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Forty-Seventh Annual Convention

Psi Upsilon Fraternity

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of the
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HELD WITH THE
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University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 1880.

MORNING SESSION.

The Convention was called to order at 11:15 A.M., by Brother C.W. Smiley (ξ 1874), of the Executive Council, who appointed as temporary Chairman, Bro. P. B. Loomis, Jr., (Φ 1880), and as temporary Recorder, Bro. C.C. Whitacre (Φ 1880).

After cordially extending to the assembled brethren the hospitalities of the Phi Chapter, Bro. Loomis appointed the following Committees:

Committee on Credentials.—L. H. Beers (A 1881); W. J. Pollard (θ 1882); D. E. Smith (II 1881).

Committee on Permanent Organization.—E. M. Brown (Φ 1880); J. D. Bigelow (Ψ 1880); B. S. Day (Γ 1881).

The Convention then took a short recess in order to give time for Committees to report.

The "Diamond Song" and several others were sung with great enthusiasm by the brothers.

The Chair called the Convention to order and Bro. L. H. Beers (A 1881), Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, presented the List of Brothers having Credentials. The report was adopted.

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Graduates — 1. A. P. Jacobs (Φ 1873); 2. P. H. Smith, Jr. (Ψ 1874); 3. H. S. Carhart (Ξ 1869); 4. O. A. Coleman (Ξ 1875).

*Admitted subsequently.
Bro. E. M. Brown (Φ 1880), Chairman of the Committee on Permanent Organization, presented the List of Officers. The report was accepted and adopted.

**President.**

C. W. Smiley (Ξ 1874).

**Vice-Presidents:**

- W. J. Pollard.
- L. M. Daniel.
- W. V. Stuart.
- W. L. Pierce.
- L. H. Beers.
- J. D. Bigelow.
- W. F. Gordy.
- B. F. Miles.
- W. D. Hamilton.
- P. B. Loomis, Jr.
- E. W. Clement.
- D. E. Smith.
- J. S. Lawrence.
- D. B. Willson.

**Recorder**

C. C. Whitacre (Φ 1880).

**Assistant-Recorders.**

- R. B. Oglesbee (Φ 1882)
- B. W. Shoemaker (Φ 1882).

The Chair was then taken by Bro. Smiley, who directed the Annual Communication of the Executive Council to be read.

Bro. J. S. Lawrence (Χ 1880), presented a new set of Convention Rules. Bro. P. H. Smith, Jr., (Ψ 1874) moved a suspension of the old rules; carried. Bro. D. B. Willson (BB '79), moved that a Committee of three be appointed by the Chair to consider the new rules, and to report at the afternoon session; carried. On motion of Bro. P. B. Loomis Jr., (Φ 1880,) the new rules were ordered printed. The Chair appointed the following:

**Committee on Rules.**—P. H. Smith, Jr., (Ψ 1874); J. S. Lawrence (X 1880); J. D. Bigelow (Ψ 1880). Adjourned till 3:00 p. m.

**Afternoon Session.**

The Convention was called to order at 3:15 p. m. by the Chair.

Bro. P. H. Smith, Jr. reported favorably a new set of rules. The report was accepted and adopted, a new section (No. 9) having been inserted by unanimous consent. [See Rules page 16.] Bro. E. M. Brown (Φ 1880) moved that the rules just adopted be printed for use in the next session. Carried.

The Chair then appointed the following Standing Committees:


**On Annual Communication of Executive Council.**—W. F. Gordy Ξ, L. M. Daniel Δ, F. D. Bennett Φ, J. D. Bigelow Ψ, J. C. Hopkins Ω.

ON NEW BUSINESS.—J. S. Lawrence X, W. L. Pierce Z, A. A. Howlett II, W. D. Hamilton I, P. H. Smith, Jr. Ἐ.


All business in the Annual Communication, with the exception of the matter of the Alpha Chapter, was referred to Committee on Annual Communication.

Bro. J. D. Bigelow (Ψ 1880) offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on New Business:

GENERAL RESOLUTION No. 1.—Resolved, by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, That Edwin W. Bayliss be elected an honorary member of the Psi Chapter of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity.

Bro. D. H. Hotchkiss (II 1880) offered General Resolution No. 2, which was referred to the Committee on New Business.

Bro. D. B. Willson (BB '79) presented the following petition from the Beta Beta Chapter, which was referred to the Committee on the Annual Communication:

To the Forty-Seven General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity:

Brethren,—We, the undersigned, active members of the Beta Beta Chapter, most respectfully ask leave to submit for your consideration the following:

1. When the Order of Beta Beta became a Chapter of Psi Upsilon, all of its members, both active and graduate, were made members-elect of the Fraternity.
2. The Charter of Beta Beta was applied for with the advice and approval of the Graduate Members of the Order of Beta Beta, and on the condition that they were to become Members of the Chapter, if granted.
3. A few of the graduates have already been initiated, but many live at such great distance from Hartford, and are so closely engaged in professional duties as to render a visit to Trinity at present impracticable; and, moreover, the connection between such graduates and the active members is in a measure severed.
4. It is the unanimous opinion of the active members of the Beta Beta Chapter that it is necessary for the prosperity of the Chapter and advantageous to the Fraternity at large that all of the graduates of Beta Beta be initiated into Psi Upsilon as soon as possible.

We, therefore, to further this end, fraternally petition that in the case of those graduate members of the Order of Beta Beta who shall be unable to present themselves at the Chapter Hall in Hartford at or before the approaching Commencement Reunion, the Beta Beta Chapter may, by a unanimous vote of its active members, appoint committees having power to initiate for the Chapter, and that graduates so initiated be considered members of the Beta Beta Chapter and their names be inserted in the Psi Upsilon Catalogue as such.

In the fraternal bonds of Psi Upsilon,

Bro. W. L. Pierce (Z 1880) offered on behalf of the Zeta Chapter the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on New Business:

GENERAL RESOLUTION No. 3.—"Resolved, That the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon adopt a uniform certificate of membership, and that the Executive Council be instructed to furnish them to the Chapters."

Bro. G. W. Browning (P 1877) offered the following, which was referred to Committee on New Business:

GENERAL RESOLUTION No. 4.—Resolved, &c., That the Constitution of the Fraternity be amended as follows: Strike out Article V and insert the following:

ARTICLE V. Officers of Chapters.

SECTION 1. Each Chapter shall have for its officers, an Archon, a Grammateus, a Thesauristes, three or four Angeloi and three Epistolographoi: whose general duties shall be those of a President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-Presidents and Corresponding Secretaries respectively, to whom special duties may be assigned by the laws of a Chapter. Special Officers may also be elected by a Chapter for the performance of duties peculiar to itself. These officers, except Epistolographoi, and except any others which any Chapter may designate, for election annually, shall be elected, by ballot, at the last meetings in May, November and February, and shall take their seats at the first meetings in September, December and April, and serve until others have been elected. The Epistolographoi and any other of the above officers that may be designated by any Chapter, shall be elected by ballot annually at the last meeting in May, and shall serve for the calendar year beginning September 1st.

SECTION 2. The First Epistolographos shall be a member of the Senior Class, and shall have held office in the Chapter for at least one year. He shall receive all communications addressed to the Chapter, and see that they are acknowledged within five days, properly attended to and filed at least monthly in scrap books provided by the Chapters. He shall have oversight of all the Chapter correspondence.

The Second Epistolographos shall be a member of the Junior Class, and have held office in the Chapter at least six months; shall make the Quarterly Reports to the Executive Council, and such Special Reports as may be called for. He shall assist the First Epistolographos in all matters as requested, and in his absence have charge of the correspondence.

The Third Epistolographos shall be a member of the Sophomore Class. He shall communicate with each Chapter and with the Executive Council at least once in three months of term time; shall therein describe the transactions of his Chapter which are of general interest, shall give epitomes of literary and social occasions, notices of changes in By-Laws or of the manners and customs, and such additional information as shall tend to inform the Fraternity of the progress of the Chapter. He shall assist the First Epistolographos as requested from time to time.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of the Executive Council shall, upon the receipt of the reports of officers elected annually in May, prepare and print, or
otherwise multiply copies of a list of all the officers of the various Chapters. He shall send copies thereof to all the Chapters and Graduate Associations.

SECTION 4. The failure of any Chapter to promote a Third Epistolographos at the expiration of his term to the position of Second Epistolographos shall be regarded as an evidence of dissatisfaction on the part of the Chapter with the manner in which he has discharged his duties as Third Epistolographos. The failure to promote the Second to the position of First shall be construed in a like manner. In case a vacancy occur during the year in the position of First or Second Epistolographos, the next lower officer should be promoted for the remainder of the year, even though for the rest of that year it bring his Class different from that named in the preceding section.

The Convention then adjourned to 10 o'clock Thursday morning.

THURSDAY, MAY 27, 1880.

MORNING SESSION.

The Convention came to order at 10:25 A. M. Special Resolution No. I. was offered by Bro. W. F. Gordy (Ξ '80), and passed unanimously.

Bro. Gordy also offered Gen. Res. No. XIV., which was referred to the Committee on New Business.

Bro. E. S. Sherrill (Φ 1880), Chairman of the Committee on Nominations for the Executive Council presented the following names:

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR 1880-81.

Thomas Thacher (B 1871), 31 Pine Street, New York City.
Charles Wesley Smiley (Ξ 1874), Washington, D. C.
Herbert Lawrence Bridgman (I 1866), 55 Park Place, New York City.
Ward McLean (Θ 1843), 34 Astor House, New York City.
Howard Benjamin Grose (Γ 1876), 39 Park Row, New York City.

On motion the report was accepted and approved.

Bro. W. F. Gordy (Ξ 1880) submitted the report from the Committee on the Annual Communication of the Executive Council, and recommended the passage of certain resolutions contained therein. On motion of Bro. W. V. Stuart (Γ 1880) the report was accepted.

Bro. G. W. Browning (Φ '77) announced that the alumni present were entitled to cast two additional votes, making four in all. These two votes would be cast by Bro. H. S. Carhart (Ξ 1869) and Bro. O. A. Coleman (Ξ 1875). The credentials of Bro. S. B. Carpenter (BB 1873) having been received, he was admitted as delegate to the Convention.

General Resolutions Nos. V., VI., VII., VIII., IX., XI., and XII reported favorably by the Committee on the Annual Communication were separately voted upon and passed.

General Resolution X. was verbally amended by motion of Bro. D. B. Willson (BB '79) and passed as amended.

Bro. D. B. Willson (BB '79) presented the report of the Committee on Unfinished Business. On motion the report was accepted. After a discussion in regard to the feasibility of re-establishing the Alpha Chapter, the General Resolution No. XIII. embodied in the report was unanimously passed.
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

To the Forty-Seventh Annual Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity:

Your committee beg leave to report that, in considering the question of the re-establishment of the Alpha Chapter they find themselves greatly perplexed in deciding as to the proper course of action, amid the conflicting testimony which have been laid before them, concerning the dissolution of the Chapter, the peculiar customs of Harvard, the antagonism of local bodies and the best way to proceed. All are agreed, First—That the Fraternity should act with caution, inasmuch as a third dissolution or suspension of the Chapter would prove in the highest degree discreditable and injurious. Second—That the Chapter should be re-established.

Two courses of action have been suggested:

1st. To re-establish the Chapter through the instrumentality of the old Alpha men.

2d. To commence de novo, without any reference to the past.

The Committee believe that the wisest way is to combine both plans, if it is at all feasible, i.e., commence with new men; but with men only who shall have been approved by representative men of both factions which divided the old Chapter.

As to the names proposed for election, viz.—Wheeler and Jameson—the Committee are in doubt as to whether they are suitable men.

They are highly spoken of by Rayner Sharp, a Harvard undergraduate, but disapproved by Prof. Peirce, in letters A. and B. accompanying, we therefore leave the matter of their election to the Convention, without any recommendation or disapproval.

But in order that the Fraternity be placed at no further disadvantage in the university by longer delay, since the Special Committee appointed at the last General Convention have rendered no practical service, and have made no report, therefore,

Gen. Res. XIII.—Resolved, etc., That a committee of three brethren, known to be actively interested in the resuscitation of the Alpha, be appointed, who shall have absolute power, upon faithful examination to approve and elect as members of Psi Upsilon such undergraduates, not exceeding twelve, whom they shall deem worthy, providing if, in their judgment, there is a strong prospect of establishing the Chapter within a year.

They shall certify their election to the Executive Council from time to time, who shall forthwith, under powers granted it by the Fortieth General Convention, initiate them, and when their number shall have reached twelve, the Executive Council shall formally institute the Chapter.

Committee:

David B. Willson,
Benjamin Fletcher Mills,
Ernest W. Clement,
D. E. Smith,
C. W. Naylor.
The question of the appointment of the Committee named in General Resolution XIII was made a special order of business for the next session.

Bro. J. S. Lawrence (X 1880), as Chairman of the Committee on New Business, presented the following report which was accepted:

"The Committee on New Business would respectfully report the following result on the matter laid before them.

"1. General Resolution No. I, presented by the Psi Chapter: Resolved by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity that Edwin W. Baylies be elected an honorary member of the Psi Chapter of Psi Upsilon. The Committee would call the attention of the Convention to the amendment of Article VI, Section 2, of the Constitution, which precludes his election.

"2. General Resolution No. II, presented by the Pi Chapter: The Committee recommends that the resolution be adopted.

"3. General Resolution No. III, presented by the Zeta Chapter: The Committee recommends that the resolution be adopted.

"4. General Resolution No. IV, presented by the Phi Chapter: The Committee recommends that the resolution be not adopted."

On motion the report was accepted.

General Resolutions Nos. I and IV were refused a second reading. General Resolution No. II was passed. General Resolution No. III was amended by inserting at the close, "and that the Executive Council be instructed to provide the certificates at a reasonable rate for the Chapters." The resolution as amended was passed.

Bro. A. P. Jacobs (Φ 1873), stated that the Committee on Fraternity Relations had no report to submit.

A discussion then took place as to the secrecy to be observed by the different Chapters in regard to the grip, places of meeting, and other matters connected with the Fraternity. It was the general sentiment that the Chapters should be more careful in respect to these things.

Bro. J. C. Hopkins (Ω 1881) presented Special Resolution No. II, which was adopted unanimously.

A letter was read from the Beta Chapter expressing the deepest regrets at not being able to send delegates to the Convention, and stating the views of the delegates elected on the matter of the re-establishment of the Alpha Chapter; and on the election of honorary members to Psi Upsilon.

The following telegram was received from the Upsilon Chapter:

"Upsilon and Alumni send fraternal greetings. Homeward bound delegates cordially invited to rest here."

On motion adjourned till 3 P. M.

Afternoon Session.

Convention called to order at 3 P. M. The question of the appointment of the Committee mentioned in General Resolution No. XIII, having been made a special order for this session, was first taken up. Bro. J. W. Rubel (Ω 1881), moved that this Committee (on Alpha Chapter) be appointed by the Executive Council.—Carried.
Bro. J. S. Lawrence (X 1880), of the Committee on New Business, reported favorably General Resolution XIV, which was unanimously adopted.

Bro. L. M. Daniel (J 1880), offered Special Resolutions Nos. III and IV, which were adopted.

On motion of Bro. Daniel the rules were suspended and General Resolution XV was introduced which was amended and adopted.

On motion of Bro. P. H. Smith, Jr. (W '74), the President and Recorders were tendered the thanks of the Convention.

The President after complimenting the Convention upon the excellent and speedy manner in which the business had been disposed of declared the Forty-Seventh General Convention adjourned sine die.

CHARLES C. WHITACRE, (F 1880)
Recorder.

Charles W. Smiley,
President.

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Vote by Chapters on the Final Passage of the General Resolutions.

[An affirmative vote is indicated by the figure 1; a negative by 0; not voting by a blank.]
RESOLUTIONS PASSED
BY THE FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION.

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS.

No 2.—Resolved, by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, That the Constitution of the Fraternity be amended as follows: In article VI, section 2, omit from the words "The Convention shall have power," &c., to the words "cast in their favor," being the amendments, referring to the election of graduates by the Convention, adopted in 1876.

No. 3.—Resolved, &c., That the General Convention of Psi Upsilon adopt a uniform certificate of membership, and that the executive council be instructed to provide the certificates at a reasonable rate for the Chapters.

No. 5.—Resolved, &c., That upon the unanimous vote of the Beta Beta Chapter any other chapter shall have power to initiate a graduate member or members of the order of Beta Beta, and that by similar vote special committees appointed by the Beta Beta Chapter shall also have power to initiate such graduates at any place designated by said Chapter.

No. 6.—Resolved, &c., That the Convention earnestly recommends that each Chapter provide itself with a fire-proof safe.

No. 7.—Resolved, &c., That the Executive Council be instructed to print an epitomized edition of Convention Records from 1840 to date; cost not to exceed three hundred dollars ($300); that the money deposited in Seaman's Savings Bank may be used for that purpose, and that the balance may be taken from any fund at its command.

No. 8.—Resolved, &c., That the publication of the May number of the "Diamond" be heartily approved, but that in view of the expense incurred by reprinting the Records the publication of the Diamond during the present year is not advisable.

No 9.—Resolved, &c., That the oration and essay of this Convention be printed, if in the judgment of the Council such expense is justified.

No. 10.—Resolved, &c., That no one shall be initiated into Psi Upsilon by any Chapter until after he has attended recitations at college and been regularly recognized as a student of the university or college by the proper authorities.

No. 11.—Resolved, &c., That a tax of seventy-five (75) cts. per capita be assessed upon the different Chapters to defray the general fraternity expenses.

No. 12.—Resolved, &c., That the sum of fifty dollars (50) be appropriated for the maintenance of the office of Secretary and Treasurer.

No. 13.—Resolved, &c., That a committee of three brethren, known to be actively interested in the resuscitation of the Alpha, be appointed, who shall have absolute power upon faithful examination, to approve and elect as mem-
bers of Psi Upsilon such undergraduates, not exceeding twelve, whom they shall deem worthy, providing, if in their judgment there is a strong prospect of establishing the Chapter within a year.

They shall certify their election to the Executive Council from time to time, who shall forthwith, under powers granted it by the 40th General Convention initiate them, and when their number shall have reached twelve the Executive Council shall formally institute the Chapter.

No. 14.—Resolved, &c., That in the opinion of this Convention the interest of Psi Upsilon will be best promoted if each Chapter in selecting its Convention delegates shall hereafter make sure that one of its delegates is a member of the junior or one of the under classes.

No. 15.—Resolved, &c., That the issue of one number of the Diamond toward the close of the ensuing year is desirable, and that if the funds are sufficient after attending to other matters involving expenditures of money, the Executive Council be and hereby is instructed to issue the same.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS.

No. I.—Resolved, &c., That the energy and enthusiasm displayed by the Phi in the erection of its Chapter House is in every way commendable and worthy of imitation.

No. II.—Resolved, &c., That the failure of such strong Chapters as the Sigma and Kappa to send their regularly elected delegates to the present Convention argues a lack of fraternity zeal and is earnestly regretted in view of the great efforts made by the Phi and in view of the further fact that the Phi has never failed to send a delegate to Convention.

No. III.—Resolved, &c., That a vote of thanks be tendered the Lambda Chapter for its offer of the use of its stone for the Psi Upsilon certificate.

No. IV.—Resolved, &c., That a vote of thanks be tendered the brothers of the Phi Chapter for their ample arrangements, and for the courteous and enthusiastic manner in which the delegates were received by them.
THE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
OF THE
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

To the Forty-seventh Annual Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity.

The Annual Communication of the Executive Council is respectfully submitted, according to the custom that has been observed during the eleven years since the organization of this body.

I. Membership.—Table of Active Membership (Appendix B), shows a total of 417, and the Decennial Statement (Appendix C) furnishes a pleasing view of the growth since 1870. On April 1st the total membership of the Fraternity had reached 5,177, and is now fully 5,200. (See The Diamond for May, 1880.)

II. Beta Beta.—The steps inaugurated at the Forty-sixth Convention, looking towards establishing a Chapter at Trinity College, have resulted in the inauguration of the Beta Beta Chapter, on February 4th. The vote by Chapters was in nearly every Chapter unanimous, and not over half a dozen votes were cast in all the Chapters against it. The Upsilon Chapter filed with its vote a request that the Chapter be designated by some single Greek letter, which request received consideration. But, as several Chapters requested that the name be “Beta Beta,” it became necessary to deny the request of the Upsilon. The admission of Graduate Members of “the Order of Beta Beta” to Psi Upsilon being permitted (if done in the Beta Beta Chapter), it is suggested that permission be granted by this Convention for such persons to receive the obligations at any Chapter of the Fraternity, for the space of two years, provided, that after February 4th, 1882, no members of “the Order of Beta Beta” shall be received at Hartford or elsewhere, except in the manner in which Honorary Members are now received.

III. The Alpha.—In accordance with Gen. Res. No. 15, of the last Convention, the Council at its meeting, May 9, 1879, passed the following resolution: “Resolved, that the Secretary be and hereby is instructed to send proper notices of appointment to the members of the committee named in Gen. Res. No. 15, and to express to them the readiness and desire of the Council to receive from them, at the earliest convenient time, information and advice which will enable the Council to determine whether the time for resuscitation of the Alpha is at hand,
and what measures, if any, the Council should now take with respect thereto.” Accordingly, the Secretary sent to each member of that committee, a copy of the Resolution and of the action of the Council thereupon. No report has been received from that committee.

IV. THE GAMMA.—On the night of July 4th, the Gamma lost all its property, including over thirty years of valuable records, by fire. This should be regarded as a warning to other Chapters to provide themselves with fire proof safes, and to the Fraternity to see that valuable documents are held in duplicate sufficient to insure preservation.

V. THE CONVENTION RECORDS.—Attention is called to the statement of existing copies of the records of the 39 General Conventions as published in The Diamond. Once, every Chapter had copies of each and all the records from the date of its organization to the present time. Four-fifths of these have vanished, and it is to be expected, that soon, several years will become extinct unless something is done. Nearly a complete set was burned in the Gamma’s Hall.

VI. THE DIAMOND.—The Council has recently caused a 16 page issue of The Diamond to be published, and to be distributed to active members and to such graduates as are most interested in Fraternity affairs. The Council believes it impracticable to publish a monthly and collect subscriptions therefor. The mailing list of the originator shows this: The number of copies taken by the several Chapters, there appears to have been as follows: Theta 8; Delta 11; Beta 0; Sigma 0; Gamma 3; Zeta 2; Lambda 0; Kappa 14; Psi 8; Xi 10; Upsilon 4; Iota 0; Phi 21; Omega 4; Pi 6; Chi 17; total 108. In addition, about 115 copies were sent to graduates of the different Chapters, most of which were paid for.

It is believed, however, that an occasional issue can be printed after the manner described in the May number of 1880. But as the cost of that issue was about $115.00, the funds will not permit frequent issues.

VII. CATALOGUE, SUPPLEMENT, ETC.—Gen. Res., No. 6, of the last convention in regard to supplements has been borne in mind, and the list of new men has been printed in The Diamond. It is probable that the number of men initiated since the publication of the catalogue will reach 400 by next November. These can be added to the catalogue, and a small edition of 400 or 500 copies printed from the plates whenever the Chapters desire.

VIII. SYMBOLS.—The amendment contained in the Gen. Res. No. 10 of the last Convention was submitted to the Chapters January 29th, and objection being made only by the Psi Chapter, the amendment has been declared, by the Council, to have become a part of the constitution.

IX. UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA—The question of establishing a Chapter at the University of California was submitted to the Chapters, May 30, 1879. The Beta, Sigma, Zeta, Kappa, Psi, Xi, Iota, Phi and
Omega voted Yes—9 votes. The Theta, Delta, Lambda, Upsilon, Pi and Chi voted No—6 votes. The Gamma did not vote. A single negative being enough to refuse the charter, the application was dismissed.

X. ORATION AND POEM.—A request from 65 members of the fraternity that the public exercises of the Yale Convention be printed was referred to the Council May 9th, 1880. As the Convention had not ordered it, and as the Council was then involved several hundred dollars on catalogue account, it did not deem it advisable to undertake it. In this emergency, Bro. Grose undertook it through his printing facilities, and brought out a neat pamphlet.

XI. FINANCIAL.—There being $203.44 of convention funds on hand after all obligations had been met, the Council directed it to be deposited in the Seaman’s Savings Bank of New York City, where it is now on interest. Not a cent is due the fraternity from any Chapter and there are no outstanding bills. The amount annually appropriated to the Secretary having been increased at the last Convention as a partial payment of the private expenses incurred by the Secretary while editing the catalogue, it is now proper that there be a return to the former amount. The convention should levy such taxes and appropriate such amounts as it may find necessary to execute whatever plans may be adopted for the advancement of the fraternity.

XII. INITIATING SUB-FRESHMEN.—In the last annual communication, the Council called attention to this unconstitutional practice. The Convention, by adopting the report of the committee, of which Bro. S. A. Eddy was chairman, demanded its discontinuance. The Council now calls attention to the fact that the Psi Chapter initiated Mr. W. M. Wilcoxen of ’83, June 24th, 1879, and William Fitzhugh of ’83, June 25th, 1879.

XIII. Song Books.—But eight copies remain on hand. More will be needed soon.

XIV. The Graduates.—The marked advancement of the fraternity during the past few years has been caused to a considerable extent by the renewed interest of the graduates. The importance of increasing that interest cannot be over-estimated. Several Chapters have issued circular letters this year with good effect. Notably the strong chapters have done this, and the weaker neglect it. As great a variety of printed matter as possible should be distributed to graduates; and, without doubt, the money will come back manyfold in assistance to build houses and furnish halls.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS THACHER,
President.

C. W. SMILEY,
Secretary.
CONVENTION RULES.

(Adopted May 26th, 1880.)

I. The Convention shall be called to order by some member of the Executive council, who shall appoint a temporary President and a temporary Recorder.

II. The temporary President shall appoint two committees of three each: 1. Upon credentials. This committee shall report upon both undergraduate and graduate delegates. 2. Upon nominations for permanent officers. The permanent officers shall consist of a President, one Vice-President from the executive council, one or more from the graduates, and one from each chapter, so far as these various bodies are represented in the Convention; a Recorder and two assistant Recorders.

III. The Recorder shall keep an accurate and minute record of the proceedings, including the details of all yea and nay votes. He shall hand his report to the executive council within 24 hours of the close of the Convention. The first assistant shall read all reports and resolutions as directed by the chair, and assist the Recorder. The second assistant shall keep the record in detail of every yea and nay vote whether by Chapters or by delegates, and furnish it for insertion in the records.

IV. The permanent President shall cause the annual report of the Executive council to be read. He shall appoint from both graduate and undergraduate delegates five standing committees of five each:

1. On nomination for an executive council.
2. On the annual communication.
3. On unfinished business.
4. On new business.
5. On Chapter relations.

The committee on annual communication of the executive council shall present for consideration, in due form, all matters recommended therein.

The committee on unfinished business shall report all matters left unfinished at the last convention.

All petitions, amendments to the constitution or new business of any kind, shall be referred to the committee on new business.

The duty of the committee on chapter relations shall be to devise and report upon the best means of communicating fraternity matters between chapters.

V. Each standing committee shall report back either favorably or unfavorably the resolutions submitted to it; shall originate resolutions to cover all matters under their consideration and report them either favorably or unfavorably; and may make such written reports as are necessary to embody statements of facts relating to resolutions which they report, or subjects under their consideration.
VI. All business relating to the regulation of fraternity affairs shall be presented in the form of resolutions under the style: "Resolved by the general Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity." Such as are of the nature of or contain enactments shall be called general resolutions. Such as only express opinions, compliments, etc., shall be called special resolutions.

VII. All general resolutions shall be read the first time upon presentation, and unless originating in a committee, they shall be referred or laid over one session. The vote upon the second reading shall be *viva voce*, but any delegate may demand a yea and nay vote of the delegates. Whenever a second reading is ordered the vote shall at once be taken on the final passage by a yea and nay vote of the Chapters, each group of fifteen graduates represented in the Convention being treated as a chapter.

VIII. The order of business, unless varied by permission of the Convention shall be:
1. Organization, and appointment of committees.
2. Resolutions presented and referred.
4. Special orders.
5. Reports of committees in the above order, if possible, and action on each as presented.
6. General business and miscellaneous matters.
7. Announcements of committee meetings, hearings, festivities, &c.
8. Designating the mode of adjournment.

IX. Roberts' Rules of Order shall be the general guide of parliamentary practice.

X. These rules may be amended by a majority vote of Chapters and graduate groups present at any session. They shall be in force until superceded. Any rule may be suspended by unanimous consent.

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TO THE DELEGATES AT THE PSI UPSILON CONVENTION HELD AT ANN ARBOR.

Dear Brothers:

The delegates appointed from the Beta send hearty greetings to the delegates assembled at Ann Arbor, and with the expression of their hope and conviction that the proceedings of the Convention will be attended with all the success that they have heretofore enjoyed, desire at the same time to convey their great regret at not being able to attend the Convention owing to the stringent discipline of the college faculty. They feel it however their duty to send a letter to the Convention, a weak manifestation of the interest—the great interest—they and the Beta take in the Fraternity. It also seemed good and proper for them to express whatever views they had on those topics to be discussed which had come to their knowledge, with the hope that they might perhaps in that way have some weight in the proceedings.
First then, they have considered carefully the question in regard to the establishment of a Chapter at Harvard. The delegates from the Beta after deliberation, taking into account the situation of affairs at Harvard, give it as their opinion that such a step as the establishment of a Chapter at the place mentioned would not be expedient if even the mere fact of its existence were possible. It is well known that Psi Upsilon at one time did have a Chapter at Harvard, and how it came to an end is well enough known. The reason of its downfall was this. There is a society at Harvard called the "Hasty Pudding Club," members of whom were elected from the class who had active power in the two societies Psi Upsilon and Δ. K. E. Society feeling became so strong from causes, the knowledge of which is immaterial, that the "Hasty Pudding Club" refused to take in any men from Ψ. Τ. Membership to Ψ. Τ. was an effectual bar to the possibility of an election to the "Hasty Pudding Club." The latter society held and now holds a very good position at Harvard, and to be one of its members is an honor desired and worthy to be desired by every one. Finally from this debarring of members of Ψ. Τ. from an election to the "Hasty Pudding Club," the natural consequence was that the best set of men would not accept an election to Ψ. Τ. Therefore as she obtained only a second and third rate lot of men the Chapter perished. Since then the Chapter of Δ. K. E. has flourished and is in such good estimation there that it would be very improbable if we should be able to establish well and firmly a good Chapter of Ψ. Τ. If we cannot establish a good Chapter it would be much better to have none at all. The delegates have investigated the matter and have asked the advice of friends at Harvard and they say that they do not think that a Chapter of Ψ. Τ. would be able to get the best class of men to join. The delegates of the Beta hope that their views will have some influence on the Convention and that the other delegates will kindly take them into consideration as they are put forward from a regard for the good of the Fraternity and with a view to its best prosperity.

Secondly in regard to the election of Honorary Members, they hope that the amendment may be put out of the way. The delegates from the Beta do not consider it advisable to elect honorary members and would vote against it. It seems to them unnecessary to state their reasons as the Beta Chapter received a letter from one of the Chapters in regard to the matter and can feel assured that the Convention will see the unadvisability of electing honorary members.

With best wishes for the success of the Convention the delegates from the Beta remain yours in the bonds.

PHILIP G. BARTLETT,
SHERMAN EVARTS.
THE CONVENTION AS SEEN BY THE PUBLIC.

The business sessions were held in the new and elegant Chapter-house of the Phi. This Chapter-house, just completed at a cost of $15,000, is a handsome brick edifice, three stories in height, with a basement suitable for a boarding club. It is located on a large lot at the corner of two fashionable streets, one of the opposite corners being in the college campus. The building contains rooms for twenty-two students, besides reception rooms, and the lodge room in the third story.

On the evening of the first day of the public exercises were held in the hall of the University, which is the largest hall in the State, and was well filled. The Detroit Opera House band furnished very choice music. After the song, "Brothers, the day is ended," prayer was offered by the Rev. Geo. D. Baker, D.D. Prof, Chas. K. Adams delivered an address of welcome and presided over the evening's exercises. He showed how the most conspicuous characteristic of civilization is its power of association or combination.

The oration was by Hon. Clarkson N. Potter, LL.D. He related an incident of the formation of the first Chapter, paid a glowing tribute to the beauty of Michigan, and spoke at length upon citizenship. The oration has been printed by the author.

The essay was by Charles Dudley Warner, entitled the "Western Man." This curious traveler was traced down from Eden through the ages. He has reached his limit. What shall become of him was discussed in an interesting and amusing manner. The essay is to be published in Scribner's Magazine.

Immediately after the public exercises, carriages conveyed the members and invited guest to a reception given by the Chapter to their friends. Several hundred, including professors, prominent citizens, and distinguished visitors from Detroit, thronged the house. An elegant repast was served. Music was furnished by the orchestra, and as the hours lengthened dancing was enjoyed.

At the close of the business sessions on Thursday, the Fraternity, accompanied by ladies returning to Detroit, was conveyed by special train to that city. The banquet was held at the Russell House. At eight o'clock eighty-six members were seated at the tables. These were beautifully decorated, and the menu was beyond criticism. On either side of the President, Prof. C. K. Adams, were seated P. H. Smith, Jr., toast master, Charles Dudley Warner, Hon. Elisha Taylor, Secretary Smiley, W. S. Pope, Rev. Dr. Stocking and H. A. Coolidge. Letters and telegrams were read from many Chapters and distinguished brethren.

The toasts were as follows:

1. The Fraternity We Love—Hon. C. M. Davidson.
3. The Executive Council—Chas. W. Smiley.
5. Psi Upsilon Editors—H. A. Coolidge.
7. **Psi Upsilon Ladies**—A. F. Nightingale.

The Chapter representatives were then listened to in order from Theta to Beta Beta. The brethren then joined hands in the parting circle, which extended all around the room, sang "The Dear old Shrine," and separated. The *Free Press* and *Post and Tribune* of Detroit gave long accounts of the proceedings both days, and the sales exhausted the editions so that not as many copies could be obtained as were wanted. Great credit is due Bro. C. H. Jacobs, who secured excursion rates for the members from Buffalo and from Chicago; also, to Bro. A. P. Jacobs, who enlisted the interest of the Detroit Psi Upsilon, and assisted in the arrangements.

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**APPENDIX A.**


**Receipts.**

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Balance of each Fund on hand... $29.10 $122.92
(SPECIAL ACCOUNT No. 1.)
SONG BOOK ACCOUNT.

April and May, 1878—Receipts for 74 books per report of 1878........... $74 00
May '78 to May '79—Receipts for 51 books per report of 1879........... 51 00
May '79 to May '80—Receipts for 74 books per report of 1880........... 74 00

$199 00

Oct '77 to May '80—Cost of 213 copies per report of 1878.............. 176 83

Profit transferred to Council Fund......................... $22 17

(SPECIAL ACCOUNT No. 2)
SAVINGS BANK ACCOUNT.

The Seaman's Bank for Savings to the Executive Council Dr.
Aug. 19, 1879—To cash deposited by C. W. Smiley, Treas................. $203 44

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APPENDIX B.

Statement of Active Membership, 1880.

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LETTER FROM PRESIDENT ANGELL.

PRESIDENT'S HOUSE,
South University Avenue,
May 20, 1880.

To the Phi Chapter of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity.

GENTLEMEN:

I have been promising myself much pleasure in attending at least the public exercises of the convention, and the reception at the chapter house, but I am suddenly called to Washington, and must lose the anticipated pleasure, but I cannot go without expressing my best wishes for the success of your convention and of your society. Some of the dearest memories of my college days are linked to the friendships of my society life. Not a little of the best intellectual stimulus of my college life was given me in our society exercises. I trust that the society, through all its chapters, will always be so conducted that it may prove not only a source of pure social joys, but also of intellectual and moral strength to its members. Let us all remember that there is not much abiding favor in organization merely. A society is always just what its members make it by their character—nothing more, nothing less. May every brother show his devotion to his society and to his brethren by the elevation of his own character and life. Then shall the generations of brethren as they rise repeat the blessings which so many have pronounced on the good old fraternity.

Yours fraternally,

JAMES B. ANGELL.