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The Convention, in the rooms of the New York Academy of Medicine, No. 17 West 45th street, was called to order at 10.35 A. M., by Bro. Herbert L. Bridgman (Γ, '66), of the Executive Council, who appointed Bro. Willard Parker (A, '66), Temporary President, and Bro. Benjamin Wistar Morris, Jr. (A, '94), Temporary Recorder. Brother Parker, on behalf of the Lambda Chapter, delivered an address of welcome.

Bro. Francis S. Bangs (A, '78), moved that Bro. Parker, the Temporary President, Bro. Bridgman, the delegate of the Executive Council, and Bro. Morris, the Temporary Secretary, constitute a Committee on Credentials; carried.

After a recess of fifteen minutes the Committee on Credentials reported the following duly accredited

**DELEGATES.**

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.**—Herbert L. Bridgman (Γ, '66).

1ST GRADUATE DELEGATE.—Rev. Dr. I. L. Townsend, (A, '47), and H. C. Whiting, (Θ, '67), alternate.

2ND GRADUATE DELEGATE.—A. P. Jacobs (Φ, '73), and F. H. Dillingham (Κ, '77), alternate.

**THETA.**—P. C. Meserve, '92; G. G. Miller, '94; O. C. Richards, '95.

**DELTA.**—Benjamin H. Bayliss, '65; J. F. Russell, '75; C. S. Benedict, '80; A. S. Lyman, '84; A. H. Brown, '92; C. A. Bill, '92; C. W. Millard, '93.


**SIGMA.**—W. C. Langdon, Jr., '92; G. R. Hazard, '94.

**GAMMA.**—R. S. Smith, '92; W. C. Breed, '93.

**ZETA.**—James H. Van Horn, '93.


**KAPPA.**—E. B. Burpee, '87; R. W. Mann, '92.

**PSI.**—John J. Bradley, '93.

Upsilon.—J. J. Clark, ’92; A. E. Hedstrom, ’92; Saxe H. Hanford, ’95.

Iota.—W. N. Kennedy, ’92.

Phi.—E. L. Sanderson, ’92; H. P. Dodge, ’92.


Chi.—H. O. Register, ’92.

Beta Beta.—T. H. Yardley, ’92; T. W. Goodridge, ’92; E. K. Hubbard, Jr., ’92.

Eta.—Alfred E. Jessup, ’92.

Tau.—J. F. Sinclair, ’93; J. W. Coulston, Jr., ’90.

Mu.—U. S. Grant, ’88; F. L. Douglas, ’90; Colfax Grant, ’90; Grant P. Rossman, ’92.

The report was accepted. On motion of Bro. Bangs, the Temporary President was authorized to appoint a Committee on Permanent Organization, and a Committee on Rules. The Committees were thereupon appointed, as follows:

**ON PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.**—Bros. E. L. Sanderson (Φ, ’92); A. H. Brown (Δ, ’92); U. S. Grant (Μ, ’88).

**ON RULES.**—Bros. Herbert L. Bridgman (Ι, ’66); A. P. Jacobs (Φ, ’73); Francis S. Bangs (Δ, ’78).

After a recess, the Committee on Rules reported the following rules, which were unanimously adopted:

I. The delegate of the Executive Council, or, in the absence of such a delegate, one of the delegates of the Chapter with which the Convention is held, shall call the Convention to order and shall appoint a Temporary President and a Temporary Recorder.

II. The Temporary President shall appoint two Committees of three members each, as follows:
   1. A Committee on Credentials.
   2. A Committee on Permanent Organization.

III. The permanent officers shall be a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Recorder, and two Assistant Recorders.

IV. The Recorder and his Assistants shall record the proceedings of the Convention, and within twenty-four hours after the final adjournment shall
transmit to the Executive Council the record and all papers relating to the business of the Convention.

V.

When the permanent officers shall have been chosen, the Annual Communication of the Executive Council shall be read. The President shall then appoint standing committees of five members each, as follows:

1. The Committee to nominate an Executive Council.
2. The Committee on the Annual Communication, which shall consider and report upon the matters embraced in the Annual Communication.
3. The Committee on Unfinished Business, which shall consider and report upon all measures considered, but not finally determined, by the previous Convention, excepting such matters as shall have been referred to the Committee on the Annual Communication.
4. The Committee on New Business, which shall consider and report upon all new petitions or new business of any kind presented to the Convention.

VI.

Resolutions presented shall be termed General or Special. All resolutions of a legislative character shall be termed General Resolutions; all others shall be termed Special Resolutions.

VII.

All general resolutions shall be read the first time upon presentation, and unless originating in a Committee, shall be referred to a Committee. When reported from a Committee, resolutions shall be read, and upon the question of their adoption the yea and nay vote of the Chapters and Graduate Groups shall be taken and recorded.

VIII.

After the Convention shall have been organized, the following shall be the order of business:

1. Reading of the minutes of the previous session of the same Convention.
2. Special orders.
4. Reports of Committees.
5. Consideration of Committee reports.

IX.

Roberts's Rules of Order shall be the general authority for procedure.

X.

These rules may be amended by a majority vote of the Chapters and Graduate Groups represented at any session, and shall remain in force until superseded. Any rule may be suspended by the unanimous consent of the delegates present.

The Committee on Permanent Organization presented the following list of

OFFICERS:

President,

HERBERT L. BRIDGMAN (f, '66).
Vice-Presidents,

Benjamin H. Bayliss (A, '65).
F. R. Lord (A, '92).

Recorder,


Assistant Recorders,

C. W. Leffingwell (A, '92).
A. V. Stout (A, '93).

The Annual Communication of the Executive Council (see appendix A) was read by Bro. Francis S. Bangs, Secretary, and referred to the Committee on the Annual Communication, to be appointed.

Bro. W. C. Kerr (X, '79), by unanimous consent, addressed the Convention regarding a Memorial for the enlargement of the Executive Council, and the establishment of a Psi Upsilon Headquarters for the United States in New York City. (See appendix B.)

The President then announced the following Standing Committees:

To Nominate an Executive Council — Bros. P. C. Meserve (Θ, '92); E. L. Sanderson (Φ, '92); C. L. Peaslee (II, '93); J. F. Sinclair (I, '93); J. J. Clark (I, '92).


On New Business.— Bros. E. H. Mason (B, '92); R. S. Smith (I, '92); R. W. Mann (K, '92); U. S. Grant (M, '88); J. J. Bradley (Ψ, '93).

On Unfinished Business.— T. H. Yardley (BB, '92); E. H. Scott (Ξ, '92); A. E. Jessup (H, '92); A. P. Jacobs (Φ, '73); H. O. Register (X, '92).

Bro. F. S. Bangs (A, '78) offered the following resolutions:

General Resolution. — Resolved, That the Executive Council be, and hereby is authorized to appoint a committee of ten, which, in association with the Council, shall examine into the expediency of establishing a Chapter in the new University of Chicago, with power, subject to the approval of the Council, to form a tentative, provisional organization, with a view to applying for admission to the Fraternity under a transfer of the Omega charter.

General Resolution. — Resolved, That the Executive be and hereby is, authorized to appoint a committee of ten, which, in association with the Council, shall examine into the expediency of establishing a Chapter in Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, with power, subject to the approval of the Council, to form a tentative, provisional organization with a view to applying for admission to the Fraternity.

Both resolutions were referred to the Committee on New Business.
An application from the A. Z. $ Society of Dickinson College for a Charter of Psi Upsilon was presented and referred to the Committee on Unfinished Business.

Bro. A. P. Jacobs (P, '73), offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The Omega Chapter's active functions have been suspended since June, 1886, owing to the cessation of instruction at the University of Chicago; which institution is to be reopened next October, under circumstances which insure permanent prosperity, both to the University and to the Chapter;

Resolved, That a committee composed of the following graduates: viz. Prof. A. F. Nightingale, (Ξ, '65), Hon. H. H. C. Miller, (Φ, '68), Hon. Chas. H. Aldrich, (Φ, '75), George C. Howland, (Γ, '85), and Theodore M. Hammond, (Ω, '85), be and hereby is appointed to investigate the movement now on foot for the reorganization of the Omega Chapter in the University of Chicago: and

Resolved, That the Executive Council on receiving from said committee a certificate approving said movement and recommending candidates for initiation, proceed as soon as may be practicable, after the reopening of the University to initiate such candidates, or to authorize their initiation by said committee, and that the Charter of the Omega Chapter be delivered to members so initiated.

Referred to the Committee on New Business.

The following communication from Bro. Herbert L. Bridgman, of the Executive Council, was laid before the Convention and referred to the Committee to nominate an Executive Council:

Brooklyn, N. Y., April 6, 1892.

To the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity:

The completion of the fifteenth consecutive year of service on the Executive Council of the Fraternity appears to offer an appropriate occasion to withdraw my name for consideration for re-election. Doubtless it is unnecessary to assure the Convention that my interest in the Fraternity and labors for its welfare will continue undiminished; but I ask that the conclusion above intimated may be regarded as final.

Fraternally,

H. L. Bridgman.

Upon motion a recess was taken until 2.30 P. M.

Thursday, April 7, 1892.

Afternoon Session.

The Convention having been called to order it was on motion resolved that a Committee of five, of which at least two shall be graduates, be appointed by the President, to which shall be referred the Memorial presented to the Convention by Brother W. C. Kerr (X, '79). The President thereupon appointed Bros. T. H. Atkinson (Ξ, '92), H. V. Register (X, '92), W. C. Breed (Γ, '93), Robert L. Belknap (Δ, '69) and Benjamin H. Bayliss (Δ, '65).
The Committee on the Communication of the Executive Council offered General Resolutions Nos. 1, 2 and 3 (see page 11), and Special Resolutions Nos. 1, 2 and 3, (see page 13) which were adopted unanimously, excepting No. 3, which was adopted by the following vote:

Aye—Theta, Delta, Beta, Gamma, Lambda, Xi, Upsilon, Phi, Mu, 2nd Graduate: Total, 10.
No—Sigma, Iota, Pi, Beta Beta, Tau: Total, 5.

The Committee to Nominate an Executive Council nominated as the Executive Council for the ensuing year, Bros. Benjamin H. Bayliss (A, '65), Francis S. Bangs (A, '78), William M. Kingsley (A, '83), Frank L. Hall (B, '72) and William D. Holmes (X, '81); upon motion the report was recommitted.

Bro. Henry C. Johnson (X, '73), responded briefly in acknowledgment of the vote of thanks for his labors on the Executive Council and upon the Fraternity Catalogue; after which the Convention adjourned until Friday at 10 A.M.

FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 1892.

MORNING SESSION.

The Convention was called to order at 11.15 A.M., and the minutes of the previous session read and, as amended, approved.

Bro. Francis S. Bangs offered a resolution for the repeal of General Resolution No. 8, of the Convention of 1891; referred to the Committee on New Business.

Bro. J. J. Clark (Ψ, '93), offered a resolution providing for a committee to submit to the next Convention a uniform Ritual and System of Heraldry for the Fraternity; referred to the same committee.

The Committee on the Annual Communication of the Executive Council offered General Resolutions Nos. 4, 6, 7 and 8, (see page 11) and Special Resolution No. 4, (see page 13), which were unanimously adopted.

The same Committee reported General Resolution No. 5, as follows:

Resolved, That each Chapter be annually visited, and its property and work thoroughly examined by some member of the Executive Council. After discussion the resolution was laid upon the table, by unanimous vote.

The same Committee also reported General Resolution No. 9, as follows:

Resolved, That the Executive Council be and hereby is authorized and instructed to investigate the expediency and possibility of extending the Fraternity to existing or projected Universities in which it is not actively
represented, and to report upon the same to the next Convention. The resolution was lost by the following vote:

Aye—Delta, Sigma, Zeta: Total, 10.
No—Theta, Beta, Gamma, Lambda, Kappa, Psi, Xi, Upsilon, Iota, Phi, Pi, Beta, Beta, Eta, Tau, Mu, 1st Graduate, 2nd Graduate: Total, 17.

The same Committee also reported General Resolution No. 10, as follows:

Resolved, That the Executive Council be, and hereby is, authorized, in conjunction with a committee of two alumni of Psi Upsilon, residing in Boston, and to be appointed by said Council, to investigate the application of the Phi Beta Epsilon Fraternity of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and that they be, and hereby are, directed to report at the next annual Convention on the advisability of granting a charter to said applicant.

The following amendment was offered by Brother R. L. Belknap, (A, '69) in the nature of a substitute:

Resolved, That the question of the eligibility of exclusively technical schools for admission to the Fraternity be made a special order for the next Convention.


Aye—Beta, Gamma, Lambda, Kappa, Xi, Upsilon, Iota, Pi, Chi, Beta Beta, Eta, Tau, 1st Graduate: Total, 13.
No—Delta, Sigma, Zeta, Psi, Phi, Mu, 2nd Graduate: Total, 7.
As amended, the resolution was unanimously adopted.

The same Committee also reported General Resolution No. 11, which was unanimously adopted.

The Committee on Unfinished Business offered General Resolution No. 12, as follows:

Resolved, That the petition of the Alpha Zeta Phi Society, of Dickinson College, for a Chapter be and hereby is not granted.

After discussion by Bros. Geo. E. Reid, D.D. (Ξ, '69), E. H. Scott and T. H. Atkinson, (Ξ, '92), and T. H. Yardley, (B B, '92), the resolution was laid upon the table for one year, by the following vote:

Aye—Delta, Beta, Sigma, Gamma, Zeta, Lambda, Kappa, Psi, Xi, Upsilon, Phi, Pi, Chi, Tau, Mu, 1st Graduate, 2nd Graduate: Total, 17.
No—Theta, Iota, Beta Beta, Eta: Total, 4.

A resolution offered providing for the appointment of a committee to examine into the expediency of reviving the Fraternity Magazine, "The Diamond," was referred to the Committee on New Business. Recess until 2 P.M.
FRIDAY, April 8, 1892.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention having been called to order, the Committee on New Business reported adversely the resolution offered by Bro. Bangs relating to Johns Hopkins University, and offered General Resolution No. 13, (see page 11), which was unanimously adopted.

The same Committee also presented two reports in relation to the University of Chicago and the Omega Chapter. The majority report offered, as General Resolution No. 14, the resolution presented upon this subject by Bro. Bangs (see page 6). The minority report offered the resolution presented by Bro. Jacobs (see page 7).

On motion of Brother A. P. Jacobs the resolution contained in minority report was considered first, and after discussion by Bros. Jacobs, B. H. Bayliss, E. W. Mason, and F. S. Bangs, was lost by the following vote:

_Aye—Zeta, Iota, Mu, 2d Graduate: Total, 4._

_No—Theta, Delta, Beta, Sigma, Gamma, Lambda, Kappa, Psi, Xi, Upsilon, Phi, Pi, Chi, Beta Beta, Eta, Tau: Total, 16._

General Resolution No. 14, as reported by the majority of the Committee was then adopted by the following vote:

_Aye—Theta, Delta, Beta, Sigma, Gamma, Lambda, Kappa, Psi, Xi, Upsilon, Phi, Pi, Chi, Beta Beta, Eta, Tau: Total, 16._

_No—Zeta, Iota, Mu, 2nd Graduate: Total, 4._

The Committee on the Kerr Memorial offered the General Resolutions Nos. 15 and 16 (see page 12), which under suspension of the rules were unanimously adopted.

Brother T. M. Hammond (Ω, '85), addressed the Convention in regard to the founding of a Chapter in the University of Chicago.

The Committee to nominate an Executive Council submitted General Resolution No. 17, naming the members of the Council for the ensuing year (see page 12). The resolution was adopted, and the nominees declared elected by the following vote:

_Aye—Theta, Delta, Beta, Sigma, Gamma, Zeta, Lambda, Kappa, Psi, Xi, Upsilon, Phi, Pi, Chi, Beta Beta, Eta, Tau, Mu: Total, 18._

_No—Iota, 2nd Graduate: Total, 2._

Bros. J. H. Van Horn (Z, '93), and Judge David W. Northrop (Ξ, '68), addressed the Convention in regard to the place of the next Convention, and on motion it was resolved that the Executive Council be authorized to decide the place for holding the next Convention, and that it report to the Chapters by January 1, 1893.

The Committee on New Business offered General Resolution No. 18 (see page 12), which was adopted by a vote of 17 in the affirmative, and 1 (Beta Beta) in the negative, the Eta and 1st Graduate not voting.

The same Committee offered General Resolutions 19 and 20, and Special Resolutions Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 (see page 13), which were adopted unanimously.

On motion, the Convention adjourned sine die.

BENJAMIN WISTAR MORRIS, JR.,
Recorder.
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS.

No. 1.—Resolved, That the Chapters be, and are hereby required, on or before March 1, 1898, to submit their copies of the Constitution to the Executive Council, and if any of the said copies shall be found to be incomplete or imperfect, the Council shall cause the same to be completed and perfected at the expense of the Chapter whose copy shall have been found defective.

No. 2.—Resolved, That the Executive Council be, and is hereby authorized and directed, to reserve twenty-five copies of the Catalogue, and to distribute the remainder to the Chapters gratuitously, in proportion to the number of their members upon whom the Catalogue assessment was levied in 1888.

No. 3.—Resolved, That each Chapter be required to send a copy of its by-laws to the Executive Council at the time of forwarding its copy of the constitution in accordance with General Resolution No. 1.

No. 4.—Resolved, That the Executive Council be, and hereby authorized to procure the preparation of a Membership Roll of the Fraternity, in which shall be noted, from time to time, changes in membership and such other information as the Council shall deem proper; and that, for this purpose the Council be, and hereby authorized, to employ such an assistant as may be found necessary and advisable.

No. 6.—Resolved, That the Executive Council be, and hereby is, empowered and directed to publish annually, with the aid of the Chapters, a Fraternity Bulletin to be sent gratuitously to all graduate and active members of the Fraternity whose addresses can be ascertained.

No. 7.—Resolved, That the Executive Council be, and hereby is, authorized to levy a tax of one dollar ($1) per active member, for the general purposes of the Fraternity.

No. 8.—Resolved, That the Executive Council be, and hereby is authorized and directed, to investigate the advisability of granting charters to applicants, and to report on the same to the next Convention; provided that the time between the date of application and the date of the next Convention be sufficient to admit of such investigation.

No. 10.—Resolved, That the question of the eligibility of exclusively technical schools for admission to the Fraternity be made a special order for the next Convention.

No. 11.—Resolved, That out of the proceeds of the sale of the second thousand copies of the Song Book, the Executive Council is hereby authorized to give Brother Professor K. P. Harrington a royalty of 40 cents per copy sold. (Roll call suspended and unanimously adopted.)

No. 13.—Resolved, That the Psi Upsilon Fraternity take no steps at present towards the establishment of a Chapter at Johns Hopkins University, for the following reasons:

I. The number of men in the undergraduate department of said university is too small to warrant the maintenance of a creditable Chapter.

II. The field is already occupied by other fraternities.

III. No desire has been expressed by the members of the Fraternity resident in Baltimore, or by any person connected with the University, for the establishment of such a Chapter.

No. 14.—Resolved, That the Executive Council be and hereby is authorized to appoint a committee of ten, which, in association with the Council, shall examine into the expediency of establishing a Chapter in
the new University of Chicago, with power, subject to the approval of
the Council, to form a tentative, provisional organization, with a view to
applying for admission to the Fraternity under a transfer of the Omega
charter.

No. 15.—Whereas, The question of the advisability of changing the
method of Executive Control of this Fraternity has been brought before
the Convention and has been referred to the Special Committee on the
Kerr Memorial, and

Whereas, The Committee deem it unadvisable for so small a Committee
to act upon a matter of such vital importance, especially on such short
notice, be it

Resolved. That the President appoint a Committee of fifteen which
shall be composed of the Executive Council and ten others resident in New
York or vicinity, who shall consider this matter and report to the next
Convention.

No. 16.—Whereas, The greatest prosperity of the Psi Upsilon Frater-
nity demands that the interest of the Alumni in the active affairs
and management of the Fraternity should be enlarged and encouraged, and

Whereas, It is of equal importance that initiates and undergraduates
should understand that the privileges and obligations of the Fraternity do
not cease on graduation, but are lifelong and of constantly increasing value
and pleasure. Therefore, be it

Resolved. That this Convention deems it of the highest importance
for the welfare and advancement of the influence of the Fraternity that
there should be established and maintained in the City of New York a
metropolitan home and headquarters worthy of the Fraternity.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed by the President of the Con-
vention, consisting of a member of the Executive Council, five graduate
and five undergraduate members with power to fill vacancies, who shall
consider and formulate a plan for securing such headquarters; and

Resolved, That when the Committee is ready to report, it shall do so
through the Executive Council to the Chapters; and

Resolved, That upon the approval of the plan by two-thirds of the
Chapters and the certification of that fact by the Executive Council to the
Committee, the latter shall have power to put the plan thus approved
into operation.

No. 17.—Resolved, That the Convention elect as members of the Execu-
tive Council for the following year:

Brother Herbert L. Bridgman (I, '66).
" Francis S. Bangs (A, '78).
" Benjamin H. Bayliss (A, '65).
" William M. Kingsley (A, '83).
" Frank L. Hall (B, '78).

No. 18.—Whereas, Many Fraternities publish Fraternity Magazines,
which are found valuable as bonds of union, and

Whereas, The Diamond, the magazine of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity,
having been discontinued for several years, the Fraternity feels the need of
such a publication;

Resolved. That a Committee of five be appointed by the Chair to report
on the expediency and manner of best reviving said magazine, and that
said Committee report to next Convention.

No. 19.—Resolved, That General Resolution No. 8, of the Convention of
1891, is hereby repealed.
No. 20.—Resolved, That a Committee consisting of three graduate members be appointed by the Executive Council, to prepare and submit for consideration to the next Annual Convention a uniform ritual and system of heraldry for the Fraternity.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS.

No. 1.—Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom and divine providence to remove from our midst two of our most distinguished and eminent brothers, William E. Robinson (B, ’41) and George B. Loring (Γ, ’38); be it

Resolved, That we, the Psi Upsilon Fraternity here assembled in general Convention, express our profound sympathy and regret in the loss of our esteemed and beloved brethren; and

Resolved, That we hereby express our gratitude for, and appreciation of, the great interest taken by them in the Fraternity, and for the credit which their lives have reflected upon Psi Upsilon.

No. 2.—Whereas, Professor Henry C. Johnson (X, ’73,) has for eight years past rendered valuable and efficient services as a member of the Executive Council, and

Whereas, With great enthusiasm and zealous devotion to his Fraternity and the duties imposed by her and generously accepted by him. Brother Johnson has during his term of office on the Council edited the most complete Fraternity Catalogue ever published—the "Tenth General Catalogue of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity;" be it

Resolved, That the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, through its delegates in Convention assembled, express their hearty thanks and grateful appreciation to Brother Johnson for his services as Councilor and Editor, and their regret at his resignation, at the same time welcoming his successor, Brother Frank L. Hall (B, ’72), to his new position.

No. 3.—Whereas, Through the untiring energy and faithful labor of Prof. Karl P. Harrington (Ξ, ’82), the Psi Upsilon Fraternity has been able to publish the recently issued Song Book:

Resolved, That the General Convention of the Fraternity hereby express its thanks for his services, and its deep appreciation of his kind interest.

No. 4.—Resolved, That the Treasurer’s statement and table of membership be, and is hereby accepted, as correct.

No. 5.—Resolved, That the Convention extend its thanks to the Psi Upsilon Club for its hospitality to the Delegates.

No. 6.—Resolved, That a vote of thanks be extended to Brother H. L. Bridgman (Γ, ’66), for the able manner in which he has fulfilled the duties of the President.

No. 7.—Resolved, That a vote of thanks be extended to the Recorders of the Convention.

No. 8.—Resolved, That the Convention tenders to the Hon. Robert Lenox Belknap (A, ’69), its sincere thanks for his address at the Public Literary Exercises on Thursday evening, April 7.

No. 9.—Resolved, That the Convention extends its sincere thanks to the Rev. Marvin R. Vincent, D.D. (A, ’53), for his oration at the Public Literary Exercises.

No. 10.—Resolved, That the Convention extends a vote of thanks to Mr. John Kendrick Bangs (A, ’83), for his poem at the Literary Exercises.

No. 11.—Resolved, That the Convention extends its thanks to the Lambda Chapter for its perfect arrangements for the reception and comfort of the Delegates.
THE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TO THE CONVENTION, 1892.

I. Membership. The active membership of the Fraternity on February 1, 1892, according to the annual reports, was 481, an increase of 37 over the membership of 1891.

William E. Robinson (B, '41) the founder, a charter member and insti-
tutor of his Chapter, and an associate founder of the Sigma and the Gamma, died January 23, 1892. George B. Loring (T, '38) president of the conven-
tion banquet in May, 1891, and a speaker at the semi-centennial banquet June, 1891, died September 14, 1891. With its record of the death of these eminent and honored members, the Council expresses its recognition of their interest in the welfare of the Fraternity, of their service in its behalf and their loyalty to its principles.

II. The Mu Chapter. The Mu Chapter, at the University of Minnesota, was initiated at Minneapolis on May 22, 1891.

III. Massachusetts Institute of Technology. An application for the estab-
ishment of a Chapter at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, Massachusetts, has again been received and is herewith submitted.

IV. The Council. Frank L. Hall (B, '72), was elected a member of the Executive Council on November 27, 1891, in place of Henry C. Johnson (X, '78) resigned. During Prof. Johnson's eight years of service on the Council he edited the Tenth General Catalogue, a work which gives lasting proof of his enthusiasm toward the Fraternity and devotion to his duties.

V. Tenth Catalogue. During the past year one catalogue has been sold. This practical cessation of demand for the work, and the further fact that lapse of time steadily lessens its value and accuracy, call for action as to the disposition of the 675 copies on hand. They will never be worth more, and certainly will never bring more than at the present moment, while it is quite conceivable that storage and insurance may be paid on them until they have no market cash value whatever. The Council sug-
gests that the convention may well consider the expediency of distributing the remaining copies gratuitously among the Chapters in proportion to their active membership in 1888, upon which the catalogue assessment was levied.

VI. New Song Book. The tenth edition of the "Songs of the Psi Upsi-
lon Fraternity" was published in December, 1891. Eleven hundred and five copies were issued, of which 485 have been sold. The cost was $3,282.24, all of which has been paid out of moneys in the treasury without special assessment or forced sales. While, as was anticipated, the sales have not yet covered the cost, a steady demand may reasonably be expected
hereafter, so that the book will in time pay for itself. The electrotype plates from which it was printed are available for future editions. For the Song Book credit is mainly due to Prof. Karl P. Harrington (\textalpha, '82) whose services, gratuitously rendered for three years, entitle him to the grateful appreciation of the Fraternity.

VII. Form of Reports. The form of the annual reports of the Chapters that has been in use for many years proves to be unsuited to the style of report now required by the Constitution. A new form will probably be prepared during the coming year.

VIII. Chapter Records and Affairs. The Council has reason to believe that many of the Chapters have not perfect copies of the Constitution. Several years ago complete type-written copies were distributed, but in several known instances the Chapters did not comply with the order to re-write the instrument in bound volumes, and not only neglected the matter, but have not even entered upon records the amendments since adopted. It is suggested that the Chapters shall on March 1, 1893, submit their copies of the Constitution to the Council, which, if found incomplete, shall be perfected under the direction of the Council at the expense of the delinquent Chapters.

A rule providing for an annual visitation to the Chapters by members of the Fraternity may be conducive to a desirable improvement in administrative methods.

IX. Membership Roll. The Council urgently calls the attention of the Convention to the desirability of establishing and actively maintaining some system of registering the entire membership of the Fraternity. At present the only roll of membership possessed by the Council consists of the catalogue of 1888, and the annual reports of the Chapters, both of which, with the lapse of time, have unavoidably become imperfect and inadequate to their intended purpose. The Fraternity should have a complete roll in such shape and so kept that at any time the name of any member may readily be found in it, with a statement of at least his Chapter, class, date of initiation, symbols, and place of residence. For the beginning of such a record the catalogue and reports afford very valuable material, but the work when once begun must be kept up with care, and its accuracy can only be preserved by active communication with all members at regular intervals, say annually or biennially. By similar methods some of the Universities and Alumni Associations have obtained complete, interesting and valuable lists of all their graduates and members. It has been found that such regular communication with alumni, when requests for information are not pushed to the point of the unnecessary detail and im- pertinence that characterizes the census enthusiast, meets with a ready response, and does much to arouse and energize graduate interest. The members of the Council, during their extended term of service, have been convinced of the need and value of such a membership roll. Heretofore,
the Catalogue and the Song Book, the work upon which has for eight years occupied the attention of the undergraduates and tested the resources of the Fraternity treasury, have deterred the Council from presenting for consideration other fields for useful Fraternity work; but the way is now open, and the very satisfactory condition of the treasury and of the Fraternity's financial methods will permit the opening of new lines of work with no unusual demand upon the active members. The regular tax of $1.00 per active member for the General Fund will suffice for the ensuing year.

X. FRATERNITY BULLETIN. In extension of the ideas above outlined, the Council suggests that the publication annually of a pamphlet containing a summary of the progress of the Fraternity and of the several Chapters, with some brief note of the changes in membership and of the work of individual members, may well be taken into consideration. If issued a short time prior to the meeting of the Conventions and sent gratuitously to all of the members whose addresses can be ascertained, such a publication would probably be cordially welcomed throughout the Fraternity and would be a potent factor in keeping the Fraternity spirit alive.

XI. FRATERNITY EXTENSION. The one question that during recent years has provoked most frequently active and thorough discussion among the Chapters separately, and among their representatives gathered in convention, has been that of Fraternity extension. In twenty years the scope of educational methods in the higher grades has been most radically advanced and enlarged. Not only have some of the older colleges been remodeled and revivified to the substantial betterment of their reputations and capabilities for usefulness, but new universities based upon the new methods have sprung into successful life. Psi Upsilon, with the true spirit of conservatism that recognizes the need of progress, but prudently looks ahead for reasonable assurance that every step in advance shall be for all time maintained, is well represented among the institutions of this country that appeal most powerfully to the minds of men. Nevertheless, in the thoughts of many of our alumni, whose interest has always been keen, and who believe in the Fraternity as an organization of college men, there has arisen the query as to whether or not we occupy all the fields in which our efforts should be exercised. Without relaxing the rigor of our tests or dispensing with the unanimity that is required for admission to our ranks, it may be wise to provide some method by which the Fraternity may, through its own agencies, inform itself as to the expediency and possibilities of further extension. The Council, according to the powers given it by the Constitution, is merely the executor of the will of the convention and the attorney of the Fraternity, with certain limited authority that it cannot, and properly should not, exceed, whatever may be the personal disposition of its members. It has no authority to deal with the matters that form the subject of this recommendation; but it submits to the con-
vention that its powers may perhaps profitably be enlarged to include the authority to investigate, report and advise upon the merits not only of actual applicants for charters, but of other existing or projected universities that seem to be worthy of the Fraternity's ambition.

N. Y., April 7, 1892.

HERBERT L. BRIDGMAN,
BENJAMIN H. BAYLISS,
FRANCIS S. BANGS,
WILLIAM M. KINGSLEY,
FRANK L. HALL.
To the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity:

The alumni of our Fraternity are no longer numbered by hundreds, but by thousands. Its chapters are increasing in number and size. Its graduate organization, its means of inter-communication among alumni and its methods of fostering an active Fraternity spirit are unequal to its present requirements.

It is the object of this memorial to bring promptly to the attention of the Convention these facts which seem to us of grave importance, and to secure through their general discussion such counsel as will lead to the wisest reforms.

To many of those best acquainted with Fraternity affairs, action seems imperative. The condition of both college life and graduate activity have, in the sixty years of the life of the Fraternity, been revolutionized. They have been greatly modified since the adoption in 1869 of our existing Constitution, and a new adjustment to the demands, the opportunities and the competitions of the present time, is urgently demanded.

The interest of the alumni in the active affairs and management of the Fraternity should be enlarged and encouraged; initiates and undergraduates should understand that the privileges and obligations of the Fraternity do not terminate on graduation, but are life-long, of constantly increasing value and pleasure. With seven thousand graduates, and a quarter of a million dollars of real estate, not to mention the priceless contents of its chapter houses, it is obvious that the Fraternity deserves to take rank as one of the permanent factors in the lives and activities of its loyal sons. Two methods of development suggest themselves to us:

(I). An increase of the Executive Council to include representation from each chapter, with a small working Executive Committee elected by the Convention from the Fraternity at large, the body being divided into classes of Annual Election.

(II). The organization and endowment of an incorporated association, which would acquire the property and functions of the Psi Upsilon Club of New York, and, on a broader basis, and with larger functions, maintain a metropolitan home and headquarters worthy the fame and the demands of the Fraternity. This latter suggestion carries with it the project of the ownership of permanent quarters, based on (a) voluntary cash subscriptions from those who are willing to make a direct contribution for this purpose; (b) a first mortgage; (c) bonds subscribed by its members and those of the Fraternity.

It is believed by those who have given the subject careful thought, that in the development of these two joint and harmonious lines of action lies much of promise to the Fraternity. The Psi Upsilon Club, as such
does not fully meet the demands of the situation; but it is believed that the permanent Fraternity home in New York, where every loyal son would be at all times welcome, would keep alive the Psi Upsilon spirit in a way that no other method could, and would infuse a vigor into all the chapters which would insure lasting growth and prosperity. We believe that the time is ripe for action; that the need for it is grave, and we regard the present occasion as most timely for wise decision.

WILLIAM H. BEADLESTON.
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# TREASURER'S STATEMENT, 1892.

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