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## FAREWELL TO PSI U.

BY GEORGE T. SEWALL (*K* 1867).

AIR: "*The Maltese Boatman's Song.*"

See, brothers, see how with noiseless tread,  
All too soon the hours have fled!  
See how the stars, in their march on high,  
Tell the midnight hour is nigh!  
And Time hurries onward, with care-wrinkled brow,  
To banish the pleasures that smile on us now.

with b-Too soon we part: yet, ere we go,  
ar- Here let our song of parting flow.  
Thee, Psi U, we pledge anew!  
Hail to thee, belov'd Psi U!  
May sunshine and peace, never ending, be thine,  
And love lay her dearest of gifts on thy shrine!  
Leaving thee thus, we leave with thee  
Our hearts and hopes and memory!  
We, Psi U, thy children true,  
Greet thee, ere we say adieu.

Linger, ye moments, as floats along,  
Fainter now, our parting song:  
Bear it away, as it dies, at last,  
To the unreturning past.  
Yet oft its far echoes shall Mem'ry restore,  
And lead us to bend at this altar once more;  
And, as the notes more strongly swell,  
Bring back the scenes she guards so well.  
Then, Psi U, we'll pledge anew  
Those we lov'd in thee, Psi U!  
For long as life's current our pulses shall fill,  
Thy sons shall remember and turn to thee still:  
Still in our hearts thy name shall dwell,  
Though now we speak our fond farewell.  
Fare thee well! oh, fare thee well!  
Hail, Psi U! and so, farewell!

## THE PRESENT AND THE FUTURE.

AIR: "*Over the Mountain and over the Moor.*"

The days of our youth, when life's morning is shining,  
With music and laughter move joyously on;  
Unceasing they flow, while our hearts intertwining  
In unison beat for the Psi Upsilon.  
We'll bask while we may in the roseate beaming  
Diffused 'round our path by the swift-rising sun;  
Its splendor enkindles, in deed and in dreaming,  
The flame of our zeal for the Psi Upsilon.  
These hours hasten on to the days of endeavor,  
To days when our life-work is fully begun;  
But through manhood and age we feel that forever  
Our love will still cling to the Psi Upsilon.

We'll hail in the future this moment's returning,  
This moment by pleasure from destiny won,  
All its happy delights, in our memories burning,  
Shall strengthen our faith in the Psi Upsilon.

## THE FOUNDATION OF THE GAMMA.

It is worthy of note that three Chapters of the Fraternity—the Beta, the Sigma and the Gamma—owe their origin, in large part, to the clever, witty and enthusiastic William Erigena Robinson, whose name has already been frequently mentioned in the columns of this journal. The application for a Chapter charter was sent from Amherst to the then newly-founded Beta, and Robinson took up the matter and pushed it with his usual energy. The petition was favorably considered by the Chapter, and Robinson and Edward Trask (*A* 1839), now a physician in San Francisco, were delegated to institute the new "branch,"—as it was then styled—of the Fraternity. Robinson, in his reminiscences of the event, says:—"When Edward Trask and I, in 1841, instituted the Amherst Chapter, I took with me some thirteen or fifteen badges made at Albany. Trask's mother lived in Springfield, whence we drove to Amherst with two of her spirited steeds, making quite a display as we arrived at the hotel of the quiet, collegiate town. The next day we enjoyed from the gallery the excitement caused in the Chapel, at public exercises, by the entrance of our new boys, the flashes of light that beamed from their badges being reflected by those which flamed from our own. It was a grand day for the Delta, Beta and Gamma, especially for the Gamma."

A vivid picture of the Gamma's start in life and of the difficulties which beset its organization is presented in a chapter of the

REMINISCENCES OF ELIJAH H. WRIGHT, M. D., (*I* 1842).

I think there were two motives preëminent in inducing us to form our Chapter. First, there was in existence in Amherst a society which arrogated to itself supreme excellence and endeavored to tyrannize, so to speak, over the students generally, without possessing the talent—in our day, whatever it might have been in earlier times—to command the respect and deference claimed by its members; to this organization a feeling of opposition gradually sprang up. Again, there were several of us, warm friends, who desired to unite together for social enjoyment and intellectual improvement. While we felt ourselves "aristocrats," we determined that our influence should be "democratic." Edward D. Will, R. L. Chapin, Charles B. Duffield and Waldo Hutchins first came to my room one day and proposed the plan. There was some difficulty in persuading me to engage with them in the project, but at last I agreed to do so. We knew that we had a battle to fight to obtain the consent of the faculty to the formation of another "secret" society, as they had authoritatively declared that no more would be tolerated. However, we determined to try our luck.

I was dispatched to Yale, with instructions to obtain a charter, if possible, through the influence of the Beta Chap-

ter—one of our number, Isaac Lefavour, giving me a letter to a friend of his, John F. Nourse, a member of the Beta. Our petition for admission was successful. William E. Robinson was deputed to proceed to Amherst and organize us. Our first meeting was held, for the sake of privacy, at the dwelling of Mr. Chase, whose son, George A. Chase, was one of us. Subsequently we met in College, at the rooms of members, until we could get rooms fitted up suitably. We had, I remember, one pretty hard rub with the Faculty of Amherst. They were opposed to us, and had decided, after much deliberation, to order our dissolution as a society, on the ground that we had disobeyed a statute of College in organizing an association without asking their consent. We had a friend very near the Faculty, who kept us posted as to their movements and designs. We had donned our badges a short time before vacation, and before the next term began I was apprised of the determination of the Faculty to destroy us. I went over to Amherst at once and got our members together; we decided to take off our badges and present a petition to the Faculty disclaiming any intention of infringing the regulations of the institution, and respectfully asking their consent to our organization as a society. This broke the lever by means of which they were about to upset us. They were perplexed, and various Professors called upon our "good" boys and tried hard to induce them to withdraw from us, but in vain. The Faculty finally appointed a committee to "investigate" us and to examine our constitution and by-laws. I had charge of the books of our Chapter, and when the committee came to me I made such a showing as they could not object to. After some further deliberation it was decided to charter us; then we unveiled our badges and blazed out again to the great and grievous disappointment of our enemies.

Many years have elapsed since I have crossed Mason and Dixon's line, or heard anything of the old Psi Upsilon, at whose shrine I devoutly worshipped and whose memory is still dear to me. I should be glad to know how it has fared and prospered. Many of my old-time friends, I suppose, have departed to the shadowy region, while, like a lonely pilgrim, I still linger upon the shores of the dark stream which I must soon cross.

*King's Ferry, Ga., April 13, 1876.*

The next account of the origin of the Gamma is from the pen of one widely known as a careful and accurate historical investigator, and whose participation in the incidents he describes was an active one. This is

THE NARRATIVE OF THE REV. EDWARD D. NEILL (*Γ* 1842).

It is a long time ago that the Gamma Chapter of the Psi Upsilon was founded, but, as far as my memory serves, it gives me pleasure to narrate its early history. There was a desire, upon the part of a few students in the Junior and Senior classes of Amherst in 1841, to meet for general literary culture, and it was suggested that we should apply for permission to found a Chapter of the Psi Upsilon. The application was granted and William E. Robinson of Yale College, since a member of Congress from Brooklyn, was sent to inaugurate the Gamma Chapter. The name of the Chapter was, I think, suggested by the writer.

Among the more active of the original members of the Gamma I recall Elijah H. Wright, now, I understand, a physician in the south; Waldo Hutchins, at present a lawyer in New York city, and who has been prominent in the Legislature of the State; Galusha A. Grow, lately Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; Charles B. Duffield LL. D., a lawyer in Norfolk, now a member of the Virginia Senate and, during the war, Adjutant-General of the conscription-bureau at Richmond; Professor Henry W. Parker of the Massachusetts Agricultural College; and the Rev. John Edwards Emerson, who died in early life, lamented by his intimate friends and not a few others.

The Chapter was organized without permission of the Faculty, and was reluctantly tolerated at first, but was soon, I think, recognized as an aid to literary culture. If I am not mistaken we formally organized in the Amherst Hotel. Well do I remember that, at midnight, we gave at the Hotel, in fear and trembling and in dread of the Faculty, a complimentary supper to the delegates from the Yale Chapter.

*Macalester College, Minneapolis, March 24, 1876.*

To these letters may be added a brief statement made by another noted writer, Mr. E. W. Ellsworth (*Γ* 1844), an early member of the flourishing Amherst Chapter. He says:—"I graduated at Amherst in 1844. The Gamma Chapter were formed at that college during my Sophomore year, and there was a  $\Psi \Gamma$  Convention held with \_\_\_\_\_ter at the time of my graduation. Edward D. \_\_\_\_\_, Waldo Hutchins were active in the organization. The \_\_\_\_\_came in at Amherst at the special rival of a society which affected aristocratic sentiments and manners, and had accordingly become unpopular. The fathers of the Gamma, on the other hand, were democratic in their ideas, and selected their associates for literary merit and scholarship rather than for mere dress or address." How thoroughly and how well the work of establishing the Gamma was done its whole subsequent history testifies. The Chapter has been almost uniformly prosperous from the day of its birth.

#### THE GENESIS OF THE BETA.—II.

In the January issue were given some reminiscences of the Hon. William E. Robinson and others in regard to the establishment of the Chapter at Yale, together with an interesting narrative of the same event by the Rev. Dr. Henry M. Dexter (*B* 1840), editor of *The Congregationalist* and a well-known historical writer. The following notes on the Beta's early days form

THE STATEMENT OF THE REV. DANIEL P. NOYES (*B* 1840).

Respecting the circumstances which led to the formation of the Yale Chapter I know of none but this—that there were a parcel of good fellows, who liked to be together, and were possessed with a certain desire, also, for such literary culture as can be got in a club. Respecting the source of its charter, and the means adopted to obtain it, my impression is that it was obtained from Hamilton [Union] College through a member of the Class of 1841, who, by some means unknown to me (or now forgotten), had learned of the Society, and who communicated to us, of the Class of '40, a favorable impression.

As to the original members, I am able to give, at the present moment, the names of only a few of them. You have already the name of Henry M. Dexter. The Rev. Horace James, who died last year, and who was one of Mr. Dexter's partners in *The Congregationalist*, was another—a man of energy, of executive capacity, in college, as well as throughout his whole life, a right down good fellow, and an entertaining companion. Then there was Henry Booth, now a Professor in a Law School in Chicago, one of the truest of the true, a clear-headed, able man, without fear, without reproach, and one of the most affectionate of friends. G. H. Hollister, a lawyer of Connecticut, was in college one of the foremost writers and poets, endowed with a real gift for vigorous thought and expression. James Staunton Babcock—ah, how well I remember him! As tender-hearted as a child, full of nobleness, pos-

sessed with a genuine *afflatus*, which, had he lived, would have approved its quality, I believe, in poetry of a high order. A small volume of his verses was printed, after his death, showing, amid much quaintness (for he was a great student of Old English) and considerable crudeness, a true poetic sensibility and imagination, with a rare command of melodious and felicitous expression. And did you never hear of George H. Colton—who died so young of a terrible fever, in the midst of large plans? He was the founder of the *American Whig Review*, a publication which illustrates the crudity of American literature between 1840 and 1850, and yet was a reaching after what was truly good, and has a little gold among its poorer materials. Colton was a writer of immense energy and superabundant ambition, but also of real talent; and I believe that he would have accomplished a good deal if he had lived. He wrote many fine poems (fine, for those times) while in college, and within a few years after graduation. Did you ever fall in with his "Tecumseh"—a volume of (say) 500 or 600 pages, actually a poem, of much eloquence? It was published, I think, in 1843 or thereabouts. Colton was a noble fellow, a glorious good companion, and a loving friend. My heart warms as I write of him.

There were others of whom I cannot now speak, and every one of them had some gift, a sure charm. As I recall the list, a sense of truth, of honor, of *brotherliness* comes over me. There was a great deal of affection and of magnanimity in the company. We used to meet in a third story room at the corner of Chapel and State streets—a room, I judge, about twenty feet square, neatly but not expensively furnished, with an open fire. We spent the evenings, till about eleven o'clock, in friendly chat, in hearing brief essays on topics agreed upon beforehand, and discussions. We never had wine and very rarely refreshments of any kind.

I can give you an idea of the kind of themes that we took up and the way of handling them. For example, I find among my papers a scant memorandum showing that on the 12th of December, 1839, the subject was "Literary Clubs;" and that we had something upon Hawkins' Club (1749), Reynolds' Club (1764), Burns' Club and—the Pickwick Club. Again, February 6, 1840, Bolingbroke was on the carpet with the following arrangement of parts:—*Early Life*, Dexter; *Political Works*, Kelley (a noble fellow); *Moral Character and Religious Views*, Noyes; *Works generally*, Lawrence (one of the true-hearted). "Big Smith" also came in for a share—a man with a soul as large as his body, and a good deal sounder; for his body died of phthisis, which the soul never had a sign of. On another occasion we took up Fielding's *Life and Character*, James; "Tom Jones," Booth; *Other Works*, Dexter. Afterwards we treated Swift as follows:—*Literary Works*, Colton; *Political and Public Character and Religious Opinions*, Hollister; *Life and Social and Moral Character*, Lawrence; "Gulliver's Travels," Brinsmade; *Influence on his Age*, Noyes; *Philosophy of his Poetry*, Smith; *Smollet*, Childs; *Richardson*, Hubbard; *Anecdotes and Miscellany*, Kelley.

I think that other facts may be easily obtained from the records at Yale.

Newburyport, April 8, 1876.

Still another of the Beta's earliest sons, the Hon. Enoch L. Childs of Concord, New Hampshire, speaks, in terms of great warmth, of the youth who united to establish the Chapter at New Haven. He says:—"The names of Noyes, Brinsmade, Hollister, Booth, Robinson, awaken a world of associations and a thousand pleasing recollections of those days from 1836 to 1840, full of golden hopes and smiling promise." Of the Founders of the Beta the following still survive:—Booth, Brinsmade, Childs, Dexter, Hollister, Lawrence and Noyes of 1840, and Robinson of 1841.

Of these all but two, Judge Booth of Chicago and the Hon. W. E. Robinson of Brooklyn, reside in New England.

### THE FATHERS' PLEDGE.

In the old stone "West College" building—now a public school in the heart of the city of Schenectady—Psi Upsilon had its birth in the month of November, 1833. The edifice then belonged to Union College, and contained the dormitories occupied by the members of the Sophomore and Freshman classes. Seven of the undergraduates at that time dwelling within its walls met and entered into a formal agreement to form a Greek Letter Society. The original document, the signing of which constituted the first step in the establishment of the Fraternity, and which used to be widely known under the name of "The Pledge," was long preserved—a mouldy and tattered piece of paper—by the Theta. It is now lost, but, owing to the forethought of the present Governor of Massachusetts, while an undergraduate, an exact copy is still very fortunately in existence. We here reproduce it, omitting the name of one of the signers, who left college before the organization of the Psi Upsilon:—

#### THE PLEDGE.

**We, the Undersigned, having a Determination to form a Secret Society, and having had some Conversation on the Subject, do now and hereby pledge our sacred Honors that we keep all that has been said and done a most profound Secret, and that, if we please, at or before the Beginning of the next College Term, we will meet, and organize a Society.**

**M. H. Stewart, George W. Tuttle,  
B. Barnard, Edward Martindale,  
Sterling G. Hadley, Samuel Goodale,  
C. W. Harvey.**

**Union College, Nov. 24, 1833.**

The names here given are, of course, those of the Seven Founders of the Psi Upsilon. It is noticeable that the record of each has been an honorable one, and that the five survivors stand high in the world's regard. The story of their lives, after leaving college, may be thus briefly stated:—

#### SOPHOMORES IN 1833.

SAMUEL GOODALE graduated at Union in the Class of 1836 and afterwards at the General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church in New York City. He has been all his life a clergyman, has been Chaplain of the Senate of Nebraska, and is now one of the Honorary Canons of the Cathedral Chapter of his Diocese. He is Rector of a Nebraska parish.

STERLING GOODALE HADLEY, like his relative Goodale, a native of Massachusetts, graduated in the Class

of 1836, studied law, has been a Judge, a candidate for Congress, and a member of the New York Constitutional Convention; and is still engaged in the practice of his profession in Central New York. He was the Theta's first presiding officer.

EDWARD MARTINDALE, a native of the State of New York, graduated in 1836, engaged in the study of the law, and has been, for many years past, an esteemed member of the bar of the City of New York.

GEORGE WASHINGTON TUTTLE, who was born in New York, after graduating in 1836, became a successful dealer in leathers in the city of New York, from which business he retired some years ago. He now resides in Western New York. His son, Sidney Tuttle, subsequently became a member of the Fraternity ( $\Theta$  1863).

#### FRESHMEN IN 1833.

ROBERT BARNARD, a native New Yorker, graduated with the Class of 1837, studied law, removed to California, where he practiced his profession, and died in the city of Los Angeles in 1856. He was a brother of the present Judge Barnard of Poughkeepsie in this State. Another of his brothers afterwards entered the Fraternity (*B* 1848) and died in South America.

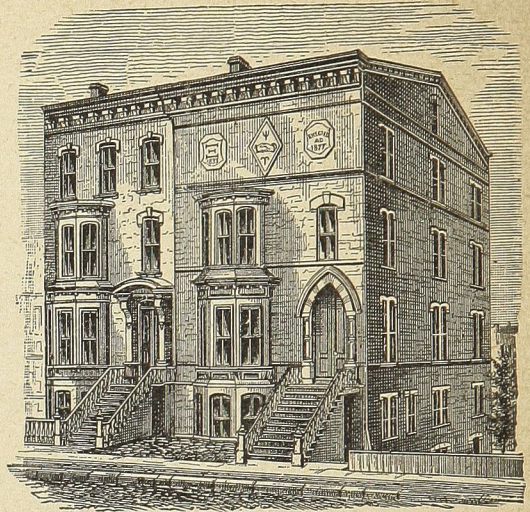
CHARLES WASHINGTON HARVEY, born in the State of New York, left college when the Fraternity was only a few months old, but afterwards received the degree of Master of Arts from La Fayette College. He studied medicine, and has long been one of the most respected residents of the city of Buffalo.

MERWIN H. STEWART, likewise a New Yorker, after his graduation in 1837, went to Virginia as a teacher, was attacked by consumption and died in 1840, not long after his return to the North. He was the first Secretary, and the earliest records of the  $\Theta$  are in his peculiarly neat and graceful handwriting.

Of the Seven, therefore, four were Sophomores and three Freshmen at the date of the organization. All but one graduated with the classes of 1836 and 1837, and that one afterwards attained scholastic honors. Five were born in the State of New York and two were natives of Massachusetts. Three entered the bar, one the church, one the medical profession, one became a teacher, and the remaining one a merchant. Five of the Seven, after the lapse of nearly half a century, are yet living. It is to be hoped that these Nestors of our order may still survive, when, five years from now, the Fraternity celebrates at Union the semi-centennial anniversary of its existence.

—A private letter from Paris suggests the propriety of Psi Upsilon gathering in the French capital during the last days of July. Several of the Fraternity are permanent residents of the city; one or two, at least, of the principal American Commissioners to the Exposition are Psi Upsilon; while not a few others are likely to be among the visitors to the great exhibition of this year. The suggestion seems to be altogether feasible.

#### THE CHAPTER HOUSE OF THE XI.



The XI Chapter was established at Wesleyan University, November 20, 1843, through the instrumentality of Stephen Beekman Bangs of the Delta. He was the son of the Rev. Heman Bangs, a prominent Methodist clergyman at that time, and, graduating in 1843, also entered the ministry of that church, but died March 20, 1846. The beautiful Fraternity song, "Silent and Still be the Heart's wild Commotion," was written in memory of the founder of the Tenth Chapter of the Fraternity.

Up to the present time the names of 391 members have been entered on the Chapter roll of the Xi; 49 have died, and 342 are still living. Of the living, 130 are clergymen and mostly in the denomination that pays no "salaries," only seeking to "provide for the support" of its ministers; and 53 are professional or undergraduate students. There has never a member of the Chapter attained large wealth, and its "bloated bondholders" are few, if any. And yet the men, as they have left College, have carried away pleasant memories of the "shrine," and many have openly attributed much of their success in after-days to the culture, enthusiasm and sociability inspired by the Chapter. In 1868 the membership, being 28 per cent. of the college, took 74 per cent. of all the prizes and college honors. At this time it was determined to more firmly establish the Chapter by building a hall for its exclusive use. A subscription was started, contingent upon \$10,000 being pledged, and made fair progress considering that the graduates were scattered all over the country. On Oct. 21, 1869, the first money was paid in and at once put at interest. The donor of this \$100 was the much-respected J. Hale Powers, who died Sept. 26, 1877, while the building was in process of erection. In 1872 John A. Cass made an extended tour, in which he nearly doubled the subscriptions and reached the specified amount. Since that time collections have been made and new subscriptions obtained as circumstances would permit, the money in hand drawing interest at 7 per cent. in the mean time, so that over \$2000 thus accrued. The financial crisis in

the nation did much to delay payments, and explains to a great extent the seemingly long time it took to execute the plan. The subscription list contains the names of 174 graduates and 5 Seniors, it having been the policy all through not to ask payments from undergraduates, but to allow all to be free-will offerings by those able to contribute. Only nine subscriptions exceed \$100 each. It is the pride of the Chapter that so many are interested in it, and that no one has contributed grudgingly or of necessity. It is an especial source of gratification that there will be not one cent of debt upon the property.

Ground was broken for the building June 27, 1877, under the leadership of J. E. King, D. D., class of 1847. Messrs. Northrop and Copeland, the Building Committee, completed their work February 1, and the Chapter was put in possession at once. The formal dedication is deferred till June 25, 1878, when it is hoped that a large proportion of the 179 builders will be present.

The building is located on Broad street, Middletown, nearly opposite the Russell Library, which, prior to 1877, was occupied as an Episcopal church. It is only a few rods from the Post-office, Court-house, banks, etc., and seven minutes walk from the college. It is of brick, the front being of Philadelphia pressed brick, and the trimmings of Portland brown-stone. The tablets and badge are carved in the yellow Ohio stone, and set in brown stone. The exterior dimensions are 26 by 50 feet. The first story contains a parlor and dining room, connected by folding doors and devoted to the use of the Chique Chaque Dining Club—a  $\Psi \Upsilon$  organization. The basement contains four rooms for the matron of the club. The members of Psi Upsilon, as of other fraternities at Wesleyan, have these many years boarded in clubs by themselves. The free use of the Chapter House will effect a reduction of at least a quarter of a dollar a week in the price of board. The second and third stories, which are thrown into one, contain the lodge-room, guard-room, cloak-room, etc., to which none but members of the fraternity will be admitted. Taken in all it is admirably adapted to the wants of this Chapter. Every one who examines it pronounces it excellent. If at any future day something different is desired a trifling expense will convert it into a first-class residence, and it is located on the "Fifth Avenue" of Middletown. The Xi will be most happy to entertain the members of other Chapters who may chance that way.

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## THE DIAMOND.

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THE DIAMOND, a journal devoted to the interests and advancement of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, is issued monthly, and is designed both for circulation among the Chapters, and to keep the graduate sons of Psi Upsilon advised of the progress of the Fraternity. Over eighty subscriptions are still needed to defray the expenses of the first year; and with

the view of making up this deficiency, the present issue is sent to a considerable number of Psi Upsilon Alumni. The subscription is One Dollar annually.

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It is understood that the editor of the interesting College news, which appears in the Monday issue of the New York World, is Mr. Lyman H. Bagg (B 1869), author of that admirable book—which ought, by the way, to be in every Chapter library—entitled "Four Years at Yale." Mr. Bagg possesses a wonderful familiarity with American student life in all its phases, and the World could not possibly have secured a better man for the place he fills. Members of the different Chapters should see that all noteworthy intelligence relating to their College is promptly and fully communicated to him. The work he is doing is a good one.

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It is intended to publish shortly a "Bibliographia Psi-upsilonica", containing titles and accurate descriptions of all publications issued in connection with the Fraternity. For this purpose the various editions of the Catalogue, most of the editions of the Songs and a number of pamphlets have already been catalogued and described. Any Chapter or member of the Fraternity possessing a copy of the Collection of Songs issued in 1849 (believed to be the first), of the Proceedings of either the second or third Wisconsin Psi Upsilon Convention (1851 and 1852), or of any published addresses relating to the Psi Upsilon, will confer a great favor by communicating with the editor of THE DIAMOND.

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As will be seen, by an article published elsewhere, the Twenty-fourth of November may be fairly regarded as the natal day of Psi Upsilon. The propriety of making it, by enactment and usage, the established anniversary of the Fraternity, to be yearly celebrated, might well be considered by the Convention and Chapters. The "Pledge" is now a document possessing a merely antiquarian value; it properly belongs to the archives of no Chapter, since it antedates the constitutional establishment of the Fraternity; and its existence was entirely unknown to the Fraternity at large. For these reasons it has been deemed both proper and desirable to publish it.

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An incident which happened of late in New York city illustrates, in a somewhat striking manner, the extent of the Fraternity. Dr. J. G. Holland (Γ 1851), the distinguished writer, and editor of *Scribner's*, was receiving calls on New Year's day. At one moment there chanced to meet, in his drawing-room, five members of the Fraternity, each of whom had called separately. These were Dr. Holland himself, Professor H. H. Boyesen (X 1876), Mr. Thomas Thacher (B 1871), the present President of the Council, Mr. H. W. B. Howard (B 1872), and Mr. Pryor, a senior of the Lambda. Some pleasant conversation in regard to this coincident encounter ensued, in the course of which a lady, a guest in Dr. Holland's family, stated that her husband was a member of an Eastern chapter.

The successive General Catalogues of the Fraternity's members were issued in the following years:—1842, 1844, 1847, 1849, 1852, 1855, 1864 and 1870. This list is accurate. The various editions of the "Songs of the Psi Upsilon," so far as has been ascertained, appeared in 1849, 1853, 1857, 1861, 1866, 1870 and 1877. This enumeration may possibly not be quite complete. Very few, if any, of the Chapters possess, in a perfect state, both these important series of Fraternity publications. There is little doubt, however, that the older Chapters, at least, might acquire them by a careful search among their graduate members. Once in the hands of the Chapters, and carefully bound, they would prove to be invaluable additions to their archives.

The "Psi U Smoking Song," by Francis Miles Finch, (B 1849), is undoubtedly the finest lyric on the theme of tobacco in the English language. Originally written for the Beta of Psi Upsilon it has become by usage the common property of the whole student world. The story of its composition has never yet been told in print, and is of much interest. After a Beta meeting, some thirty years ago, the members were sitting together, singing and smoking, when some one chanced to remark that there seemed to be an abundance of drinking-songs, but that nobody appeared to have heard of a smoking-song. Mr. Finch immediately wrote off, almost impromptu, two or three stanzas of the song which has since become so famous, and they were sung on the spot with great delight. The next morning these were revised and the remaining stanzas added. The air to which the "Smoking Song" was originally sung—"Sparkling and Bright"—was then very popular; the song is now sung, by many Chapters, to an air which Mr. Finch himself regards as better adapted to the words, and which appears to have originated in the University of Virginia. The song has been reprinted in England and ascribed to a quite noted English poet, and was, some years back, plagiarized by a California bard. In both instances Yale residents of England and of California wrote to the public journals giving the name of its real author.

Each Chapter would find it greatly for its interest to issue annually a brief, carefully compiled and neatly printed circular, giving the important Chapter news for the year, and a concise account of all notable Fraternity events, such as the proceedings of the last preceding General Convention, the establishment of new Chapters, the issue of new Fraternity publications, and so on. This circular should be transmitted to every alumnus of the Chapter. It is a frequent cause of complaint that many of the graduate members do not manifest that hearty interest in the Fraternity which their vows and their former active enthusiasm might lead the Chapters to expect. This is largely the fault of the active members, who take no pains to inform their predecessors of the state of Fraternity affairs. In general a Psi Upsilon graduate never hears from his own Chapter, except when money is needed to assist in

defraying the expenses of a Convention, or to pay for the furniture of Chapter Rooms. Members of the Psi Upsilon, moreover, whose connection with their colleges dates back ten or twenty years, have no conception of the present high character and wide extent of the Fraternity. They do not know that within a short time past the old association to which they once felt such an earnest devotion, has entered upon a stage of development, which is likely to make it in the future almost an integral part of the American university system. They are, to a considerable extent, unfamiliar with the later catalogues, and are almost entirely ignorant of the remarkable wealth of song literature which the Fraternity has accumulated. Such a circular as has been suggested would put an end to this condition of things, and would tend to revive at once all the old interest in the now venerable organization. The cost, postage and all, need not exceed eight or ten dollars, and the Chapters would soon find the investment a paying one, especially at this time, when so many of the Chapters are either building or projecting permanent Chapter Houses.

At the Convention of 1853, held with the Alpha—one of the most brilliant of the long series of similiar gatherings—Mr. John Godfrey Saxe, the famous humorous poet, became a member of Psi Upsilon. In the course of his stay at Cambridge he had the misfortune to lose his hat, an adroit hotel thief carrying it off from a hat-stand. At the banquet which followed somebody improvised the following rhymed allusion to this event:—

A fellow came down  
From a Vermont town,  
But he hadn't any tile on;  
"It's no matter," we said,  
"For we'll cover his head  
With the crown of Psi Upsilon."

A graduate was telling this story lately at an informal assemblage of members of the Fraternity, and spoke of the comparatively limited number of rhymes to the word "Upsilon." An undergraduate present remarked that, if the word were pronounced as it must be in the above lines, numerous rhymes might be found in the English language. In proof of his assertion he straightway produced the following impromptu doggerel—the rhymes of which would shock the author of "The Ingoldsby Legends" himself:—

O rapid youth, if you desire to put a tony style on,  
Go spend your money freely and get a nobby tile on!  
Then show your friends a piece of land you're likely to strike "ile" on,  
But which looks a very desert with neither wood nor "sile" on.  
And next you need a speedy nag to bet your bottom pile on,  
And then a private driving-course to ride your daily mile on;  
And after that a Mary fair, with whom to sit the stile on—  
A form to lovingly embrace and constantly to smile on,  
But if you meet a man who's apt to get a nasty rile on,  
And if he's "biling" over, then it's best to let him "bile" on;  
Or if he's "spiling" for a fight, to calmly let him "spile" on,  
While you at once your lawful way magnanimously file on.  
And, should you cross the ocean broad and sail the ancient Nile on,  
Don't try to buy an obelisk, a pyramid or pylon.  
And if you seek a brotherhood whose scutcheon has no guile on,  
Then you need to look no farther—just take the PSI Upsilon.

## THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

The coming Convention already begins to cast its shadow before. The programme of the Public Exercises is nearly complete, and the formal invitations are shortly to be issued to the Chapters and Graduate Members. Judge STERLING G. HADLEY (© 1836), one of the five surviving Founders of the Fraternity, will preside. The Orator is the Hon. DANIEL H. CHAMBERLAIN, LL. D., (B 1862), lately Governor of South Carolina. The Poet is the Rev. JOSEPH A. ELY (I 1866). The Chaplain is the Rev. AUGUSTUS H. STRONG, D. D., (B 1857), President of the Rochester Theological Seminary. The annual Convention Song has been written by the Rev. HENRY L. MOREHOUSE (I 1858). The Convention will bear the title of the XLVth and will be held with the Upsilon Chapter at the University of Rochester, Thursday and Friday, May 2d and 3d. In accordance with the customary order of proceedings Thursday and Friday will be occupied by business sessions. The Public Exercises will be held the evening of Friday, and will be immediately followed by the Convention Banquet—the latter taking place, it is understood, at the Osborne House, one of the most admirably managed hotels in the state.

There is every reason to infer that the General Convention of 1878 will be the largest gathering of the kind ever held. Special invitations will be sent to all the Psi Upsilon alumni residing in Central and Western New York, in the Province of Ontario, in Northern Ohio and in Northwestern Pennsylvania—in other words, to all to whom the city of Rochester is an easily accessible locality. The undergraduate attendance from the chapters situated in the immediate vicinity—the Theta, the Psi, the Pi and the Chi—will undoubtedly be very large; while, as last year at the Xi, the active members of all the Chapters will probably be fully represented by bodies of delegates. The Executive Council will, as usual, send one of its number to present its Annual Report. Several graduates of note, including members of the Faculties of some of the neighboring Colleges, have already signified their intention of participating in the proceedings, and it is even hoped to secure the presence of the five living Founders, three of whom reside within two or three hours' ride of the University of Rochester. As the immediately following Conventions are to be held with the Western Chapters, graduates, whose homes are in the more Eastern States, will have, for four years, no similar opportunity of attending one of these interesting annual assemblages. How interesting and enjoyable they are, few of those whose connection with the Fraternity dates many years back, can fully understand. Of late, they have been growing from year to year in importance, various causes having contributed to give them a higher and broader character. Among these are the recent enlargement of the Fraternity; the enhanced interest of its alumni; the revival and extension of the time-honored custom of public literary exercises; the increase of the Fraternity's literature; the greater number and variety of its songs, which now form an almost unequalled collection of

student music; the higher *status* of several of the Colleges with which the Psi Upsilon is connected; and, lastly, the greater pains taken and the unwearied effort expended, by the Chapter in charge, in order to make the gathering worthy of itself and of the Fraternity.

## FRATERNITY NEWS.

⌘.—Mr. Secretary Smiley has just finished the proofs of the revised Song Book of 1877, and the new impression is now printing. In connection with the new Catalogue, the secretary's labors have been very arduous, and merit the most hearty recognition at the hands of the Fraternity. Thanks to his incessant industry the work bids fair to be a credit not only to the Psi Upsilon but to the collegiate literature of America. Mr. Smiley still desires to ascertain the author of the Latin Fraternity Hymn to the melody of "Integer Vitæ," commencing "Conveniamus, fratres gaudiosi," and of the English song to the air of "Sparkling and Bright," beginning

With right good cheer we assemble here,  
Our Chapter merrily meeting.

The writer of the latter lyric is supposed to be a member of the Psi.

⊙.—The incorporation papers of the Psi Upsilon Alumni Association of Union College have been drawn up and are rapidly being signed by the Corporators, one of whom is His Excellency Governor Rice (© 1844) of Massachusetts.—The Chapter lately received a visit from the Hon. W. E. Robinson (B 1841), who spent an evening at the Chapter House and met several of the resident graduates.

Δ.—The editor of the New York University Chapter lists for the new catalogue desires to learn at once the present addresses and professions (or year and place of decease) of the following members:—William Elliot Trask (formerly of Springfield, Mass., graduated 1840); Edward Delavan Nelson, 1841; William Nicoll, 1841; Henry Weeks Brown, M. D., 1846; Michael M. Moore, 1846; George Burgess (admitted at the Ξ), 1847; Eben Mason, 1852; Charles Henry Meade, 1852; William Alexander Sterling, 1853; John Washington Crane (dentist), 1853; David Elmore Gregory, 1856; Henry Winthrop Gray, 1858; John Whitney Moore, 1859; Ogden Seelye, 1860; Henry M. Brush, 1861; James Kilham Herrick, 1861; and Samuel E. Johnson, jr., 1865. Many of these were originally from New York city. Any information which may possibly lead to definite intelligence concerning them should be immediately communicated to Mr. H. B. McCauley, jr., 319 Second Avenue, New York city.

Β.—On Christmas Day a dozen or more members of the Beta, of recent classes, dined together in New York city. Of course, the past, present and future of the Chapter were freely discussed, and some plans were broached for placing it in an even higher position than that which it has always held. The project which seemed to meet with most favor was a proposal to purchase, by subscription among the graduates, a lot adjoining the present Chapter House and then enlarge that edifice by the addition of a reading-room, billiard-room, sitting-room and music-room, in short, to give the building something of the character of a city club-house. Other alumni, and especially several of the earliest members, have suggested something of the same sort and have expressed a hearty willingness to promote the execution of some such plan.—At New Haven four more Juniors were recently admitted, making the present number forty-four.

Σ.—Mr. Frédéric Hayes (B. U. 1881), has been admitted to the Chapter.

*Γ*.—Professor W. T. Hewett (*Γ* 1868), writes from Leipzig, Germany, that four members of the Fraternity are pursuing their studies in the University in that city. As many more are at Berlin.—At Amherst, Mr. Charles E. Bronson, of Geneva, N. Y., has been admitted to the Chapter.

*Ψ*.—Preparations are making by the active members to rent a temporary Chapter-House for the coming year.—On Saturday evening February 9th, the Chapter entertained the Hon. W. E. Robinson, who was the orator of the Convention held with the *Ψ* as far back as 1851. Among those who met Mr. Robinson were the Historian and the Poet of the Convention of 1876.

*Ξ*.—On the last Friday evening of January 1878 the undergraduates and resident alumni assembled in the old Hall, which the Chapter has rented for the past fifteen years, to bid farewell to old scenes, review the past and congratulate each other upon the bright future. The festivities were enlivened with songs—the *Ξ* considers it a duty to sing the Song Book through on all occasions—and speeches by the fathers, concluding with a supper. The “*Ψ* U Ladies,” who are very numerous in Middletown, have contributed certain handiwork towards the furnishing of the Hall in the new Chapter House.

*Υ*.—The Upsilon is pushing forward the arrangements for the XLVth Convention. All the appointees for the Public Exercises have accepted, and some of the surviving Founders of the *Ψ* Upsilon have already promised to be present; there seem to be little doubt that all will find it possible to participate.—An informal afternoon gathering of graduates and undergraduates was recently called to meet the Hon. W. E. Robinson, who, as stated elsewhere, subsequently visited the *Ψ* and the *Θ*.

*Φ*.—The Phi Glee Club, numbering nine voices of excellent quality, and including a pianist of thorough training, was to give a concert February 19th, in the Grand Opera House at Detroit, upon the invitation of the Young Ladies' Society of St. Paul's, the leading Episcopal church of the city. The programme included several new College songs and closed with the “Carmen ad *Ψ* Upsilon.”

*Χ*.—To-night, being the evening of Washington's Birthday, the members of the *Χ*, assisted by some young ladies, give a dramatic entertainment in the large botanical lecture room of Cornell University.—The Chapter has lately received visits from the Rt. Rev. J. H. H. Brown, D. D., (*Α* 1852), Bishop of Fond du Lac, the Rev. Wolcott Calkins (*Β* 1856), and the Rev. A. D. Mayo, of the *Ι*ota—the last named being the distinguished theological and liberal writer, now pastor of one of the principal churches in Springfield, Mass.

#### PSI UPSILON LITERATURE.

1. *Catalogue of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity.* [New Haven] MDCCCLXX. 4to pp. 253.

The Catalogue of 1870; price, including postage, \$1.10.

2. *Catalogue of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity.* New York, 1878. 4to.

The new General Catalogue, now in press. It will contain a considerable amount of biographical and bibliographical detail with regard to the 5000 members of the Fraternity, giving present residences, professions, positions held, works published and journals edited. It will be a thick quarto of handsome typographical execution, with a steel-engraved frontispiece and the usual Chapter vignettes. One of its new and most important features is an arrangement of the Members' names under their places of residence; price, \$3.00.

3. *Songs of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity.* Boston, 1877 [1878]. 8vo pp. 143.

A revised and somewhat enlarged impression, now just ready, of the 1877 collection of Songs. These songs, 100 in number and with accompanying music, are by Finch, Saxe, Boyesen, Harrington, DeMille, Alger, Lombard, Tourgee, Fiske, and other well-known members of the Fraternity; price, including postage, \$1.10.

4. *The Convention Poem by Professor Hjalmar Hjorth Boyesen, Ph. D., together with the Convention Song, and Extracts from the Proceedings of the Forty-Fourth Annual Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, held at Middletown, Conn., May 9th and 10th, 1877.* 1877. 8vo. pp. [24].

Price, 15 cents; the edition which included, in addition to the contents given above, the Oration of ex-Governor Hawley, is exhausted.

5. *The Frontispiece of the Catalogue of 1870, engraved on steel.*

Proof copies on heavy paper, 9½ by 12 inches, suitable for framing; price, 25 cents.

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