RECORDS
OF THE
General Convention
OF THE
Psi Upsilon Convention.

1890.
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OF THE
PSI UPSILON FRATERNITY,
HELD WITH THE
SIGMA CHAPTER
BROWN UNIVERSITY
AT PROVIDENCE, R. I.
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, MAY 1ST AND 2ND,
1890.

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The Fifty-seventh year of the Fraternity.
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THURSDAY, MAY 1, 1890.

The General Convention was called to order at 10:16 A.M., by Bro. Herbert L. Bridgman (I', '66), of the Executive Council, who appointed as temporary President, Bro. S. P. Remington (Σ, '90), and as temporary Recorder, Bro. R. W. Taft (Σ, '91). Bro. Remington, on behalf of the Sigma, welcomed the delegates to Providence, and appointed the following committees:

ON CREDENTIALS.—Bros. F. C. Walcott (B, '91); A. P. Jacobs (Φ, '73); F. E. Hawkes (Θ, '90).

ON PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.—Bros. J. G. Deane (I', '90); J. F. Wilson, (Σ, '90); W. R. Weeden (Σ, '91).

A recess of 15 minutes having been taken, the session was resumed, and the reports of committees received.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following

List of Delegates.

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

GRADUATE DELEGATE.—H. C. Whiting, (Θ, '67).

THETA.—F. E. Hawkes, '90; T. H. Robertson, '91.


BETA.—G. M. Hurd, '90; F. C. Walcott, '91.


GAMMA.—J. G. Deane, '90; J. P. Woodruff, '91.

ZETA.—Wm. Cogswell, Jr., '90.


PSI—

The report was unanimously accepted.

The Committee on Permanent Organization presented the following list of

OFFICERS:

President,

H. L. Bridgman (I, '66).

Vice-Presidents.


F. A. Harris (Σ, '88), for the Alumni.

T. H. Robertson (Θ, '91).

A. M. King (Δ, '89).

F. C. Walcott (B, '91).

S. P. Remington (Σ, '90).

J. P. Woodruff (Γ, '91).

Wm. Cogswell, Jr. (Ζ, '90).

W. A. McLaren (Δ, '90).

W. W. Hubbard (K, '90).

G. H. Beckford (Ξ, '91).


L. J. Richardson (Φ, '90).

J. A. Hamilton (Π, '91).

G. W. Sargeant (BB, '90).

G. E. Greene (H, '90).

Recorder,

Robt. W. Taft (Σ, '91).

Assistant Recorders,

E. A. Barrows (Σ, '91).

G. C. Carpenter (Σ, '93).

The report was unanimously adopted.

The President, on taking the chair, announced that the rules of the Convention of 1880 would be observed as the rules of this Convention. No objection having been made, it was so ordered.

The Annual Communication of the Executive Council (Appendix A) was then read by Bro. F. S. Bangs (A, '78), the Secretary of the Council.

Referred to the Committee on the Annual Communication.

A petition from Dickinson College for a Charter (Appendix B), which accompanied the Annual Communication, was Referred to the Committee on New Business.
Bro. A. P. Jacobs (Φ, '73) presented a petition (Appendix C) for a Charter from the University of Minnesota. Referred to the Committee on New Business.

Bro. F. S. Bangs (Δ, '78) presented letters in regard to the petition from the University of California in 1889. Referred to the Committee on Unfinished Business.

Bro. K. P. Harrington (Ξ, '82) presented a report of the Committee on New Song Book. Referred to the Committee on Unfinished Business.

On motion, a recess was taken until 2 P. M.

**Afternoon Session.**

The Convention having been called to order, the President announced the appointment of the following standing committees:

**On Nominations for the Executive Council.**—Bros. Remington, Ξ; Hubbard, K; Clarke, Y; Hatch, Φ; Shepherd, H.

**On the Annual Communication.**—Bros. Hurd, B; Sargeant, BB; King, Δ; Brooks, K; Wilson, I.

**On Unfinished Business.**—Bros. Tasker, Ξ; Robertson, Θ; Dimock, Δ; Hamilton, H; Greene, H.

**On New Business.**—Bros. Deane, Γ; Daines, Ξ; Richardson, Φ; Hawkes, Θ; McLaren, Δ.

**On Chapter Relations.**—Bros. Cogswell, Z; Hunt, K; Walcott, B; Chapin, Ξ; Woodruff, Γ.

The Convention having taken a recess for thirty minutes, on the session being resumed:

Bro. S. P. Remington (Ξ, '90) presented the following as the report of the Committee on Nominations for the Executive Council:

*General Resolution No. 1.—Resolved, That in view of the valuable services rendered the Fraternity by Bros. Herbert L. Bridgman (Γ, '66); Benj. H. Bayliss (Δ, '65); Francis S. Bangs (Δ, '78); Henry C. Johnson (Φ, '73); and William M. Kingsley (Δ, '83), during the past year, they be re-elected as the Executive Council for 1890-91.*

(Signed) S. P. Remington, Chairman,
H. J. Hatch,
J. J. Clark,
W. W. Hubbard,
G. F. Shepherd

Bro. Bangs declined the nomination.

The President called Vice-President A. M. King (Δ, '90) to the Chair.
The Vice-President put the resolution, and, it having been unanimously carried, declared the following duly elected as the

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, 1890-91.

Herbert L. Bridgman, (Γ, '66).
Benjamin H. Bayliss (Δ, '65).
Francis S. Bangs (Δ, '78).
Henry C. Johnson (X, '73).
William M. Kingsley (Δ, '83).

Bro. Wm. Cogswell, Jr. (Z, '90) presented the following as the report of the Committee on Chapter Relations:

General Resolution No. 2.—Resolved: First.—That the wording of the communications between Chapters be more varied. Second.—That the aforesaid communications contain more definite information as to the methods of conducting the literary meetings of the respective Chapters. Third.—That the different Chapters, in order to strengthen the bonds of union, send at least once a year, if convenient, a delegate or delegates to their sister Chapters.

The report was received, and on motion the Convention adjourned to Friday, at 10 A. M.

FRIDAY, MAY 2, 1890.

Morning Session.

The Convention having been called to order by the President at 10.30 A. M., the minutes of the previous sessions were read and approved.

Bro. H. C. Whiting (Θ, '67) asked that, for the rest of the Convention, Bro. G. E. Reed (Σ, '69) be recognized as the Alumni delegate.

The report of the Committee on Chapter Relations was then called up and after striking out the third section, it was unanimously approved, and the Committee discharged.

Bro. J. G. Deane (Γ, '90), on behalf of the Committee on New Business, reported as follows:

General Resolution No. 3.—Resolved, That the petition from the University of Minnesota for a charter of Psi Upsilon be granted.

Bro. A. P. Jacobs (Φ, '73) moved that the report be adopted. Bro. S. P. Remington (Σ, '90) seconded the motion.

Bro. A. P. Jacobs (Φ, '73) moved that the discussion be postponed till the afternoon session. Lost.

After debate by Bros. A. P. Jacobs and T. H. Robertson (Θ, '91) in favor of the petition, and by Bro. F. S. Bangs against it, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:
No—Δ, Υ, BB, H. Total, 4.

The same Committee also offered the following:

Resolved, That the petition from Dickinson College for a charter of Psi Upsilon be not granted.

Bro. George E. Reed, President of Dickinson College, opposed the resolution reported by the Committee, and on motion of Bro. A. P. Jacobs the following substitute was adopted:

General Resolution No. 4.—Resolved, That the Executive Council be and is hereby authorized to appoint before June 15th, 1890, three (3) members of the Fraternity a Committee of inquiry as to the advisability of establishing a Chapter in Dickinson College, such Committee to report to the next Convention.

No—Δ, I, Π. Total, 3.

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

Afternoon Session.

The President called the Convention to order at 2.30 P. M.

Bro. D. B. Kenedy, of the Chi, presented his credentials.

Bro. E. S. Tasker (Ξ, '90) on behalf of the Committee on Unfinished Business reported the following:

General Resolution No. 5.—Resolved: First.—That the Convention expresses its satisfaction with the general plan of the new Song Book, as indicated by the report of Prof. Harrington, Chairman of the Committee. Second.—That upon the completion of the manuscript of the Song Book and the preliminary editorial work, the Executive Council be, and hereby is, authorized to cause the manuscript as presented by the Song Book Committee to be published in such manner and on such terms as it may deem best.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Not Voting.—B, Σ. Total, 2.

General Resolution No. 6.—Resolved, That the Chapters be and are hereby required to notify the Executive Council on or before June 15th, 1890, as to the number of copies of the new song book which they will respectively agree to purchase.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Not Voting.—B, Σ, Φ. Total, 3.

Bro. E. S. Tasker (Ξ, '90) also reported for the Committee on Unfinished Business as follows:—
The Committee on Unfinished Business has examined into the matters in connection with the petition for a Chapter at the University of California, presented to the Convention of 1889, and has read the following papers:

First.—The petition.

Second.—The pledge of the Psi Upsilon Association of the Pacific Coast, as printed in the Convention Record of 1889.

Third.—Letters of J. H. Brewer, dated June 25, and August 8, 1889; M. B. Kellogg, September 28, 1889; A. G. Lang, October 11 and 17, 1889—all to F. S. Bangs; and letter of F. S. Bangs to J. H. Brewer, dated July 2, 1889.

The Committee finds that at the time of the presentation of the petition and pledge mentioned, four of the eleven petitioners were not students in the University of California, and only five were candidates for degrees; that under the circumstances stated in the said letters, most of the petitioners were compelled by their associates to withdraw.

The Committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Special Resolution No. 1.—Resolved: First.—That in the opinion of the Convention the Psi Upsilon Association of the Pacific Coast did not exercise proper care in regard to the petition for the establishment of a Chapter at the University of California, presented to the Convention of 1889. Second.—That the Convention expresses its displeasure that the petition mentioned should have been presented to the Fraternity under the circumstances then existing.

Bro. J. G. Deane, on behalf of the Committee on New Business, presented the following:

Special Resolution No. 2.—Resolved, That to the Rev. Charles H. Hall, D.D., (B, '42), Orator; Arnold Greene, Esq. (Σ, '57), Poet; Albert Harkness (Σ, '43), President; Col. Charles J. Arms (B, '63), Toastmaster; and Rev. James G. Vose, D.D. (B, '48), Chaplain, of the public Literary Exercises of the Convention, the thanks of the Fraternity are due and are hereby expressed.

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Special Resolution No. 4.—Resolved; That the thanks of this Convention be cordially extended to Bro. H. L. Bridgman for the efficient manner in which he has presided over the proceedings of this Convention.

The four foregoing special resolutions were each unanimously adopted and the Committees on New and Unfinished Business discharged.

Bro. Geo. M. Hurd (B, '90), on behalf of the Committee on the Annual Communication, presented the following:

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

Unanimously adopted.

General Resolution No. 8.—Resolved, That the Executive Council be and is hereby authorized to act as proposed by it in regard to the matters stated in the last paragraph of Section 4 of the Annual Communication.
The resolution, having been discussed, was adopted by the following vote:


**No.**—6, Z. Total; 2.

**General Resolution No. 10.**—Resolved, That the Executive Council be and is hereby authorized to accept from the Psi, Iota and Eta payment of the sums due by those Chapters respectively on the catalogue assessment, without interest, in four equal installments, the first payment to be due at the same time with the annual taxes of 1891.

*Unanimously adopted.*

**General Resolution No. 11.**—Resolved, That the Executive Council be and is hereby authorized to investigate the affairs of the Psi, and, if necessary, appoint a committee to co-operate with the active members of that Chapter in whatever measures may be required for the best interests of the Chapter and the Fraternity.

*Unanimously adopted.*

The following, presented by the Committee on the Annual Communication, was unanimously adopted and ordered to be placed on the records:

**MINUTE.**

The deaths, during the past year, of Hooper Cuming Van Vorst (Φ, ’39), Edmund A. Olson (Ω, ’73), James K. Lombard (Β, ’54), Richard H. Mather (Γ, ’57) and Charles H. Brainard (Β, ’91), deprive the Fraternity of eminent, valued and honored members. The Convention records its grateful appreciation of their services to Psi Upsilon, its sincere tribute to their character and commends their example and their memory to the Chapters of the Fraternity.

Bro. J. G. Deane (Γ, ’90), extended an invitation to the Fraternity to hold the next Annual Convention with the Gamma Chapter, at Amherst College, Amherst, Mass.

On motion a vote of thanks was given to the Recorders, and the Convention then adjourned *sine die.*

**ROBERT WENDELL TAFT.**

*Recorder.*
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

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APPENDIX A.

THE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TO THE CONVENTION OF 1890.

1. Membership.—The annual reports show an active membership of 422 on February 15th, 1890, a decrease of 15 below the membership of the previous year.

The Psi reports no initiations since 1888.

2. In Memoriam.—Hooper C. Van Vorst (Θ, '39), died in New York, October 26th, 1889. An associate of the founders of the Fraternity, Judge Van Vorst retained always a lively interest in its welfare and prosperity, and his influence and efforts were ever at its service. At a memorial meeting at the Psi Upsilon Club House in New York, November 12th, 1889, an appropriate minute, expressing the sense of loss sustained by the Fraternity in Judge Van Vorst's death, was adopted, and a copy will be transmitted to the Convention. The Council adds its tribute to those which have already been recorded, and suggests that the Convention take suitable action.

3. Applications for Charters.—The petitions for chapters at the Universities of California and Minnesota, have been denied by the following votes:—University of California.—For—Beta, Psi, Upsilon, Phi. Total, 4.
Against—Theta, Delta, Sigma, Gamma, Zeta, Lambda, Kappa, Xi, Iota, Pi, Chi, Beta Beta, Eta. Total, 13.

University of Minnesota.—For—Theta, Beta, Sigma, Psi, Xi, Iota, Phi, Pi. Total, 8.
Against—Delta, Gamma, Zeta, Lambda, Kappa, Upsilon, Chi, Beta Beta, Eta. Total, 9.

The Gamma and Iota are recorded against the California petition, and the Delta and Zeta against both petitions, a majority, but not the necessary two-thirds, vote having been cast in the affirmative in each case.

An application for a charter by nine undergraduates of Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, has been received by the Council and is herewith presented to the Convention, accompanied with a letter of recommendation from President Geo. E. Reed (Ξ, '68), and Prof. Henry C. Whiting (Θ, '67).

4. Finances.—The treasury of the Fraternity has been in excellent condition during the year. The treasurer's statement is hereto annexed. The balance on hand is $1475.32, consisting of cash and deposits in the Broadway Savings Institution and the 4th National Bank, New York City. Of this sum $386.83 is to the credit of the Convention Fund, and the remainder, $1088.49, is applicable to the general uses of the Fraternity. It seems desirable that money should be gradually provided for the publication of the new song book, so that there may be enough on hand to pay for the work as it progresses, without the nec-
essity, as in the case of the recent catalogue, of borrowing on individual credit and imposing a burdensome assessment when the book is finally issued. For this and other general purposes a tax of $1 per active member in 1891 is recommended.

Members of other fraternities have from time to time called the attention of the members of the Council to the fact that a judgment for $269.30 recovered against the proprietor of The Diamond for printing that paper in 1885 and 1886 has been outstanding unpaid for several years. While it is quite true that The Diamond was an individual enterprise, for which the Fraternity was not responsible, and that its owner regards its debts as his personal affair, our Fraternity name was so connected with the paper that we have plainly incurred public discredit through its financial shortcomings. The matter has been considered by former Conventions, and the Council was once authorized to settle the claim, but the authority was withdrawn by the Convention of 1889, on Mr. Allison's personal statement of his own wishes. The failure to dispose of the judgment still continues, however, and has been urged upon us so frequently that the members of the Council feel impelled to say that, in their deliberate opinion, private considerations should now be outweighed by regard for the reputation of the Fraternity. The recommendation is, therefore, made that the Council shall be authorized to buy the judgment, so that it shall not, while unpaid, be held in an unfriendly interest.

5. The 10th Catalogue.—One hundred and five catalogues have been disposed of during the year, realizing, chiefly through the payment of assessments, $515.91.

The Xi paid its assessment prior to the Convention of 1889, but too late for mention in the last Annual Communication. The Delta and Zeta have recently made their final payments with interest. The Iota, Psi and Eta are still in arrears and report that they have been unable to pay because of serious difficulties arising from various local causes. The matter may well be considered by the Convention with a view to some definite arrangement under which the debt may be paid in regular annual installments.

Enough copies of the catalogue remain unsold to supply any reasonable demand.

H. L. Bridgman, President.
B. H. Bayliss,
H. C. Johnson,
W. M. Kingsley, Ass't Secretary,
F. S. Bangs, Secretary and Treasurer.

New York City, April 30, 1890.
The 57th year of the Fraternity.
TREASURER'S STATEMENT, 1890.

RECEIPTS.

Cash Balance, date of last report............................................. $445 69
Catalogues sold and Assessments paid since last report, $515 91
Annual Taxes, 1890.............................................................. 721 00
Interest on Savings Bank deposit........................................... 9 40
Sundry over payments........................................................... 25

$1,246 56

$1,692 25

PAYMENTS.

Expenses of Council delegate, Convention of 1889................... $29 65
Printing Records, Convention of 1889..................................... 70 00
Engrossing new Charter for Iota Chapter................................ 25 00
Expressage on catalogues..................................................... 40 48
Stationery and Miscellaneous Printing................................... 18 65
Postage, Telegrams and Messenger Service............................... 16 90
P. O. Box Rent................................................................. 16 00
Overpayments Refunded....................................................... 25

$216 93

Cash Balance............................................................................. 1,475 32

$1,692 25

BALANCES, APRIL 30, 1890.  Dr.  Cr.

General Fund............................................................................ $1,467 80
Convention Fund....................................................................... 386 83
Publication Fund...................................................................... 28 84
Psi, Catalogue account.......................................................... 109 70
Upsilon, Taxes, 1890............................................................... 24 50
Iota, Catalogue account........................................................ 99 70
Eta, " " ................................................................................. 174 25
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Broadway Savings Institution................................................. $469 84
4th National Bank, N. Y......................................................... 965 51
Treasurer............................................................................... 39 97 1,475 32

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F. S. BANGS,
Treasurer Executive Council.
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APPENDIX B.

DICKINSON COLLEGE,
CARLISLE, PA., April 19, 1890.

To the General Convention and the several Chapters of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity:

Gentlemen,—

The undersigned members of the Junior, Sophomore, and Freshmen Classes in Dickinson College respectfully petition you to establish at this Institution a Chapter of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity.

The history, present condition and prospects of the College are such as to warrant this appeal, as will be seen by the enclosed endorsement of President Reed and Prof. Whiting, Members of the Fraternity.

Before entering college many of us had conceived a great admiration for your Fraternity, and since our entrance, though importuned constantly and earnestly, we have refrained from connecting ourselves with any other organization with the view of this petition, and, encouraged by our President and Professor above alluded to, we have formed and maintained our organization hoping that our request will be granted.

We can guarantee that the Chapter will at once take high rank both in the college and in the community.

In addition to those already named there are local members, one of whom Wm. Tricket, L.L.D., is an author eminent in the law.

Founded in 1783, Dickinson College has a long line of distinguished Alumni; enrolled in its list are a President and a Chief Justice of the United States, and many names great in church and state.

We pledge ourselves, should you accede to our request, never to sully the fair name of your honored body, and to maintain the high standard that has ever characterized Psi Upsilon.

We can assure you of securing a permanent home in the near future.

Hoping for favorable action upon our petition, we remain

Yours respectfully,

Wm. J. Shaeffer,
E. S. J. McAllister,
Cyrus A. Terhune,
N. B. Masters,
H. F. Randolph,
Fred. G. Downes,
Harry E. Siller,
Geo. W. Kessler, Jr.,
Mervin Grant Filler.
APPENDIX C.

PETITION OF THETA PHI FRATERNITY TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF PSI UPSILON.

The undersigned, Professors and Students of the University of Minnesota, and members of Theta Phi local Fraternity, respectfully petition and urge that Theta Phi be granted a Charter of Psi Upsilon, and that its members may be admitted into the Brotherhood of that Fraternity.

It is now nearly ten years since we first asked for admission, and the present is our fifth petition; but, although heretofore doomed to disappointment we have never for a moment been discouraged or lost faith in our ultimate success. The University of Minnesota, with its central location in the Metropolis of the Northwest, with its magnificent endowment, with its numerous buildings and complete equipment, with its large and able corps of instructors, with its large attendance, and supported by a generous legislature, is easily the greatest institution of learning in the Northwest. And in this University, notwithstanding many competitors, no Fraternity ranks higher than Theta Phi.

Our eleven years of existence and the fact that our members are and have been leaders in University affairs assure Psi Upsilon of a strong and energetic Chapter from the very start. Unlike the experience of most newly established Chapters the Theta Phi Chapter of Psi Upsilon would from the first take a leading place in Fraternity circles.

Hoping that you will feel that in granting us a Charter you not only benefit us but also Psi Upsilon. We append our signatures.

John S. Clark, Homer F. Pierson, '91.
J. Corrin Hutchinson, Fred A. Smith, '92.
Henry F. Nachtrieb, Grant B. Rossman, '92.
John H. Barr, Samuel S. Paquin, '92.
J. B. Pike, '90, Harry O. Hannum, '92.
F. M. Mann, '90, C. Stuart Benson, '92.
Chas. L. Chase, '91, Thomas A. Rockwell, '93.
Wm. B. Morris, '91, Chas. Elon Young, '93.
Asa J. Hammond, '91, Chas. F. Miller, '93.

J. C. Faries, '89, Post graduate.