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## THE PSI UPSILON QUEEN.

Air:—"Adeste Fidelis," ("Portuguese Hymn.")

O greet her, the grand one,  
 The diademed Queen,  
 With eye flashing proudly,  
 With brow all serene!  
 Psi Upsilon vassals,  
 Of fealty rare,  
 O kneel to your sovereign,  
 All gracious and fair!

Her throne adamantine  
 We only have seen;  
 For us only gleameth  
 Her coronet's sheen;  
 Her name silver-sounding  
 Our lips alone speak;  
 Her palace resplendent  
 We only dare seek.

O born in the purple!  
 O throned in the blue!  
 To thee through the ages  
 Our homage is due!  
 Psi Upsilon vassals,  
 Of fealty rare,  
 O kneel to your sovereign,  
 All gracious and fair!

## THE ORIGIN OF PSI UPSILON—I.

From time to time THE DIAMOND will publish communications from the yet surviving members of that honored group of Seven, who at Union College, in 1833, conceived and carried into execution the idea of establishing the Fraternity. The first of this series consists of answers to queries submitted to Edward Martindale, Esq., of New York city. The care with which these replies are drawn up make the paper one of the most trustworthy sources of the early history of the Psi Upsilon—a document eminently deserving the permanence which this publication will, it is hoped, give it.

### MR. MARTINDALE'S STATEMENT.

I send you my best recollection of the events to which you refer.

1. "Who were present at the very earliest meetings of the Psi Upsilon?"

The very first informal meeting took place, when I was a Sophomore, in the West attic of the old "lower" College, which was situated "down town", near the canal, and was occupied only by Sophomores and Freshmen. It was held in the room opposite mine, occupied by my classmate, Harvey (Dr. Charles W. Harvey, afterwards and now of Buffalo, N. Y.), and was attended by but three or four besides Harvey and myself, of whom I can remember only my "chum", Merwin H. Stewart, Robert Barnard and I think Louis Hasbrouck and Levi Rowley—all Freshmen

or Sophomores. Besides these there were soon actively interested with us in the undertaking several members of the two classes, namely, my friend and subsequent "chum", Edward F. Cushman, Sterling G. Hadley, Samuel Goodale, William H. Backus, George W. Tuttle, J. H. E. Beach, Samuel R. Beardsley, Duncan Turner; and, a little later, my two friends, Isaac Dayton, counsellor at law of this city, and Maunsell Van Rensselaer, D. D., of whom you know. Perhaps a little later still came Judge Van Vorst and William Taylor, both of this city, conspicuously active men in society affairs. Doubtless other active and efficient members have escaped my recollection.

2. "In what month or season of the year 1833 was the idea of the new society conceived?"

In November, 1833.

3. "Were the badges publicly worn before 1834?"

They were not. Much mystery was observed, much curiosity excited over the whole matter, and a pretended badge of a comic, or sham organization, called the *Eta Pi*, was used to mislead and mystify the other societies in the spirit of pure mischief.

4. "Who suggested the name and motto?"

That was done in 1834. My recollection is that the name was somewhat matter of fancy, arising from the beauty of the two Greek letters, Psi and Upsilon, suggested, to be sure, and selected in the early meetings in the old attic previously referred to, but finally determined upon and adopted in committee of the whole in 1834. But the motto was the work of a special committee, to whom was referred the task of giving the letters a meaning; and the Society selected one of those reported by this committee. The only members of the committee whom I remember with certainty are Isaac Dayton of New York, and myself—although there were probably others.

5. "The Badge."

The selection of a design for a Badge was also confided to a committee; each member of the committee to furnish one. I well remember that I was on the committee and that my design was ignominiously rejected as too preposterously like a kite, but I was consoled by the like fate having befallen all the others, some for one defect and some for another. The badge finally adopted was designed by an expert familiar with the business, and who was connected with a manufacturer in Albany—a Mr. Luke F. Newland—whose riper taste and judgment furnished us with a badge much more suitable than any of our crude drawings, and far more beautiful, as we thought, than the badge of any other society then in existence.

It has given me great pleasure to brighten up faded reminiscences, which I hope may prove of some interest to you, if they shall be of no other use.

EDWARD MARTINDALE.

New York, April 29, 1876.

All Psi Upsilon readers, it is certain, will find these reminiscences, as Mr. Martindale, with reason, hopes they may, of great interest, and will thank their author for the lucid way in which he has noted them down. They can be somewhat supplemented from other sources. As those who peruse THE DIAMOND have already learned, the original seven men were Goodale, Hadley, Martindale, Tuttle, who were Sophomores in November, 1833, and Barnard, Harvey and Stewart who were Freshmen. The committee on the Badge consisted of Harvey, Goodale and Beach, who seem, by Mr. Martindale's statement, to have added others, as was natural, to their number. The committee on



the motto was composed of Backus, Beach and Martindale, Dayton not being a member. Mr. Luke F. Newland, the Albany designer mentioned, was a man of great artistic reputation in his day, and did some excellent work. He always spoke of the Psi Upsilon Badge as one of his masterpieces. The old "lower" or West College at Schenectady—the birth-place of Psi Upsilon—is still standing, a handsome, massive building of hewn stone. It has always been devoted to educational purposes, and is now one of the public school buildings of Schenectady. The valuable communication of Mr. Martindale will be followed by narratives from the pens of Judge Hadley, the Rev. Mr. Goodale and Mr. Harvey. All these gentlemen retain an undiminished interest in the organization which they helped, nearly half a century ago, to create. In answer to an invitation to be present at the institution of the Chi in 1876, Mr. Martindale said:—"I hope you will allow me to express the great satisfaction I feel at this new evidence of the continued growth and flourishing condition of the Society, and my warmest wishes for the prosperity of this, its youngest Chapter, as well as for the happiness of all its members."

## THE DIAMOND.

APRIL OF THE FRATERNITY YEAR XLVI.

*The XLVth GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE PSI Upsilon FRATERNITY takes place with the Upsilon Chapter, at the University of Rochester, Thursday, May 2d, and Friday, May 3d. The Executive Council and every Chapter of the Fraternity, from the Kappa in the East to the Omega in the West, will be represented by official delegates. The Convention will be distinguished beyond all others in the long series of annual Psi Upsilon gatherings by the presence of several of those honored men, with whom, at Union College in 1833, the Fraternity originated. The literary exercises offer peculiar attractions. The Presiding Officer is the Hon. STERLING G. HADLEY, (© 1836), one of the five surviving founders of Psi Upsilon. The Orator is the Hon. DANIEL H. CHAMBERLAIN (B 1862), lately Governor of South Carolina. The Poet is the Rev. JOSEPH A. ELY (T 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 (T 1867). The Toastmaster of the Convention banquet is GEORGE H. FOX, M. D. (T 1867). Delegates and other Brothers of the Fraternity are requested, immediately after their arrival in Rochester, to report at the office of the local Convention Committee, in the Brackett House.*

The programme of the coming Convention is as follows: *Thursday, May 2d, 10.30 a. m., Opening Session of the Convention in the Upsilon Hall; 1.30 p. m., Second Session of the Convention; 9 p. m., Chapter Lunch to the Delegates. Friday, 9 a. m., Morning Session of the Con-*

*vention; 1.30 p. m., Afternoon Session of the Convention; 4.30 p. m., Public Literary Exercises in the First Baptist Church; 10 p. m., Convention Banquet at the Brackett House. There is every indication that the Convention will be the largest assemblage of the kind ever held. It is now just twenty years since the establishment of the Upsilon at Rochester. The only Convention ever held with the Chapter was that of 1866, at which the Orator was the Rev. Joseph E. King, D. D. (Ξ 1847), and the Poet was the Hon. Guy H. McMaster (Ψ 1847).*

Old graduates often speak in glowing terms of one of the Convention suppers of early times, at which several brilliant wits were present. The Orator and Poet of the Convention in question were respectively Mr. Whipple and Mr. Saxe, and at table, after the literary exercises, the two commenced casting epigrams at each other, to the intense amusement of the company. One of these by Mr. Whipple,

I do not like thee, Marshal Saxe,  
The reason why you need not ax,

is still remembered, as containing a comical confusion of the American poet with his great military namesake, and as a paraphrase of two famous lines in English epigrammatical literature, the sally of Mr. Whipple was greeted with rounds of applause.

Sixty towns and cities of the United States are credited with the names of nine or more Members of the Fraternity in the new General Catalogue. These cities are given in the subjoined list in order commencing with that which has the largest membership. It must be remembered that the numbers include both living and deceased residents. The list begins with New York city, having 720 names: 2, Boston 195; 3, Chicago 154; 4, Brooklyn 137; 5, Providence 93; 6, Rochester 83; 7, New Haven 75; 8, Philadelphia 60; 9, St. Louis 55; 10, Cincinnati 49; 11, Washington, 44; 12, Syracuse 42; 13, Hartford 41; 14, Portland 40; 15, San Francisco 36; 16, Buffalo 35; 17, Middletown 29; 18, Springfield 29; 19, Detroit 29; 20, Cleveland 28; 21, Albany 25; 22, Troy 23; 23, Worcester 23; 24, Amherst 22; 25, New Orleans 21; 26, Schenectady 21; 27, Baltimore 20; 28, Utica 20; 29, Auburn 19; 30, Pittsburgh 19; 31, Salem 18; 32, Ithaca 18; 33, Cambridge 17; 34, Columbus 16; 35, Newark 16; 36, Ann Arbor 15; 37, Milwaukee 15; 38, Louisville 14; 39, New London 14; 40, St. Paul 13; 41, Concord 12; 42, Hanover 12; 43, Bangor 11; 44, Lowell 11; 45, Norwich 11; 46, Andover 10; 47, Elizabeth 10; 48, Minneapolis 10; 49, Nashville 10; 50, Savannah 10; 51, Toledo 10; 52, Wilmington 10; 53, Wilkesbarre 10; 54, Woodstock 10; 55, Bath 9; 56, Grand Rapids 9; 57, Lawrence 9; 58, Oakland 9; 59, Saco 9; 60, Yonkers 9. Besides the above, there are twelve towns each having a membership of 8; eight towns having 7, and sixteen towns having 6. The above list will give some idea of the usefulness of the geographical index of the Catalogue of 1878.



Of the four thousand five hundred or more living men,  
 Who bear the name Psi Upsilon,  
 And wear the badge divine,

only a single one can boast of being a member simply of the Fraternity at large, and of belonging properly to no Chapter. In the Convention of 1863 Mr. John Godfrey Saxe, one of America's most distinguished humorous poets, as well as one of the Fraternity's most loyal members, took an active part. The Convention was held in the city of Albany, at that time Mr. Saxe's place of residence. In the course of its deliberations the poet made a speech, long remembered by those who listened to it, both for its sparkling wit and for the undertone of deep feeling which characterized it. He stated that a son of his had just graduated at the University of Vermont, and drew a picture of the younger Saxe's melancholy collegiate career, passed, as it was, in an institution where no Chapter of Psi Upsilon existed. He asserted that the Fraternity was equally responsible with himself for his son's unhappy isolation. He confessed that he had acted wrongly in sending his son to a non-Psi Upsilon College, but, on the other hand, he considered that the Fraternity had also acted wrongly in omitting to establish a Chapter in the University of Vermont. His son was so good a fellow and, at the same time, a youth of such discernment and sound sense, that he would assuredly have been a member of the Chapter, had the Fraternity but done its duty and placed one there. In conclusion he said that in order to do justice to the young man who had been so greatly wronged, only two courses were open to the guilty parties. Either he would be obliged to rectify his mistake by sending his son, for another four years, to a Psi Upsilon College, or the Fraternity ought to rectify its mistake by receiving the young gentleman, as a sort of adopted son, into the bosom of the great Psi Upsilon family. At the close of Mr. Saxe's remarks, which were greeted with loud applause, an unanimous election was tendered to the younger Saxe, and it was resolved that a committee, composed of members of various Chapters, be appointed to initiate him into the Fraternity. The committee performed its duty, and Mr. John Theodore Saxe thus became a member of the Psi Upsilon. The 1863 Convention, though held at Albany, was technically supposed to take place under the auspices of the Theta; and, accordingly, Mr. Saxe's name, in the Fraternity's forth-coming Catalogue, has been entered in the lists of that Chapter.

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 THE CATALOGUE OF 1878.

Much anxiety has been expressed at the non-appearance of the new General Catalogue. Several weeks must still elapse before it can be placed in the hands of the active members of the Chapters and of the considerable number of graduate Members from whom subscriptions have been received. This delay has resulted partly from the failure of some of the Chapters to pay, with promptitude, their quotas of the Catalogue tax levied by the last Convention, but has been principally caused by the desire to issue a

Catalogue, which, from its completeness and its correctness, should be equally an honor and a benefit to the Fraternity. In the face of the fact that one or two of the other Greek Letter societies possess lists of their members which have been carefully and laboriously compiled, no loyal Psi Upsilon should wish to see his own organization suffer by comparison with its rivals, or would be willing to acknowledge that his own Fraternity lacks the ability to prepare a Catalogue which would be full and reliable. In the second place, a Catalogue in which the addresses of the graduate Members should be wrongly given, in which the evidences of the high positions attained by so many of the Fraternity's sons should be lacking, would be of slight utility to the Chapters. It is therefore a matter for rejoicing that the publication of the Catalogue has been postponed until the volume could be made every way worthy of the noble Fraternity, the name of which stands upon its title-page.

Many, doubtless, will appreciate the comparative freedom from error, the stores of valuable information and the accuracy of detail which will be found to characterize the ninth Catalogue. Few, however, will fully comprehend the vast amount of labor it has required to make the book of real value. It has cost the toil of two years, not of one individual alone, but of many. Of course the work was greatly enhanced by the neglect of preceding editors. In fact, none of the old editions of the Catalogue, except the first, can be properly said to have been edited at all. Little more was ever attempted than to translate from Latin into English the scanty information which could be easily gained from the college Triennials; and even that was often inaccurately done. No effort was made to trace the history of Members or to insure correctness of detail in any respect whatever; and in regard to matters not usually given in the Triennials, the Committees to whom the task of issuing the editions was confided, were generally content to follow the last preceding Catalogue. The result of all this was that the Catalogue of 1870 abounded in errors of every sort. There were numerous omissions both in the body of the work and in the index; names were frequently mis-spelled; persons were enrolled in the wrong classes; the information given in every instance was of the most meagre kind; many deceased individuals were indicated as still living, and not a few living individuals had the "fatal asterisk" attached to their names.

That this state of things is to be radically changed and the Catalogue of 1878 to be, not merely a credit to the Fraternity, but a genuine contribution to the college literature of America, is owing to the indefatigable energy, the unwearied patience, the honest love of accuracy displayed by its General editor, the present able Secretary of the Council. Several of the Chapter editors have exhibited the same qualities, but besides preparing alone the lists of two or three Chapters, Mr. Secretary Smiley has, of course, been obliged to revise with care, and to systematize the work of his colleagues. He has found himself compelled to distribute thousands of postal-cards, to write



hundreds of letters, to search through the Archives of Chapters and the records of Conventions, to study directories and biographical dictionaries, and to devote many hours daily to his somewhat ungrateful task. It has often required the toil of day after day to ascertain the residence of a single Member, and a solitary date or fact has frequently only been elicited by a large amount of correspondence. Those of his colleagues who have learned to know him best are the loudest in their praises of his eminent fitness for the post he fills. The Psi Upsilon Fraternity certainly owes him a debt of gratitude which it can never fully repay.

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FRATERNITY NEWS.

Θ.—The parent Chapter has invited the Hon. William Taylor, of Middletown, N. Y. (Θ 1838), to visit Schenectady, which he will probably do on his return from the Convention. This gentleman, long generally known to the Fraternity by the *sobriquet* of "Old Bill Taylor", is virtually one of the Founders of Psi Upsilon. For a quarter of a century after his graduation he devoted himself with ardor to the interests of his Chapter, and has maintained, through all his life, an unchanged love for the Fraternity. He was the first Freshman who ever passed through the ceremonies of initiation.

Z.—Thirty-six undergraduates of the Zeta have subscribed \$2500.00 as the nucleus of a fund for the erection and maintenance of a Chapter House at Hanover. After the incorporation of a Dartmouth Ψ Υ Alumni Association the Chapter will appeal to its graduates to contribute their share to this fund.

K.—It is reported that many, if not all, of the members of the Kappa will attend the Portland Psi Upsilon supper which it is expected will take place on the evening of May 3d. The large number of Psi Upsilon alumni in Portland will doubtless make the affair every way successful.

Ξ.—The following notice of the decorations of the rooms of the Xi Chapter House, which are accessible to the public, is taken from a Middletown journal:—"The first thing that attracts attention as one enters the new Chapter House is the Pompeian style of frescoing in the hall. On each side are three figures with Greek mottoes. The first is a table scene with the words *Μία Ψυχή*; the second is the head of Apollo with his lyre, and the motto *Γνωθι Σεαυτοόν*; the third is a group of flowers with *Αμφιβαλής Έρος*; the fourth picture has *Χάρις*? in the center and underneath is the answer *Πολλοί Κάγαθοί* (from the Elusinian ceremonies); the fifth picture is an owl resting upon a bundle of fuses, indicative of secrecy and power—the motto is *Dextres Dare*; sixth is a burning lamp resting upon a book, and its motto is *Integer Vite*. The reception and dining rooms were carpeted with Brussels by A. T. Stewart & Co., and the frescoing is in harmony and in the Queen Anne style. The bronze and nickel chandelier is in the same style."

A.—The Rev. William S. McKenzie, D. D., (A 1855), a most hearty member of the Fraternity, writes to the Editor of THE DIAMOND saying:—"The February issue of THE DIAMOND has just come to hand, and I have been deeply interested in its contents. I find the story told of Mr. John G. Saxe, however, not quite correct. I very well remember the night when he was made a member of the Alpha Chapter in Fair Harvard, since I was the scribe at the time of his admission. He had been chosen to deliver the poem at the Anniversary in Cambridge in 1853. Some two or three months prior to that event, he came out to Cambridge to be installed a member of the Alpha. We made a little feast in honor of the occasion, and, after the installation services were over, sat down in the Rooms where we held our meetings, to eat and drink and make such speeches as the occasion suggested. Mr. Saxe was very jovial and witty. About midnight he was on the point of leaving to take a coach for the Revere House in

Boston, when we discovered that his hat was not to be found. There was considerable hilarity over the loss of this article of dress, and when one of our Fraternity remarked that he saw the hat going down stairs with a "brick" in it, Mr. Saxe roared with laughter. He returned to Boston hatless. Soon after, having obtained the measurement of his large head, we had a hat, a very fine one, made for him, and sent it to him at Burlington, Vermont. In return he forwarded, to be hung on the walls of our Rooms, a framed crayon bust of himself. On the lower margin of the picture was the following autograph verse:—

"An exchange," it will be said,  
"Remarkably equal and pat;  
We sent him a hat for his head,  
He sent us his head for a hat."

This account is exceedingly interesting. Still another communication in regard to this event, also from a distinguished source, will be published in the next issue.

Υ.—The present residences of two old members of the Upsilon are still unknown to the Editor of the new Catalogue. They are Mr. Almon C. Bacon of the class of 1858 (once a resident of Ypsilanti, Mich.), and Mr. Lewis A. Simpson of the class of 1872 (formerly of Rochester, N. Y.) Any information concerning these brothers should be communicated at once either to the Chapter or to Professor C. W. Smiley, Madison, New Jersey.

Σ.—The Council is in receipt of the appointments of delegates to the General Convention, which are as follows:—

THETA—Mr. Lyman Sanford Holmes, class of 1878; Mr. Edwards Bicknell Burnap, '79; James Lamb Perry, '79; and Edward McDonnell, '79.

DELTA—Mr. *Cornelius Blauvelt Zabriskie*, '78.

BETA—Mr. *Henry Eugene Coe*, '78, Mr. *Carlton Rogers Jewett*, '78, Mr. Poultney Bigelow, '79, Mr. Edwin Cooper Haynie, '79, and Mr. Otis Harvey Waldo, '79.

SIGMA—Mr. Moses Brown Lockwood Bradford, '78, and Mr. Harry Ormsbee Farnum, '78.

GAMMA—Mr. Joseph Henry Selden, '78.

ZETA—Mr. Albert Oscar Browne, '78, Mr. Thomas Flint, jr., '80, and Mr. William Pierce Johnson, '80.

LAMBDA—Mr. *Francis Sedgwick Bangs*, '78, and Mr. Harry Olmstead Lacy, '79.

KAPPA—Mr. Samuel Emerson Smith, '78.

PSI—Mr. Lawrence Dwight Olmstead, '78, Mr. Charles Howell Ray, '78, Mr. James Lowry Skillen, '79.

XI—Mr. Alpha Gilruth Kynett, '78, and Mr. Ernest Hitchcock, '79.

UPSILON—Mr. George M. Forbes, '78, Mr. William N. Cogswell, '78, and Mr. *James Alexander Hayden*, '78.

IOTA—Mr. Charles Page Peterman, '80.

PHI—Mr. Orlando Fleming Barnes, '79, and Mr. Oren Dunham, '79.

OMEGA—Mr. William Arthur Gardner, '78, Mr. John Davis Seaton Riggs, '78, and Mr. Thomas Conant Roney, '78.

PI—Mr. Willis Augustine Holden, '79, and Mr. Curtis Elliott Mogg, '78.

CHI—Mr. Philip Barnard, '78, Mr. *Charles Putnam Bacon*, '79, and Mr. William Henry Carpenter, '79.

Those whose names are printed in italics were delegates to the XLIVth Convention at Middletown last year. The total number of delegates is thus thirty-eight, an average of a little more than two for each Chapter. It is understood that the delegate of the Executive Council will be Mr. Isaac Smith Signor of the Psi 1870, who has had much experience in Council work. Mr. Secretary Smiley's Annual Communication is already completed.