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NOTE.

An apology is due the Fraternity for the unusual delay in printing the Records, which were duly received from the Recorder as early as Sept. 15, and were delivered to the undersigned about Oct. 1. In order to save expense, the work of printing was done by parties who undertook it as a favor. By a sudden and unforeseen pressure of their own affairs, however, they were compelled to give ours the go-by for a few weeks. The work was already under way, and was too far advanced to put into other hands, and thus was occasioned an unavoidable delay, which was as annoying to them as to us. It is hoped that a saving of about forty per cent. of the expense will in some degree excuse it.

H. W. B. HOWARD,

Dec. 1, 1873.

Committee on printing the Records.

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WEDNESDAY.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

CONVENTION called to order by Brother Brown, Secretary of the Executive Council, who appointed Brother F. E. Clark, of the *Zeta*, temporary Chairman, and S. W. Adriance (*Zeta*) temporary Recorder.

The Chair appointed a committee of three to make nominations for officers, consisting of J. H. Wright (*Zeta*), C. D. Wyman (*Omega*), and J. L. Lincoln, Jun. (*Sigma*). Also a committee on credentials, consisting of F. O. Baldwin (*Zeta*), C. R. Sumner (*Upsilon*), and F. H. Olmsted (*Beta*).

After a recess of fifteen minutes, the committee on credentials reported the following delegates present :

<i>Sigma</i> ,	J. L. Lincoln, Jun.
<i>Gamma</i> ,	C. B. Stuart, George E. Brewer.
<i>Zeta</i> ,	F. E. Clark, J. H. Wright, F. O. Baldwin, George B. Parkinson, H. F. Towle.
<i>Lambda</i> ,	C. R. Conger.
<i>Kappa</i> ,	A. J. Boardman, William Moulton.
<i>Xi</i> ,	C. W. Smiley.
<i>Upsilon</i> ,	C. R. Sumner.
<i>Phi</i> ,	T. W. Johnston.
<i>Omega</i> ,	C. D. Wyman.

On motion, F. H. Olmsted (*Beta*) and Frank Jenkins (*Beta*) were admitted as delegates, though without credentials.

The committee on permanent organization then presented the following nominations :

President.

Daniel G. Thompson, *Gamma*.

Vice-Presidents.

F. H. Olmsted,	<i>Beta.</i>	A. J. Boardman,	<i>Kappa.</i>
J. L. Lincoln, Jun.,	<i>Sigma.</i>	C. W. Smiley,	<i>Xi.</i>
C. B. Stuart,	<i>Gamma.</i>	C. R. Sumner,	<i>Upsilon.</i>
F. E. Clark,	<i>Zeta.</i>	T. H. Johnston,	<i>Phi.</i>
C. R. Conger,	<i>Lambda.</i>	C. D. Wyman,	<i>Omega.</i>

Recorder.

S. W. Adriance, *Zeta*.

Assistant Recorders.

F. C. Southgate, *Zeta.* C. W. Pierce, *Zeta.*

The nominations were approved, and the committee discharged.

The President, on taking the chair, submitted the annual communication of the Executive Council, which was read.

The President then appointed the following standing committees :

Committee on Unfinished Business, Wyman (*Omega*), Lincoln (*Sigma*), Brewer (*Gamma*). As Committee on New Business, Sumner (*Upsilon*), Olmsted (*Beta*), Clark (*Zeta*). As Committee on Communication of the Executive Council, Smiley (*Xi*), Johnston (*Phi*), Boardman (*Kappa*). As Committee on Nominations for Council of next year, Baldwin (*Zeta*), Jenkins (*Beta*), Conger (*Lambda*).

A communication was then submitted by Bro. Clark (*Zeta*), from Bro. Elliott, of Syracuse University, and was referred to Committee on New Business.

Bro. Smiley (*Xi*) introduced the following General Resolution :

Resolved by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, That a committee of three be appointed to consider the expediency of issuing a revised edition of the Fraternity Song-book, and report at the next session of the Convention. Referred to Committee on New Business.

Bro. Smiley (*Xi*) also offered the following :

Resolved by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Frater-

nity, That the Executive Council be instructed to forward to the Chapters sixty copies of the Fraternity Catalogue of 1870, distributing them in proportion to their active membership. Referred to Committee on New Business.

On motion of Bro. Wyman (*Omega*), the Convention took a recess of quarter of an hour.

Bro. Wyman then reported the following items from the Committee on Unfinished Business :

GENERAL RESOLUTION, NO. 12—That a committee of three be appointed to inquire into the powers and duties of the Executive Council, and to report at the next meeting of the Convention on a change in the Constitution. Committee—Toll (*Psi*), Benton (*Beta*), Sherborne (*Xi*).

GENERAL RESOLUTION, NO. 2—That the matter of the Psi Upsilon posters be referred to a special committee of three, consisting of Toll (*Psi*), Fish (*Upsilon*), Rider (*Theta*).

GENERAL RESOLUTION, NO. 11—That the Executive Council be requested to compile and classify the general usages of the Fraternity with the resolves and orders of its legislative authority.

Bro. Johnston (*Phi*) tendered a report on the matter of "Posters," by Bro. Elliott, together with the following additional suggestions from the same brother :

1st. That a committee be appointed to get up, or have written, a suitable piece of music—a galop, polka, march, waltz, or something else—and have it dedicated to the Fraternity, and published, with a fine Psi Upsilon lithographic frontispiece.

2nd. That a committee be appointed to get out a new edition of Fraternity Song-book, on better paper—red-line edition, if possible.

3rd. That the matter of publishing a paper (quarterly) be considered.

4th. A request from the resident Alumni at Syracuse, for the authority to establish a resident Chapter of Psi Upsilon at Syracuse.

Latter portion of report referred, by special vote of the Convention, to Committee on New Business.

Bro. Sumner (*Upsilon*) offered the following :

Resolved by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, That the CONSTITUTION of the Fraternity be amended as follows :

ART. III., by the addition of a new section—SECT. 4. When a petition for the establishment of a new Chapter at any University has been denied the petitioners, said petition cannot come before the Chapters again until a Convention shall have taken action upon such petition. Referred to Committee on New Business.

Bro. Smiley (*Xi*) offered the following General Resolution :

Resolved, That each Chapter forward to the Executive Council a copy of their new Chapter motto. Referred to Committee on New Business.

Bro. Smiley (*Xi*) also offered the following :

Resolved by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, That a special committee be appointed by the Chair to recommend a *cypher* for use in the Fraternity. Referred to Committee on New Business.

Bro. Jenkins (*Beta*) offered the following Special Resolution :

Resolved, That, inasmuch as the present time of holding the Convention is not only inconvenient, but interferes seriously with college duties, and consequently with a good attendance at the regular Convention, we hereby recommend to the Chapters that the date be changed to the 20th of May. Resolution adopted.

Bro. Jenkins then moved a reconsideration of the last resolution. Carried.

An amendment was then offered to insert the words "*not later than*" before "*the 20th of May;*" and the resolution, thus modified, was then adopted.

Bro. Clark (*Zeta*) moved that when the Convention adjourn, it adjourn to meet at half past nine, Thursday morning. Carried.

Bro. Wright (*Zeta*) tendered to the Convention an invitation from Prof. and Mrs. Sanborn, to a reception.

Bro. Brown, of the Executive Council, moved that a vote of thanks be given by the Convention to Prof. and Mrs. Sanborn for their courtesy and kindness. Carried.

On motion of Bro. Clark (*Zeta*), the Convention then adjourned.

THURSDAY.

MORNING SESSION.

The Convention having been called to order by the President, the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

J. O. Sherburn (*Xi*) presented his credentials, and was admitted to the Convention.

On motion of the Convention, Charles F. Goss was admitted, without credentials, as delegate from the *Psi*.

Bro. Sumner (*Upsilon*), as chairman of Committee on New Business, reported the following items of new business :

1. Revision and enlargement of the Song-book.
2. Distribution of copies of the Fraternity Catalogue.
3. Petition for a Chapter of Psi Upsilon at Syracuse University.
4. Amendment of Article III. of the Constitution.
5. Chapter mottoes.
6. Cypher for the use of the Fraternity.
7. Committee on Psi Upsilon Music.
8. Publication of a Fraternity paper.
9. Establishment of a Resident Chapter of Psi Upsilon at Syracuse.

Report accepted by the Convention.

Bro. Conger (*Lambda*) then introduced the following :

Resolved by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, That the Chair be empowered to appoint a committee to whom shall be referred that portion of the unfinished business of the last Convention entitled GENERAL RESOLUTION, No. 12. Referred to Committee on New Business.

The Committee on New Business reported favorably on the following General Resolutions :

GENERAL RESOLUTION, No. 1—*Resolved* by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, That a committee of three be appointed to consider the expediency of issuing a revised edition of the Fraternity Song-book, and report at the next session of this Convention.

On motion, it was amended to read, "*at the next Convention,*" instead of "*at the next session of this Convention ;*" and, thus amended, this resolution was voted a second reading and passed, by a vote of Ayes, 10; Noes, 0.

GENERAL RESOLUTION, No. 2—*Resolved* by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, That the Executive Council be instructed to forward to the Chapters sixty copies of the Fraternity Catalogue of 1870, distributing them in proportion to their active membership.

On motion, it was amended to read, "*all but fifteen copies,*" instead of "*sixty copies,*" and the resolution, thus amended, was voted a second reading and passed. Ayes, 10; Noes, 0.

× GENERAL RESOLUTION, No. 3—*Resolved* by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, That Art. III. of the Constitution of the Fraternity be amended by the addition of a new section, as follows:

SECT. 4. When a petition for the establishment of a Chapter at any University has been denied the petitioners, said petition cannot come before the Chapters again until a Convention shall have taken action upon such petition.

The resolution was voted a second reading and passed. Ayes, 10; Noes, 0. ×

GENERAL RESOLUTION, No. 4—*Resolved* by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, That each Chapter be instructed to forward to the Executive Council a copy of their Chapter motto.

This resolution also was voted a second reading and passed. Ayes, 10; Noes, 0.

The Committee on New Business reported unfavorably on the following General Resolution:

Resolved by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, That a special committee be appointed by the Chair to recommend a cypher for the use of the Fraternity.

This resolution was refused a second reading.

Bro. Baldwin, as Chairman of the Committee on Nominations for next year, brought forward the names of the following brothers as nominees for membership of the Executive Council for 1873-'74:

WM. F. MORGAN, <i>Delta</i> ,	F. A. BROWN, <i>Lambda</i> ,
D. G. THOMPSON, <i>Gamma</i> ,	H. W. B. HOWARD, <i>Beta</i> ,
GEORGE C. COFFIN, <i>Zeta</i> .	

Elected.

Bro. Conger (*Lambda*) then moved that the Convention go into a Committee of the Whole to consider the matter referred to with

regard to the establishment of a Chapter at Syracuse University. Carried.

Bro. Wyman (*Omega*) took the chair.

In Committee of the Whole.

After the reading of the petition with regard to Syracuse University, Bro. Clark (*Zeta*) offered the following General Resolution, for consideration :

Resolved by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, That the Convention hereby submits to the several Chapters, for their favorable consideration, a proposition for the establishment of a new Chapter of their Fraternity at Syracuse University.

By request of Bro. Boardman (*Kappa*), Bro. Daniel G. Thompson stated several facts with regard to the petitioners and the condition of the University.

Bro. Brown then stated that the principal argument of the Council against the establishment of a Chapter at Syracuse University was "their total ignorance of any claims whatever."

Bro. Sherburn (*Xi*) thought the matter prematurely pressed.

Bro. Conger (*Lambda*) made a brief review of the petition from Syracuse University, and then closed with a short speech against the resolution.

Bros. Sumner (*Upsilon*) and Goss (*Psi*) opposed the petition.

Bro. Olmsted (*Beta*) said that he was personally in favor of the petitioners, but that the *Beta* was, to say the least, reserved upon this question.

Bro. Jenkins (*Beta*) recommended that a committee of two from the Executive Council be appointed to go to Syracuse, and make a report as to the prospects of the petitioners.

Bro. Brown, of the Council, thought this rather impracticable, and also unnecessary.

Bro. Thompson spoke, eulogizing Bro. Elliot's efforts and sincerity.

Bro. Smiley (*Xi*) thought we could afford to wait.

Bro. Clark's resolution was then put and lost.

Bro. Sherburn then brought up the resolution referring to the establishment of a resident Chapter of the Fraternity at Syracuse.

Bro. Brown, of the Council, thought there was no power in the Constitution to grant a resident Chapter of the Fraternity.

Bro. Sumner (*Upsilon*) moved that the committee report unfavor-

ably to the Convention in regard to the resolutions referring both to the establishment of a Chapter at Syracuse University and of a Resident Chapter. Carried.

The Committee of the Whole, through Bro. Wyman (*Omega*), then rose, and reported unfavorably to any action on the matters referred to it.

Bro. Smiley (*Xi*) submitted the Report of the Committee on the Annual Communication from the Executive Council:

“The Committee on the Annual Communication from the Executive Council beg to submit the following Report:

“The Committee congratulate the Fraternity upon the wise and judicious manner in which the Executive Council have performed their duties during the past year, and recommend their Communication for acceptance.

“The Committee herewith present General Resolutions, as covering all points upon which legislation is deemed necessary.

“The exhibit of active membership mentioned in the Communication did not come to the notice of the Committee.

“The Committee join with the Executive Council in calling the attention of the Chapters to the law—if they neglect, for two weeks after notification, to vote, or to send in the result of their vote, upon any question referred to them by the Convention or Executive Council—that they are counted as voting in the affirmative by default; also to the desirability of sending in returns at the proper time.

“The *Xi* Chapter, having explained, through its delegate, that its initiation of honorary members occurred in July, '72, prior to the passage of the amendment to Art. VI. of the Constitution, is therefore exonerated from any charge of violating the Constitution.

“The Committee have examined the Treasurer's Report carefully, and find it correct, except a possible discrepancy with the *Xi*, which will be investigated when the proper data can be examined.

“We call attention to the fact that the Treasurer has omitted giving any specific data of receipts or disbursements of funds, in his Report, and suggest that dates be given hereafter more specifically.

“Respectfully submitted.

“Committee, { C. W. SMILEY, *Xi*,
F. H. JOHNSTON, *Phi*,
A. J. BOARDMAN, *Kappa*.”

The Committee on the Annual Communication from the Executive Council reported favorably the following General Resolutions :

GENERAL RESOLUTION, No. 5—*Resolved* by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, That the Executive Council be sustained in their decision that they had no right to allow any Chapter to change its vote after being once reported to them. Voted a second reading and passed. Yeas, 10; Nays, 0.

Also the following :

Resolved by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, That the Treasurer of the Executive Council be instructed, upon the first day of November annually, to draw at sight upon the proper officer of each and every Chapter, for the total amount due from such Chapters at that date, he having given them notice, three weeks prior, of his intention so to do.

Second reading refused.

GENERAL RESOLUTION, No. 6—*Resolved* by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity—

Sect. 1. That the *Gamma* Chapter be instructed to inquire into the advisability of establishing a Chapter of this Fraternity at Williams College.

Sect. 2. That the *Gamma* report the result of such inquiry to the Executive Council.

Sect. 3. That the Executive Council be instructed, if in their judgment it be deemed advisable, to submit to each Chapter the information obtained, and order a general vote upon the establishment of this Fraternity at said College.

Voted a second reading and passed. Ayes, 10; Noes, 0.

GENERAL RESOLUTION, No. 7—*Resolved* by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, That the Executive Council be instructed to report at the next Convention a plan for preparing and issuing a revised edition of the Fraternity Catalogue.

Voted a second reading and passed. Ayes, 10; Noes, 0.

The Committee also reported the following :

Resolved by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, That any Chapter, by being in arrears for any Fraternity tax for more than a year from the notification of such tax, forfeits its right to representation in the General Convention until such tax is paid.

Voted a second reading, but its passage refused by a vote of Ayes, 1 (*Phi*); Noes, 9 (*Sigma, Gamma, Zeta, Lambda, Kappa, Psi, Xi*.)

GENERAL RESOLUTION, NO. 8—*Resolved* by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, That the Recorder of this and future Conventions be instructed to forward the records, and all other Fraternity documents, in his possession to the Executive Council as soon as possible after Convention.

Voted a second reading and passed unanimously.

GENERAL RESOLUTION, NO. 9—*Resolved* by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity—

Sect. 1. That the Convention condemns in the strongest terms the action which resulted in the abandonment of the *Alpha* Chapter, as unnecessary and unwarrantable, and hereby repudiates the action of said Chapter, and instructs the Executive Council to cause its active progress to be resumed, by taking such measures as may be just and expedient.

Sect. 2. The members who voted for the dissolution of the *Alpha* Chapter are hereby declared to have forfeited their right to membership in the Fraternity, and are hereby suspended from the same until action can be taken upon them by the *Alpha* Chapter, or by further decree of the Convention.

Sect. 3. The Executive Council is hereby requested to investigate in full the conduct of Bros. W. M. Boyd and Frederick G. Fincke in the premises, together with that of such other members of said *Alpha* Chapter as they may deem necessary, and report to the Convention the result of such investigation.

Bro. Stuart (*Gamma*) moved an amendment to the above resolution, by the addition of a new section, as follows:

Sect. 4. That the Executive Council be authorized to levy a tax of ten (10) cents on each active member of the Fraternity, to defray expenses.

Bro. Stuart's amendment was carried, and the resolution, thus amended, allowed a second reading and passed. Ayes, 10; 0.

Also the following:

Resolved by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity—

Sect. 1. That any Chapter expelling a member be required to report the action immediately to each Chapter of the Fraternity, and to the Executive Council.

Sect. 2. That the Executive Council be instructed to report all such expulsions at the ensuing Convention.

Second reading refused.

Also the following was then presented :

Resolved by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, That the Chair be empowered to appoint a committee to whom shall be referred that portion of the Unfinished Business of the last Convention entitled "GENERAL RESOLUTION, NO. 12."

The Recorder read the item of Unfinished Business alluded to :

GENERAL RESOLUTION, NO. 12, of Thirty-ninth Convention—*Resolved* by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, That a committee of three be appointed to inquire into the duties and powers of the Executive Council, and to report, at the next meeting of the Convention, on a change in the Constitution.

Allowed a second reading and passed unanimously.

Bro. Wyman (*Omega*) offered the following :

SPECIAL RESOLUTION, NO. 2—*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be, and are hereby, extended to Bro. Daniel G. Thompson, for the very prompt and able manner in which he has presided over its various sessions. Passed unanimously.

Bro. Conger (*Lambda*) offered

SPECIAL RESOLUTION, NO. 3—*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention are due, and hereby are given, to the *Zeta* Chapter, for that generous hospitality which they have so freely and courteously accorded, and which has contributed largely to the speedy transaction of the business before the Convention. Passed by the Convention.

Bro. Clark (*Zeta*) presented the following :

SPECIAL RESOLUTION, NO. 4—*Resolved*, That the Ode written for the Fortieth Convention of Psi Upsilon, by John Ordronaux, LL.D., of the *Zeta*, be accepted as a Fraternity Song, and that the thanks of the Convention be extended to that gentleman for it. Passed unanimously by the Convention.

Bro. Smiley, on behalf of the Committee on the Annual Communication from the Council, presented the following SUPPLEMENTARY RESOLUTIONS, NOS. 11 and 12 :

Resolved by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Frater-

nity, That the Treasurer of the Executive Council be instructed to add interest, at the rate of twenty per cent., to all Fraternity taxes remaining unpaid at the close of the Convention next succeeding the levy of said taxes. Voted a second reading and passed unanimously.

GENERAL RESOLUTION, NO. 12—*Resolved* by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, That the Executive Council be instructed to report all expulsions at the Convention next following such expulsions. Voted a second reading and passed unanimously.

The President appointed as committee under GENERAL RESOLUTION, No. 10, Bros. R. W. De Forest (*Beta*), R. Lenox Belknap (*Lambda*), Edward T. Ely (*Upsilon*).

There being no more business, on motion, the President then announced the Convention adjourned, *sine die*.

SAMUEL W. ADRIANCE,

Recorder.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

New York City.

TO THE FORTIETH CONVENTION OF THE PSI UPSILON FRATERNITY :

The Executive Council would respectfully submit their annual communication.

It gives the Council much pleasure to congratulate the Fraternity upon its continued prosperity. With one exception all the Chapters report themselves in a flourishing condition. The single exception is the *Alpha*, an account of whose troubles will be found further on. There seems to have been a slight falling off in our numbers since last year, but that is almost entirely occasioned by the defection of the *Alpha*. An exhibit of our active membership is given below.

The Council reports with much gratification the adoption of the two amendments to the Constitution passed at the last Convention. We believe that the limitations as to membership are now as good as can be desired. We hope that they will be more thoroughly observed in future than they have been during the past year.

The Resolution of the last Convention directing the Council to print the Records of the Convention was carefully executed, and we believe it has proved the wisdom of the Convention. One great object gained was that the copies were all compared and found to agree with the official records. The expense was \$37, being a saving of about \$75 over the old way of distributing the records. We would ask that the Recorder be instructed to forward the records as soon as possible after the Convention. We also call the attention of the Recorder to the fact that the Convention rules require him to forward a copy of each general resolution adopted by the Convention, and that the copy must be indorsed as correct by the President of the Convention. Last year there was considerable delay owing to the mistakes of the printer; but next year we promise a great economy of time.

X The Council have to report that the petition for a new Chapter at Cornell University was refused, three Chapters voting against it. The petition for a new Chapter at Syracuse University was also refused, two Chapters voting against it. Through some misapprehension of a letter from a member of the Council to the petitioners at Syracuse, the petitioners supposed that if the two Chapters voting against them should change their votes the charter for a Chapter would be granted to them. Accordingly, they brought such arguments to bear upon the Chapters which voted against the petition that they (the two Chapters aforesaid) wrote to the Council, asking that their votes should be changed. After mature deliberation, the Council unanimously decided that it had not the power to re-open the question after the decision of the Fraternity had been promulgated. This decision of the Council we deem to be not only warranted by the Constitution, but a necessity for the proper protection of the Fraternity. The evil effects of

allowing a Chapter to change its vote upon a question referred to it by the Convention is easily understood, as there would be no positive decision ever given. When informed that the Council would not reopen the question, the petitioners sent in a new petition to the Council, asking the Council to lay it before the Chapters for ratification. The Council, although believing that no Chapter should be founded unless the arguments in its favor were very strong, decided that, as apparently all the Chapters were in favor of the establishment of a new Chapter at Syracuse University, it was only just that the matter should be again laid before them. This was done accordingly, and the petition was again refused, four Chapters voting against it and three in favor of it. The Council wish to call the attention of the Convention to the fact that the Chapters do not send in the result of their votes. It is seldom that over five or six Chapters inform the Council of their wishes upon any question referred to them. In case a Chapter does not send in its report, they are supposed to be and are counted as being in favor of the project, whatever it may be.

X One of the very few disagreeable events of the past year has been the breaking up of the *Alpha* Chapter. Some time last October the Secretary of the Council received a letter from Brother Boyd, of the *Alpha*, asking when he could see any member of the Council in New York, and also asking us not to reply to any letters we might receive from the *Alpha* until we heard from him further. The Secretary accordingly informed Brother Boyd of the time and place where the Secretary could be seen. Nothing more was heard from the Chapter until Brother Boyd again wrote, telling us that the *Alpha* had voted to dissolve the Chapter. Brother Boyd asked that the Council should transfer the archives over to him, and to give him the power to re-establish the Chapter at the first favorable opportunity. This the Council declined to do. The Council thereupon authorized the *Sigma* Chapter to send on a delegate to Harvard to investigate the trouble, and to take possession of the archives in the name of the Executive Council. The *Sigma* failed to attend to it. The Council then appointed Brother Thompson a committee to go on to Harvard and to report upon the condition of the *Alpha*, and to take possession of the archives of that Chapter. The report of this committee is below.

We are sorry to be obliged to call the attention of the Convention to an apparent violation of the amendments to the Constitution passed at the last Convention. The *Xi* Chapter reports having initiated two men as honorary members. The Chapter can, we hope, explain this to the satisfaction of the Convention. The *Phi* Chapter reports having expelled Mr. Rowley, a member of that Chapter. We should recommend to the Convention that a Chapter expelling a member should notify the Council and several Chapters, as at present, and that the Council be directed to report the matter to the Convention.

In view of the labor of collecting the taxes from the several Chapters, the Council would recommend some legislation upon the subject.

The Council also suggest that the subject of supplementary catalogues be considered by the Convention.

The Council are very desirous that the Chapters should be particular in sending in their returns as soon as possible. It is upon this return that they are taxed, and in case there is no late one the Council is compelled to use the last one received.

The Council have been requested to inform the Convention that a considerable amount of money has been offered to the Council if a Chapter of the Fraternity

should be established at Williams College. The Council accordingly suggest that some Chapter be appointed a committee to investigate the condition of Williams with reference to societies, and to report upon the advisability of establishing a Chapter of the Fraternity at that College.

The Council offers the report of the Treasurer with pleasure, showing as it does the economy in the financial affairs and management of the Council.

The Council, believing that all the money now owing will be promptly paid, asks for no appropriation for the Council expenses for the coming year. Of course, in making this estimate, we are supposing that no extra expense will be entailed upon us by the Convention.

All of which is respectfully submitted to the Convention.

Rooms of the Executive Council, }
New York City, June 2, 1873. }

FRED. A. BROWN,
Sec. Executive Council.

W. F. MORGAN,
Pres. Executive Council.

REPORT ON THE ALPHA CHAPTER.

To the Executive Council of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity.

Your committee appointed for an investigation into the matters of the *Alpha* Chapter, respectfully reports :

That he has visited Harvard College and obtained information from all the sources in his power, giving a hearing to all parties desiring it, and finds the following facts :

I. That for a year past the Chapter has been in a failing condition, owing to a lack of interest and enthusiasm on the part of some members.

II. That this lack of interest and enthusiasm has been caused by other society connections on the part of its members. That there have been in the Chapter rival factions—the one of members of a sporting society called the *Hasty Pudding*, and the other of a literary society called the *Signet*. That, in consequence of complications with these societies, irreconcilable differences arose between the two factions, which ultimately resulted in the vote to disband the Chapter. The representatives of the *Hasty Pudding*, in the Chapter, claimed that no good men could be found who would accept elections to Psi Upsilon, and that therefore the Chapter should disband rather than to lower the standard of membership. They charge that this extraordinary state of affairs was brought about by the ill-advised and selfish course of Brother W. M. Boyd, who sought to make the Chapter subordinate to the *Signet*, and who would sacrifice Psi Upsilon to the interest of the latter Society. On the contrary, the representatives of the *Signet*, in the person of Brother Boyd, charge Brother Fred. G. Fincke with having wickedly and traitorously sought the destruction of the Chapter, when it appeared that men of low, convivial tastes and dissipated habits could not be introduced into its membership.

III. Your committee further finds that there are no men at the present time who are willing to assume control of the Chapter, but that there is good prospect that there will soon be an opportunity to resuscitate the Chapter on a sound foundation.

From the facts presented above, your committee has arrived at the following conclusions:

I. That whatever may have been the motives of the members of the Chapter who proposed and carried forward the plan of dissolution, their action was wholly unnecessary and inexpedient. That no state of affairs has at any time existed which would warrant the contemplation of such a step as the dissolution of the Chapter.

II. That the Chapter should be considered not as dissolved and abandoned, but merely as suspended, and that the Executive Council should be instructed to re-establish it among the Psi Upsilons of the College and vicinity as soon as practicable.

III. That an investigation should be ordered into the conduct of W. M. Boyd and Fred. G. Fincke, with a view to ascertaining upon whom rests the blame of this unfortunate and inexcusable condition of affairs; and that upon such investigation action should be taken in such a manner as may be constitutional and expedient.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL G. THOMPSON, *Committee.*

Cambridge, Mass., *June 2, 1873.*

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

PASSED AT THE FORTIETH CONVENTION OF THE PSI UPSILON FRATERNITY.

GENERAL RESOLUTION NO. 1. *Resolved by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity*, that a Committee of three be appointed to consider the expediency of issuing a revised edition of the Fraternity Song-book, and report at the next Convention.

GENERAL RESOLUTION NO. 2. *Resolved by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity*, that the Executive Council be instructed to forward to the Chapters, all but fifteen copies of the Fraternity Catalogue of 1870, distributing them in proportion to their active membership.

GENERAL RESOLUTION NO. 3. *Resolved by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity*, that Article III. of the Constitution of the Fraternity be amended by the addition of a new section, as follows:

Section 4. When a petition for the establishment of a Chapter at any university has been denied the petitioners, said petition cannot come before the Chapters again, until a Convention shall have taken action upon such a petition.

GENERAL RESOLUTION NO. 4. *Resolved by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity*, that each Chapter be instructed to forward to the Executive Council a copy of its Chapter motto.

GENERAL RESOLUTION NO. 5. *Resolved by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity*, that the Executive Council be sustained in their decision that they had no power to allow any chapter to change its vote after being once reported to them.

GENERAL RESOLUTION NO. 6. *Resolved by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity*:

Section 1. That the *Gamma* Chapter be instructed to inquire into the advisa-

bility of establishing a Chapter of this Fraternity at Williams College.

Section 2. That the *Gamma* report the result of such inquiry to the Executive Council.

Section 3. That the Executive Council be instructed, if in their judgment it be deemed advisable, to submit to each Chapter the information obtained, and order a general vote upon the establishment of a Chapter of this Fraternity at said College.

GENERAL RESOLUTION NO. 7. *Resolved by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity,* that the Executive Council be instructed to report at the next Convention a plan for preparing and issuing a revised edition of the Fraternity Catalogue.

GENERAL RESOLUTION NO. 8. *Resolved by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity,* that the Recorder of this and future Conventions be instructed to forward the records and all other Fraternity documents in his possession, to the Executive Council as soon as possible after Convention.

GENERAL RESOLUTION NO. 9. *Resolved by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity:*

Section 1. The Convention condemns in the strongest terms the action which resulted in the abandonment of the *Alpha* Chapter, as unnecessary and unwarrantable, and hereby repudiates the action of said Chapter, and instructs the Executive Council to cause its active progress to be resumed by taking such measures as may be just and expedient.

Section 2. The members who voted for the dissolution of the *Alpha* Chapter are hereby declared to have forfeited their right to membership in the Fraternity, and are hereby suspended from the same until action can be taken upon them by the *Alpha* Chapter, or by further decree of the Convention.

Section 3. The Executive Council is hereby requested to investigate in full the conduct of Bros. W. M. Boyd and Fred G. Fincke in the premises, together with that of such other members of said *Alpha* Chapter as they may deem necessary, and report to the Convention the result of such investigation.

Section 4. That the Executive Council be authorized to levy a tax of ten (10) cents on each member of the Fraternity to defray expenses.

GENERAL RESOLUTION NO. 10. *Resolved by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity,* that the Chair be empowered to appoint a Committee to whom shall be referred that portion of the unfinished business of the last Convention entitled General Resolution No. 12.

GENERAL RESOLUTION NO. 11. *Resolved by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity,* that the Treasurer of the Executive Council be instructed to add interest at the rate of twenty per cent. to all Fraternity taxes remaining unpaid at the close of the Convention next succeeding the levy of said taxes.

GENERAL RESOLUTION NO. 12. *Resolved by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity,* that the Executive Council be instructed to report all expulsions at the Convention next following such expulsions.

We hereby certify that the foregoing General Resolutions were duly passed at the Fortieth Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity.

Hanover, N. H., June 14, 1873.

SAMUEL W. ADRIANCE, *Recorder.*

DANIEL G. THOMPSON, *President.*

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE FORTIETH CONVENTION OF THE PSI
UPSILON FRATERNITY.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION NO. 1. *Resolved*—That inasmuch as the present time of holding the Convention is not only inconvenient, but interferes seriously with college duties and consequently with a good attendance at the regular Convention, that we hereby recommend to the Chapters that the date be changed to a time not later than the 20th of May.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION NO. 2. *Resolved*—That the thanks of this Convention be and are hereby tendered to Brother Daniel G. Thompson for the very prompt and able manner in which he has presided over its various sessions.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION NO. 3. *Resolved*—That the thanks of this Convention are due and hereby are given to the *Zeta* Chapter for that generous hospitality which they have so freely and courteously accorded and which has contributed largely to the speedy transaction of the business before the Convention.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION NO. 4. *Resolved*—That the ode written for the Fortieth Convention of the Psi Upsilon, by John Ordonaux, LL.D., of the *Zeta*, be accepted as a Fraternity song, and that the thanks of the Convention be extended to that gentleman for it.

(Signed,) S. W. ADRIANCE (*Zeta*),
Recorder of the Fortieth Convention of Psi Upsilon.

Report of the Treasurer of the Executive Council.

RECEIPTS.

(Tax of 1872.)

1872-'73.

Balance of account of R. L. Belknap,	\$ 1 45
Cash received from Xi Chapter,	13 67
“ “ “ Sigma “	5 33
“ “ “ Kappa “	7 00
“ “ “ Alpha “	9 33
“ “ “ Omega “	4 66
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Total Receipts,	\$41 44

EXPENDITURES.

One year's rent of Post-office box (2676),	\$16 00
Storing archives one year,	2 50
Postage stamps,	2 76
Expressage on records,	50
“ “ “ and archives,	1 50
Stationery,	50
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Total Expenditures,	23 76
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Balance,	\$17 68
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E. & O. E.

FRED. A. BROWN,
Treasurer.

THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS ARE OWING :

From the Theta Chapter,	\$ 3 66
“ “ Beta “	28 67
“ “ Iota “	2 00
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\$34 33

Report of the Treasurer of the Executive Council.

RECEIPTS

1873.

Balance of last account,	\$17 68
Cash from Phi Chapter (Tax of 1873),	10 00
“ “ Sigma “ “ “ “	4 33
“ “ Lambda “ “ “ “	5 66
Total Receipts,	<u>\$37 67</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Total,	<u>00 00</u>
Balance on hand,	<u>\$37 67</u>

E. & O. E.

FRED. A. BROWN,
Treasurer.

THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS ARE OWING :

From the Theta Chapter,	\$ 4 00
“ “ Delta “	1 00
“ “ Beta “	12 00
“ “ Gamma “	12 66
“ “ Kappa “	7 66
“ “ Psi “	4 66
“ “ Xi “	13 00
“ “ Upsilon “	6 00
“ “ Iota “	1 33
“ “ Omega “	4 66
Total,	<u>\$66 97</u>

Special Accounts with F. A. Brown, Treasurer.

CONVENTION FUND.

RECEIPTS.

1872-'73.

(Tax of 1872.)

Balance received from R. L. Belknap,	\$27 00
Cash " " Xi Chapter,	41 00
" " " Kappa "	21 00
" " " Alpha "	24 00
" " " Omega "	14 00
" " " Sigma "	16 00
Total,	<u>\$143 00</u>

EXPENDITURES.

By P. O. Money Order to Gamma Chapter, .	\$75 00
" printing Records,	37 00
" charge on P. O. O.,	45
" cash to Gamma Chapter,	30 55
Total,	<u>\$143 00</u>

E. & O. E.

FRED. A. BROWN,
Treasurer.

THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS ARE OWING :

From the Theta Chapter,	\$11 00
" " Beta "	34 00
" " Iota "	6 00
	<u>\$51 00</u>

Special Accounts with F. A. Brown, Treasurer.

CONVENTION FUND.

RECEIPTS.

(Tax of 1873.)

Cash received from Phi Chapter,	\$30 00
“ “ “ Sigma “	13 00
“ “ “ Lambda “	17 00
“ “ “ Psi “	11 00
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Total,	\$71 00
By cash to Zeta Chapter,	71 00
Balance,	<hr/>
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New York, June 3rd, 1873.

E. & O. E.

FRED. A. BROWN,
Treasurer.

THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS ARE OWING:

From the Theta Chapter,	\$12 00
“ “ Delta “	3 00
“ “ Beta “	36 00
“ “ Gamma “	38 00
“ “ Kappa “	23 00
“ “ Xi “	39 00
“ “ Upsilon “	18 00
“ “ Iota “	4 00
“ “ Omega “	14 00
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Total,	\$187 00
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The following Chapters are in Arrears, viz.:

	Council Taxes.			Convention Fund.		Total.
	1871.	1872.	1873.	1872.	1873.	
Theta,	\$	\$ 3 66	\$ 4 00	\$11 00	\$ 12 00	\$ 30 66
Delta,			1 00		3 00	4 00
Beta,	16 75	11 92	12 00	34 00	36 00	110 67
Gamma,			12 66		38 00	50 66
Kappa,			7 66		23 00	30 66
Psi,			4 66			4 66
Xi,			13 00		39 00	52 00
Upsilon,			6 00		18 00	24 00
Iota,		2 00	1 33	6 00	4 00	13 33
Omega,			4 66		14 00	18 66
Total,	\$16 75	\$17 58	\$66 97	\$51 00	\$187 00	\$339 30