a banquet establish the tradition of a banquet by an initiation service. In this manner he new members will get the
cope and purpose of the association and will come to realize the respon-
sibility and dignity of their place upon the Wright Hall Senate.-M. M. P. '24.

STATE ORATORIAL CONTEST winners in the State Oratorical Contest held at Hillsdale on Friday. contest, and Albion first place in the although not placing as high for their efforts, and better luck hop ed for them next year. Miss Tremen's contest, and Phil Lewis took men's contest, and Phil Lewis


Top row, left to right-Allen Beam, Elliott Crooks, Ervin Merriam, Birger Beausaung, director; Stanley West, Howard West, Hugh Tarrant, Burrows Rathsberg, and Richard Woodhouse. rrest Freeman, and Kenneth Frye. orrest Freeman, and Rot in picture-Russell Catherman and Harry Surrell.
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ALMA COLLEGE PARTY Notice has been received from Mr.
H. Lindley, secretary of the DeH. Lindley, secretary of the De-
oit Alumni Association relative to an informal Get Together Party of
Alma College students, past and pres-
 cities have all received copies of the announcement which reads as fol-
lows: "You and all the members of your literary society who muring the spring vacation are
cordially invited to attend an Informcordially invited to attend an Informlege Students at the Atkinson Com-
munity House, Corner McGraw and munity House, Corner McGraw and
Junction Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, anction Avenue, Detroit, Michigan,
on March 27,1923 , at 8:00 P. M. We intend to have as good a time,
aybe better if that be possible, as maybe better if that be possible, as
you have at Wright Hall parties. you have at Wright Hall parties.
Dancing, games and light refreshDancing, games and light refresh
ments at nominal or no expense. Anyone unfamiliar with Detroit should meet in the corridor of Gener-
Motors Building, Cass Avenue and the Boulevard, not later than 7:45

Y" Organization
to Give First Party
With the Memorial gymnasium rapidly nearing final completion, plans are under way for the formal
pening which is scheduled to take place on Saturday night. However, and further announcements will be made during the week as soon as
matters are finally settled.
The Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. will have the honor of holding the first social event in the new gym-
gasium and of giving the formal pening. Elaborate plans are being made to make the occasion an en
joyable and noteworthy one. It wil oyable and noteworthy one. It wh it
be an all-college party, at which it is hoped not only the students will
attend, but also the faculty and all the friends of the college.
The program is rounding int form, and promises to be well worth while. There will be a grand march
some speeches, numerous games in which everyone can participate, an as a final culmination of good things there will be a delicious lunch serv-
ed. There is to be no dancing, real old-fashioned main feature, thus having something that will be of interest to all,
and not an entertainment that will
appeal to only a select few. There will be no admission price, as the event is to be staged under the what expenses th
care of by them.
of course there need be nothing said of attending, for everyone will out of it, if you fail to make an apgymnasium represents a long cherrial reality. This has been material reality. This has been made
possible through all the friends of
the college, so the formal opening
will undoubtedly attract a large numthe college, so the formal opening
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 SPEENDD REDONG
"Mary Jane's Pa" is Enacted with Skill and Power by Versatile Reader.

On Friday evening of March 2, 1923 he Lyceum course offered a reading y Miss Willis a reader of exceptional talent and range: Of a list of several

plays Miss Willis chose to read "Mary ane's Pa," a story of life in a small ane's Pa," a story of life in a small
own in Indiana,-Gosport. The scene of the first act w
Mrs. Perkins. Lucile, the older daughter of Mrs. Perkins is the only person in the
poom, but soon Ivy Wilcox, the girl room, but soon Ivy Wilcox, the gir1
from next door and the little butterfly of the village comes in to borrow some perfumery. During her stay people make their entrance and exit. There is the little Skinner boy who comes to ask her if she will go with
him to a coming entertainment, Miss him to a coming entertainment, Miss
Faxon, the town milliner who has come to change her add, Mr. Watkins
be bus driver who comes to bring the bus driver who comes to bring
some bits of gossip for the paper which Mrs. Perkins is running, the
Gosport "Clarion," and Mr. Skinner. Mr. Skinner is running for the elec Mr. Skinner is running for the elec-
tion to the legislature of the state
and is trying to dissuade Mrs. Perkins from using her influence in the Clarion" to fight his election. He is
man of low moral and low public man of low moral and low public
pirit against whom Rome Preston spirit against whom Rome Preston,
a man of excellent training and excel-
lent moral status is running. Mrs. Perkins is using all of her influence in the "Clarion" to help elect Rome Preston. Mr. Skinner has called to
try to prevent the publishing next ry to prevent the publishing nex ng of a poor widow on the outskirt of the town, a Mrs. Miller. He is tol that the story will be published. He
goes away with the threat that it vill mean the breaking of that it ins and the "Clarion"
Mrs. Perkins has brought her chil raty bere of of eleven known as Girl and lucth of fourteen, to have a sort ideal in their father. She has
ever told them that he deserted ever told them that he deserte year old and that he has never been
heard from since. The little glimpses of their family life, the petulance of
the girls, the wonderful wisdom and derful in its portrayal and its reality. The girls are sent to bed and Mrs.
Perkins sets about to clear the table and make ready for the morrow.
Rome Preston stops in to expostulate Rome Preston stops in to expostulate
with her about the printing of the
Miller story telling her that it will Miller story telling her that it will and fortune. She replies that
r. Perkins appears on the thresh old. At first Mrs. Perkins is terrifi-
ed, then angry and finally in a quanFinally she makes him an of om and board and tw (Continued no page four)

ALPHA THETA
The regular meeting of the Alpha order on February 26, by the presi order on Ferruary 26, by the presi-
dent, Fromilda Young. Roll call was dent, Fromilda Young. Roll call was
answered by a current event. The program, in charge of the Sopho-
mores consisted of a vocal solo, "Love mores consisted of a vocal solo, "Love
Sends a Little Gift of Roses," by Sends a Little Gift of Roses," by
Beatrice Cottle, two readings by Virginia Tremaine, "My Cannibal Lee" nd "Her Antiseptic Courtship, an
mpersonation of "Mr. Gallagher and Mrpersonation of "Mr. Gallagher and
Mr. Sheen" by Marjorie Dunton and Hildegarde Finch. Elizabeth Wil-
liams gave a piano solo, "Le Papilliams gave a piano solo, "Le Papil-
lon" by Lavalle. The meeting was then adjourned and refreshments were served. The impromptu for the after the confisted of washing dishes

KAPPA IOTA
The regular meeting of the Kappa
Tota Literary society was called to order Monday evening. The singing the Kappa Iota song took the place of the regular roll call, a deviation hich was welcomed by all the meming, Mary Gerow read "The Heart of the Rose," by Mabel McKee in

Olivet and Alma
in Dual Debate

The Alma Debating teams will en
gage in dual debate with Olivet. This
time the Alma negative team remains home, and entertain the Olivet af mative team. The Alma Affirmaencounter Olivet on their home floor. The strength of the Olivet team
are not known, but they will have to be up and going if they are to obtain
the decisions over Alma. Although the decisions over Alma. Although
Alma fell before both Hope and Kal mazoo, they put up a wonderfu fight, and are determined that Olivet
is to encounter a double knock-out.
It is always poor policy to offer It is always poor policy to offer everyone knows who witnessed the Alma-Kazoo debate that our team
was greatly handicapped through th was greatly handicapped cho was however gamely insistent on taking his part in the debate. With the team decision is expected at Olivet.
The Alma negative team funs. trong opposition at Hope, and put kets and Vroeg, easily an all M. I
p a spirited battle. The Hope Anchor in the account of tho debato A. A. star, went down the floor and
commended the Alma men for their last few minutes
of the fray, practically clinching the $3+5$ fine
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 ook outfit in the second half. Saturday night Alma made it an even g over Hisdale Only the highest of credit is due to battle that it staged in its comeback to defeat the Alma clan, which two weeks previously had handed the elery City five the only trimming
hat any Michigan tossers have bee able to give the Youngs-coached uintet this season. The game was he fastest that has been seen on Kalamazoo court in recent years, and all season every champion indeed, as . has been pointed against M. I. A. . hain in the effort to pull the Orange nd Black down and out of the place hat it has held so long. To the Alma team must be given
kinds of credit. Not only is it all kinds of credit. Not only is hat has defeated the Kalamazoo tosers, but it forced the Kalamazoo court game that it has shown this eason to win last Friday evening. Right at this point it can be said that Alma displayed probably a better floor game than Kalamazoo, had pos-
ession of the ball more than Kalamaession of the ball more than Kalamazoo and had more shots at the basket Kalamazoo outfit had its eyes on the basket to a greater extent than Alma, and rung 'em in with greater regularity and that told the story. Congratuteam. the start of the fray Kirker nailed a point on a foul committed by Mundwiler. Feed the ball by Hickket, and a minute making the count 5 to 0 . Hickerson was fouled and Grant caged the point. A personal by Carty gave Grant another chance and he made it. Four more personals called on Mc zoo in the dropped in a field basket and Alma led 7 to 6. Mundwiler caged one and Grant followed with another. Hinga then caged one. Kirker snared a fou
and Grant added one, the half ending 14 to 8 for Kalamazoo
Alma came back fighting hard in down the Kalamazoo lead to a poin margin, and the Alma fans saw vis ions of the Alma team passing the Kazoos with the rally and forging inthe lead. At this stage, however

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The Kalamazoo College basketball
team cinched the Michigan Intercolleam cinched the Michigan intercoltenth straight year Friday night
when Coach Young's crack aggregawhen Coach Young's crack aggrega-
tion won a hot battle from the Alma tion won a hot battle from the Alma
collegians on the armory floor in Kalamazoo by a score of 32 to 24 . The Alma team waged a determined aggressive battle from the very start
and it was not until the last tw minutes of play that Kalamazoo wa assured of a victory so closely did the Alma outfit cling to the fast Ka -


The "PRACTICAL" Alchemist and "THEORETICAL" Robert Boyle -

## E alchemists wrote

 vaguely of "fluids" and "principles." Copper was potentially silver. Rid it of its red color and the "principle" of silver would assert itself, so that silver would remain. With a certain amount of philosopher's stone (itself a mysterious "principle") a base metal could be converted into a quantity of gold a million times as great.This all sounded so "practical" that Kings listened credulously, but the only tangible result was that they were enriched with much bogus gold.
Scientific theorists like Robert Boyle (1627-1691) proved more "practical" by testing matter, discovering its composition and then drawing scientific conclusions that could thereafter be usefully and honestly applied. Alchemists conjectured anddied; ho experimented and lived.
Using the air pump Boyle undertook a "theoretical" but sci-
entific experimcintal stud $;$ of the atmosphere and discovered tha it had a "spring" in it, or in othe thad a spring in it, or in othes
words that it could expand. He words that it could expand. Ho
also established the connection also established the ccnnection
between the boiling point of water and atmospheric pressure, a very "theoretical" discovery in his day but one which every steam engineer now applies.
He was the first to use the term "analysis" in the modern chem ical sense, the first to define an element as a body which cannot be subdivided and from which compounds can be reconstituted.
Boyle's work has not ended. Today in the Research Labora tories of the General Electric Company it is being continued. Much light has there been shed on the chemical reactions that occur in a vessel in which a nearly perfect vacuum has been produced. One practical result of this work is the vacuum tube which plays an essential part in radio work and roentgenology.

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 dollars a month to remain and do the house work. To her surprise he accepts and remains. She assigns him a room and the act ends. The second act is in the printing
rooms of the Clarion, Gene Merrirooms of the Clarion. Gene Merri-
field is busy setting up the type for field is busy setting up the type for
the Miller story. Kome Preston comes in, sends him out for a half hour and fixes the machinery so that it will not run. Mrs. Perkins returns, finds the damaged machinery and is almost frantic to know that the pa-
per cannot come out. Mr. Perkins per cannot come out. Mr. Perkins
enters, helps her to set up the type on the small hand machine. Mr. Skinner and one of his cronies enter and threaten to stop the printing of the paper. Mr. Perkins orders them out in a not too gentle manner and the pap
story.
The
The third act is on the back steps of the Perkins home. Mr. Perkins, called Nabal according to his own
who directions, is talking with Mary Jane. He gives her a check which he says she is to give mother and is to pay
for the expense of the divorce proceedings which he wants her to have In a very beautiful way he talks to the child and one comes to understand how he has suffered since his foolish going away, how he considers him-
self unworthy of his self unworthy of his wonderful wife and splendid children
Mrs. Perkins is trying to decide
whether to have a divorce and marry whether to have a ivorce and marry
Rome Preston or to take Hiram Perkins back again and start life over again. She has not told anyone nor has he that they are man and wife
and the scandal which has been pass and the scandal which has been pass-
ed about the town of the "man hired ed about the town of the "man hired
girl" in the kitchen of Mrs. Perkins is an outrage to any decent family, While she is deciding Gene Merrifeld comes running from the office to tell her that old man Skinner and Miss Faxon have collected a mob,
broken broken into the office and smashe
up everything. While he breaks the up everything. While he breaks the
news, the mob heads that way and Mr. Skinner and Miss Faxon announce themselves as a committee to clean up the morals of the town. They spy Mr. Perkins who come forth to protest against any mal treatment of his employer and the In the excitement Mrs. Perkins tells them that the "man hired girl" is her own husband and the father of Mary Jane and Lucile. Chargrined the mob retreats. Mrs. Perkins takes Hiram Perkins back with open arms, Mary Jane is promised day and the play ends with a
next next day and a tear.
Miss Willis is a reader of exceptional merit. Her characters stand out as single individual persons and one is made to feel the lovely personality of Mrs. Perkins and the gruff
unbeautiful character of Mr. Skinner almost in the same breath. Too fine words of commendation could scarcely be said of Miss Willis' interpretation and presentation and we can only hope that we may again have the opportunity of hearing her in the
very near future.
On the reference shelf in the li brary is a new popular dictionary of labor affairs and labor terminology,
What's What in the Labor Movement What's What in the Labor Movement,
compiled by Waldo R. Browne. It is compiled by Waldo R. Browne. It is
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