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TWO CHAPTER SONGS.

The Colors of the Chi.

Original Air by Mr. W. O. Fiske.

Go tell them we defy them all,
 Our foemen great, our foemen small,
 To furl that diamond flag;
 Nor threat nor blow our zeal retards,
 We'll guard it as the Switzer guards
 His pine-surmounted crag.

That flag shall wave while grass shall grow,
 Or stars shall shine or breezes blow,
 On proud Cornelia's height;
 With sturdy hearts, with sturdy hands,
 We'll keep it standing where it stands
 In darkness and in light.

We swear that neither blot nor stain
 Shall mar the sacred letters twain
 That grace its sable field!
 We swear that symbol old and grand,
 The high and hallowed hand-in-hand,
 From every shock to shield.

In breezes mild or tempests bold,
 That banner of the black and gold
 Eternally shall shine
 On every true Cornelian son
 Who bears the name Psi Upsilon
 And wears the badge divine.

W. F.

The Chi's Token.

Air:—"The Two Roses."

Hands enclasped, closely pressed—
 See our Chapter's token!
 Ancient symbol, brightest, best,
 Badge of vows our lips professed,
 Vows no heart hath broken!
 —, —, —, Chi!
 See our Chapter's token!

Hands as pure as maiden's heart—
 See our Chapter's token!
 Hands no storm nor stress can part,
 By whose pressure we impart
 More than mouth hath spoken!
 —, —, —, Chi!
 See our Chapter's token!

PSI UPSILON CHRONOLOGY.

1833—Foundation of the Fraternity at Union College, November 24, by GOODALE, HADLEY, MARTINDALE, TUTTLE, (Sophomores), and BARNARD, HARVEY and STEWART (Freshmen). First Constitution.

1834—The Badge first publicly worn by the Founders and initiate members of the classes of 1836 and 1837, June.

1835—Adoption of the Fraternity's symbolic name and mode of greeting, March 17.

1836—Graduation at Union of the first Class containing members of the Fraternity (Backus, Beardsley, Brown, Conkling, Cushman, GOODALE, HADLEY, Floyd-Jones, MARTINDALE, Reid, Turner and TUTTLE). Meeting held in New York city at the instance of W. Taylor and I. Dayton of the Theta, to take steps for the establishment of the second Chapter, the Δ, at the University of the City of New York, December 6.

1837—The Δ formally instituted February 11.

1838—Conflict between the Greek Letter Societies at Union and their opponents in regard to the Literary Halls; interview of the Committee of the Greek Letter Societies, headed by H. C. Van Vorst Ψ T, Chairman, with President Nott. Second Constitution. Chapter names adopted.

1839—Establishment of the B, the third Chapter at Yale, through W. E. Robinson, October 24 (?). The earliest Psi Upsilon publication issued (Oration on David Humphreys by Joseph W. Gott).

1840—Establishment of the Σ, the fourth chapter, at Brown, through W. E. Robinson of the Beta, March 28,

1841—First regularly called Convention at the Δ, October 22; five Chapters represented; Presiding Officer, the Hon. Joseph W. Gott (Θ); Addresses by the Rev. Henry M. Scudder D. D. and the Rev. George H. Houghton D. D. of the Delta, and the Hon. William Taylor and the Hon. Hooper C. Van Vorst LL. D. of the Theta. Revision of the Constitution. Establishment of the Γ, the fifth Chapter, at Amherst, through W. E. Robinson of the Beta, and Edward Trask of the Delta, June.

1842—Establishment of the Z, the sixth Chapter, at Dartmouth, through Horace James of the Beta, May 10. Establishment of the A, the seventh Chapter at Columbia, through the Delta, June 20. Publication of the first General Catalogue, by W. E. Robinson of the Beta, January.

1843—First decennial Convention at the Θ, July 26; seven Chapters; Orator, Mr. George L. Ehle (Θ); Poet, Mr. Daniel Shepherd (Θ). Establishment of the K, the eighth Chapter, at Bowdoin, through L. F. Brigham of the Zeta, August. Establishment of the Ψ, the ninth Chapter, at Hamilton, by the Convention, October 14. Establishment of the E, the tenth Chapter, at Wesleyan, through S. B. Bangs of the Delta, November 20.

1844—Convention at the Γ, August 8-9; Orator, the Rev. Henry Neill D. D. (Γ); Poet, Mr. George H. Colton (B). Third Constitution. Second General Catalogue.

1845—Convention at the B, August 19-20; Orator, the Hon. George H. Hollister (B); Poet, Mr. Lucius F. Robinson (B).

1846—Convention at the *Z*, July 29-30; nine Chapters; Orator, the Rev. John McC. Steele (*Z*).

1847—Convention at the *Σ*, September 1-2; nine Chapters; Orator, Mr. George H. Colton (*B*). Third General Catalogue.

1848—Convention at the *Ξ*, August 1-2; eight Chapters; Orator, the Hon. Harvey Jewell LL. D. (*Z*); Poet, the Hon. Francis M. Finch (*B*).

1849—Convention at the *A*, October 2-3; nine Chapters; Orator, George P. Quackenbos LL. D. (*A*); Poet, Mr. John Lockwood (*A*). Fourth General Catalogue. First edition of the Songs of the Fraternity.

1850—Convention at the *K*, September 2-3; seven Chapters; Orator, the Hon. Charles A. Spofford (*K*); Poet, Mr. Samuel J. Pike (*K*). Conference of President Wayland with the *Σ*.

1851—Convention at the *Ψ*, July 21-22; nine Chapters; Orator, the Hon. William E. Robinson (*B*); Poet, Professor Henry W. Parker (*I*). Establishment of the *A*, the eleventh Chapter, at Harvard, by the Convention.

1852—Convention at the *Θ*, July 26-27; eleven Chapters; Orator, the Hon. Hooper C. Van Vorst LL. D. (*Θ*); Poet, Mr. J. Wade Wilson (*Θ*). Fifth General Catalogue.

1853—Second decennial Convention at the *A*, July 26-27; eleven Chapters; Orator, Mr. Edwin P. Whipple (*I*); Poet, John G. Saxe, LL. D. (*A*). Second edition of the Songs.

1854—Convention at the *A*, June 29-30; ten Chapters; Orator, George H. Moore LL. D. (*A*); Poet, the Rev. George H. Houghton D. D. (*A*).

1855—Convention at the *B*, July 24-25; ten Chapters; Orator, the Rev. Horace James (*B*); Poet, William H. Burleigh M. D. (*Z*). Sixth General Catalogue.

1856—Convention at the *Σ*, September 4-5; ten Chapters; Orator, the Hon. Samuel G. Arnold LL. D. (*Σ*); Poet, the Hon. Francis M. Finch (*B*).

1857—Convention at the *Γ*, August 10-11; eight Chapters; Orator, President Julius H. Seelye D. D., LL. D. (*Γ*); Poet, John G. Saxe LL. D. (*A*). Institution of an Executive Committee of Three. Third edition of the Songs.

1858—Convention at New York city, called by the Executive Committee, June 24-25; eight Chapters; Orator, Mr. Edwin P. Whipple (*I*); Poet, John G. Saxe LL. D. (*A*). Establishment of the *T*, the twelfth Chapter, at Rochester, through A. H. Strong and Theodore Bacon of the Beta, February 15. First dissolution of the *A*.

1859—Convention at the *A*, June 22-23; eight Chapters.

1860—Convention at the *Z*, July—; Orator, the Hon. Edward G. Parker (*B*). Establishment of the *I*, the thirteenth Chapter, at Kenyon, November 24.

1861—Convention at the *B*, July 24-25; ten Chapters; Orator, Mr. Edwin P. Whipple (*I*). Fourth edition of the Songs.

1862—Convention at the *K*, July 5; four Chapters; Orator, the Rev. Jacob M. Manning D. D. (*I*).

1863—Third decennial Convention at Albany, July 21-22; eleven Chapters. Temporary suspension of the *Θ*.

1864—Convention at the *Ψ*, July 19-20; nine Chapters; Orator, Mr. Charles D. Warner (*Ψ*); Poet, the Hon. Francis M. Finch (*B*). Seventh General Catalogue.

1865—Convention at the *Ξ*, July 18-19; twelve Chapters; Orator, Professor James Strong D. D. (*Ξ*);

Poet, Mr. Charles H. Sweetser (*I*). Revival of the *Θ*. Establishment of the *Φ*, the fourteenth Chapter, at Michigan, through the Iota, January 26.

1866—Convention at the *T*, July 5-6; eleven Chapters; Orator, the Rev. Joseph E. King D. D. (*Ξ*); Poet, the Hon. Guy H. McMaster (*Ψ*). Fifth edition of the Songs.

1867—Convention at the *I*, held in Cincinnati, September 4-5; eight Chapters; Orator, the Hon. Isaac C. Collins (*B*); Poet, Mr. Charles D. McGuffey (*I*).

1868—Convention at the *Φ*, June 17-18; eleven Chapters; Orator, the Hon. Galusha A. Grow LL. D. (*I*); Poet, Mr. Charles H. Sweetser (*I*). The *A* in the hands of its graduate members.

1869—Convention at the *Θ*, May 19-20; thirteen Chapters; Orator, the Hon. Joseph R. Hawley LL. D. (*Ψ*); Poet, the Rev. Joseph E. King D. D. (*Ξ*). Fourth Constitution. The Executive Committee of Three replaced by an Executive Council of Five. Revival of the *A*. Establishment of the *Ω*, the fifteenth Chapter, at Chicago, through the Phi, May 20.

1870—Convention at the *B*, November 29-30; fourteen Chapters. Present Convention Rules become operative. Eighth General Catalogue, published by the *B*. Sixth edition of the Songs, with music, published by the *Ξ*.

1871—Convention at the *Σ*, June 7-8; eleven Chapters; Honorary President, the Hon. Samuel G. Arnold LL. D.; Orator, the Rev. Charles H. Malcolm (*Σ*); Poet, Mr. Henry A. Brown (*B*).

1872—Convention at the *I*, June 5-6; thirteen Chapters. Proceedings first printed. Second dissolution of the *A*.

1873—Fourth decennial Convention at the *Z*, June 4-5; ten Chapters.

1874—Convention at the *A*, April 7-8; thirteen Chapters.

1875—Convention at the *K*, May 5-6; twelve Chapters. Establishment of the *II*, the sixteenth Chapter, at Syracuse, through the Gamma, June 8.

1876—Convention at the *Ψ*, May 3-4; fourteen Chapters; Honorary President, the Hon. George W. Schuyler (*A*); Orator, the Rev. Morris E. Dunham D. D. (*Ψ*); Poet, Edward B. Wicks M. D. (*Ψ*); Historian, Professor Willard Fiske Ph. D. (*Ψ*). Establishment of the *X*, the seventeenth Chapter, at Cornell, through the Executive Council, June 12; Presiding Officer at the Chapter's Institution, the Hon. William Taylor (*Θ*); Orator, President Maunsell Van Rensselaer D. D., LL. D. (*Θ*); Poet, Professor Henry W. Parker (*I*). Seventh edition of the Songs, published by the *Z*.

1877—Convention at the *Ξ*, May 9-10; sixteen Chapters; Honorary President, His Excellency, the Hon. Alexander H. Rice LL. D. (*Θ*); Orator, the Hon. Joseph R. Hawley LL. D. (*Ψ*); Poet, Professor Hjalmar H. Boyesen Ph. D. (*X*); Song-writer, John G. Saxe LL. D. (*A*); Chaplain, Professor James Strong D. D. (*Ξ*).

1878—Convention at the *T*, May 2-3; sixteen Chapters; Honorary President, the Hon. Sterling G. Hadley (*Θ* 1833); Orator, the Hon. Daniel H. Chamberlain LL. D. (*B*); Poet, the Rev. Joseph A. Ely (*I*); Song-writer, the Rev. Henry L. Morehouse (*I*); Chaplain, the Rev. Augustus H. Strong D. D. (*B*); First exercise of suffrage by graduate Members. Coincident Psi Upsilon Reunions at Boston, Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, Portland, St. Paul and Washington, on the evening of May 3. Eighth edition of the Songs published by the Executive Council. Establishment of THE DIAMOND.

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JUNE OF THE FRATERNITY YEAR XLVI.

The next issue of THE DIAMOND will be published in September, the first month of the coming academic year.

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The list of those members of the Fraternity who have served as Orators and Poets of the Conventions is a catalogue of which every Psi Upsilon may well be proud. It includes not a few of the most noted names in American political and literary history.

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At the suggestion of one or two of the Chapters the attention of officials is called to the advisability of attaching to the signatures of those who are charged with the matter of correspondence, the proper symbol instead of the official title. The use of the symbols in general should be more frequent than at present.

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Elsewhere are given two of the Chapter Songs of the Chi. As songs containing allusions to any particular Chapter are very properly excluded from the general collection of the Songs of the Fraternity, they cannot well reach the Psi Upsilon public except through some such medium as THE DIAMOND. This journal will consequently be glad to receive copies of such songs from any Chapter.

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The "Psi Upsilon Chronology," to be found in another column, has been previously published as one of the "Leaves," issued a year or two ago, at Cornell University. It now appears thoroughly revised, and with many errors corrected. The statements made in it are based on the most careful investigation, and may be considered, in nearly or quite every instance, absolutely trustworthy. In compiling it close attention has been paid to the matter of dates.

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By the acceptance of the Rt. Rev. George F. Seymour D. D. (A 1850)—lately elected and confirmed Bishop of Springfield—the number of Psi Upsilon Bishops of the American Church is increased to six. Of these, two, the Bishops of Fond du Lac and Springfield, belong to the same chapter—the Lambda. Those who listened to Dr. Seymour's hearty and eloquent speech at the banquet of the New York Psi Upsilon Alumni the other evening will receive the news of his acceptance with double delight.

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Was there a General Convention in 1842? The records of the Theta and Delta both speak of a Convention to take place in August of that year at the Beta but no statement that the gathering was actually held subsequently appears. The general impression left on the mind is that the project fell through. The first real Convention of the Fraternity took place in 1841—up to

date the annual Commencement Reunion of the Theta was the chief event of the Psi Upsilon year. From 1843 the Conventions have been continuous and it is a fact worthy of notice that of the long series of general assemblages only one has been without a quorum—the one held with the Kappa in 1862, at which only four Chapters were represented.

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The usual midsummer meeting of the members of the Fraternity residing in central New York is to take place this year at Syracuse, August 23. It is understood that Professor C. W. Bennett (Ξ 1852) of Syracuse University will read a paper, and that a collation will be served in the evening. The similar gathering in 1877 at Auburn was a very pleasant affair. As last year, too, there will doubtless be, during some weeks of the summer, a Psi Upsilon camp on the shore of Cayuga Lake, near Auburn. It is stated to be the intention of the active Psi Upsilon Alumni association of Detroit to hold a reunion during the warm season. Similar gatherings will very likely be held elsewhere—all tending to promote those principles of refined social intercourse upon which the Psi Upsilon is based.

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The Hon. Joseph W. Gott was one of the earliest initiates of the Theta, and one who took a large part in shaping the character of the infant organization. He presided at the Fraternity's first Convention, and throughout his life gave abundant evidence that he retained unimpaired his regard for the Psi Upsilon. Mr. Gott possessed one of the earliest Badges made, large in size and of massive gold. On one occasion, at a political or other meeting held in a grove near Goshen, New York (Mr. Gott's place of residence), this Badge disappeared. Exactly twenty years later it was found in the same grove, and taken by the finder to its owner, who was surprised to see it as bright and untarnished as ever, exhibiting no trace of its long sojourn amid the mouldy forest leaves. The same Badge was subsequently worn at Yale by the son of its original possessor, the present Mr. J. W. Gott of Goshen, a well-known member of the Beta.

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PRESIDENT NOTT AND GREEK LETTER SOCIETIES.

At Union College, in the year 1838, the undergraduates not belonging to the Greek Letter Societies managed to secure a controlling influence in both the literary "Halls" or societies, and determined to exclude from those associations all members of the Greek Letter organizations. The Greek Letter Societies at that time represented in Union accordingly held a joint Convention, and appointed a Committee of one from each of the societies to lay their grievances before Dr. Nott, then the famous head of the institution. Of this Committee, a Psi Upsilon, Mr. (now Judge) H. C. Van Vorst was chairman—a

peculiarly honorable position, considering that the Psi Upsilon was almost the youngest of the Union sodalities. The report of the committee, as made to a subsequent convention of the Societies, is as follows:—

The Committee of this Convention appointed at its last session beg leave to submit the following:—

The Committee having organized at the room of Mr. Jerome, and having informed the President of their organization, were requested to wait on the President. To this Committee he made these statements:

The President first informed the Committee that he intended to be very frank with them and also expected the like return from them; he was aware of the existence of certain prejudices existing among the members of this Convention against him, which, he hoped, would be entirely removed in order that the Committee might fully appreciate his intentions, which were of the purest nature—originating in his regard for the welfare of all his "children" alike. The President then made some general remarks on the state of party feeling in College, and in particular of the distressing state of affairs in the Delphian Institute, inasmuch that the members were deprived of the usual literary and scientific advantages of that society. The President then enforced upon the Committee the necessity of a separation, stating that the condition of affairs could not exist so for a long time without serious detriment to the interests of this institution.

He, however, had no definite proposals to make, nor could he, in reality, make any until he knew what this honorable convention was willing itself to propose. The President, nevertheless, informed the Committee that either one of two things must take place; either a new Hall must be erected, in which the secret society men must locate themselves, or else he would endeavor to establish them in one of the present Halls. However, the President informed the Committee that he could make no definite proposal for the present. And the President also stated to the Committee that he would improve the opportunity to inform them that he was not opposed to secret societies; that he was here in the capacity of President of a college and not the President of any party; that he had never endeavored to put down secret societies nor did he wish to injure them at present. There were, however, he stated, some objectionable features in these institutions, which he hoped in time to remove. These features were, first—their influence in narrowing the mind by associating in too limited a circle, and he further informed the Committee that true greatness could be obtained only by entering a broader theatre, in which the mind could combat with mighty intellects; second, the holding of their meetings in the city was attended with serious consequences, encouraging dissipation in partaking of suppers and collations; third, the title *secret societies* was very unpopular, particularly since the death of Morgan, who offered himself a martyr in the cause; that he had no doubt it injured the reputation of the college abroad, detaining valuable young men from this institution. The President further stated that these last objections he hoped to be able to remove in course of time, when accommodations were afforded at college for holding their meetings; and their names were changed to that of Literary "Clubs," one of which he was a member of in a neighboring city, whose secrets he had no doubt were as dark as any at college. The President having once more informed the Committee that he was not opposed to secret societies, which he trusted they believed, and having no further communications to make, the Committee withdrew.

As to the two propositions of the President, the Committee have unanimously concluded that the first, viz: The building of a new Hall, is, at present, impractica-

ble and inconsistent with the dignity of this Convention. The expense attending such an effort is not only great, and in a measure discouraging at present, but the project itself is also of secondary importance, when the affairs of this Convention are considered in their true state. It is the opinion of this Committee that the rights of this Convention should be maintained, that its honor should not be violated. One of the Halls in Union College does in reality belong to the members of this Convention, and, also, a full and ample share of all the books in the different libraries, which must be obtained at the sacrifice of expulsion. The Committee are of the opinion that the members of this Convention are unwilling to yield or submit to any injustice or indignity, and would consequently recommend the latter scheme; and would further recommend that a committee be appointed to wait on the President and inform him that one of the Halls of right belongs to and should be yielded to the members of this Convention; that the neutral members be requested to withdraw from the Delphian Institute, taking with them their rightful share of property; and, also, that the members of this Convention, belonging to the other literary societies, are willing to withdraw from those societies and also claim their rightful share of property and books; and, further that the Delphian Institute be yielded to the members of this Convention belonging to the Delphian Institute, and those connected at present with the other societies; and that the Delphian Institute be the property of this Convention—all which the Committee would respectfully submit.

HOOPER C. VAN VORST.

This document is of great interest in more than one respect. In the first place, it states in a very clear way exactly what were the opinions of Dr. Nott in regard to the Greek Letter societies, and puts an end, once for all, to the oft-repeated assertion that he was opposed to these associations. Even his biographers have been misled in this regard. In the second place, it is additional testimony to the shrewdness and good sense of the most distinguished man who ever presided over a New York college. He saw at an early day what so many have since seen, that the Greek Letter Societies made a mistake at the outset in calling themselves "secret" societies. THE DIAMOND is indebted to Judge Van Vorst for the text here published of the valuable, but little known report.

FRATERNITY NEWS.

X—As the New York city and other journals have already announced, Professor H. H. Boyesen of the Chi is to be married the 27th of this month and will sail for Europe, July 13, and be gone a year. Professor Boyesen declares that he owes his wife to his connection with the ΨT . He dropped in one night at a meeting of the Chi, found there a graduate member of the Beta, was introduced to him and through him ultimately made the acquaintance of the future *Frau Professorin* Boyesen.

A—The Rt. Rev. Dr. W. S. Perry (A 1854), Bishop of Iowa, has sailed for England to attend the Pan-Anglican Conference convened by the Archbishop of Canterbury. The Rt. Rev. A. N. Littlejohn (B 1845), Bishop of Long Island, is the other Psi Upsilon Bishop present at the Conference.—Mr. J. R. Walker (A 1871) Secretary of the Delaware Historical Society, read an ode at Wilmington June 1 on the occasion of the dedication of the building just acquired for the use of the society. Mr. Walker represented the Alpha at the recent Philadelphia gathering.

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