

RECORDS

OF THE

Forty-first Annual Conbention

OF THE

PSI UPSILON FRATERNITY,

HELD WITH THE

LAMBDA CHAPTER,

COLUMBIA COLLEGE, NEW YORK CITY,

Tuesday and Wednesday, April 7th and 8th, 1874.

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1874.

RECORDS.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 1874.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

CONVENTION called to order by Brother Brown, of the Executive Council, who appointed Brother C. R. Conger, of the *Lambda*, temporary Chairman, and C. R. Buckley (*Lambda*) temporary Recorder.

The Chair then appointed the following committees :

COMMITTEE ON PERMANENT ORGANIZATION —Jas. W. Barrett (*Phi*), Wm. D. Howland (*Sigma*), Chas. Otis (*Omega*).

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS —D. Smith (*Lambda*), S. L. Beckley (*Delta*), Wm. H. Nichols (*Upsilon*).

After a recess of fifteen minutes the two above committees made the following reports :

The Committee on CREDENTIALS report the following delegates present :

<i>Theta</i> ,	Edward Jackson (without credentials).
<i>Delta</i> ,	S. L. Beckley, R. W. Stevenson, J. F. Russell, Jr.
<i>Beta</i> ,	R. W. Kelly, Wm. Kelly, C. F. Cutter, Samuel Isham, C. F. Russ.
<i>Sigma</i> ,	Wm. D. Howland.
<i>Gamma</i> ,	Geo. W. Atwell, Edmund M. Smith, Geo. F. Forbes.
<i>Zeta</i> ,	Clarence M. Pierce.

<i>Lambda,</i>	C. R. Conger, F. W. Hinrichs, D. Smith.
<i>Kappa,</i>	R. A. Gray, Wm. Moulton, L. A. Rogers, F. R. Upton.
<i>Psi,</i>	C. C. Hemenway, P. H. Smith, Jr., C. S. Truax.
<i>Xi,</i>	D. Dorchester, A. Underhill.
<i>Upsilon,</i>	Wm. H. Nichols.
<i>Omega,</i>	Chas. Otis.
<i>Phi,</i>	Jas. W. Barrett.

On motion, Edward Jackson (*Theta*) was admitted as a delegate without credentials.

The Committee on PERMANENT ORGANIZATION then presented the following nominations :

President.

Julien Davies, *Lambda.*

Vice-Presidents.

S. L. Beckley,	<i>Delta.</i>	R. A. Gray,	<i>Kappa.</i>
R. W. Kelly,	<i>Beta.</i>	P. H. Smith, Jr.,	<i>Psi.</i>
Wm. D. Howland,	<i>Sigma.</i>	D. Dorchester,	<i>Xi.</i>
Geo. W. Atwell,	<i>Gamma.</i>	Wm. H. Nichols,	<i>Upsilon.</i>
Clarence M. Pierce,	<i>Zeta.</i>	Chas. Otis,	<i>Omega.</i>
D. Smith,	<i>Lambda.</i>	Jas. W. Barrett,	<i>Phi.</i>
Edward Jackson, <i>Theta.</i>			

Recorder.

Chas. R. Buckley, *Lambda.*

Assistant Recorders.

F. Storrs, *Lambda.*

John B. Pine, *Lambda.*

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.—E. M. Smith (*Gamma*), J. M. Barrett (*Phi*), Chas. Otis (*Omega*), D. Dorchester (*Xi*), R. A. Gray (*Kappa*).

COMMITTEE ON NEW BUSINESS.—C. R. Conger (*Lambda*), Wm. H. Nichols (*Upsilon*), Wm. Kelly (*Beta*).

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF NEXT YEAR.—Clarence M. Pierce (*Zeta*), R. W. Stevenson (*Delta*), W. D. Howland (*Sigma*), F. W. Hinrichs (*Lambda*), C. C. Hemenway (*Psi*).

A communication from Bros. W. T. Morgan and D. G. Thompson, declining their renomination as members of the Executive Council, was then read. Communication referred to Committee on Nominations.

Bro. Chas. W. Bennett, Professor of Logic and History in the Syracuse University, and a graduate member of the *Psi Upsilon* Fraternity, then spoke in the favor of establishment of a Chapter at said University, presenting a petition from a number of the students and a letter from Prof. G. F. Comfert. Petition referred to Committee on New Business.

Bro. Lyman then addressed the chair in reference to the action taken by the Executive Council with regard to the *Alpha* Chapter.

Bro. Brown, of the Executive Council, replied.

Chair was obliged to deny Bro. Lyman the privilege of the floor, as by the action of last year's Convention he was a suspended member of the Fraternity.

Bro. Carhart of the *Psi*, in the interest of the University of Evanston, presented a petition of investigation. Referred to Committee on New Business.

After a recess of fifteen minutes Convention was called to order.

A debate then took place between certain members of the Convention with regard to the matters of the *Alpha* Chapter.

Bro. Conger (*Lambda*) moved that Bro. Lyman be so far restored to his rights as a Brother as to be allowed to be present during the deliberations of the Convention.

This motion was amended by Bro. Smith (*Gamma*), That Bro. Lyman be allowed to speak in his own defence.

This amendment was accepted, after which Bro. Conger (*Lambda*) made another amendment, that is, the addition of the following words: "*after the Committee appointed to consider the matter have reported.*"

Accepted.

Then the original motion so amended came before the house:

That Bro. Lyman be so far restored to his rights as a Brother as to be allowed to speak in his own defence, after the Committee have reported, and to be present during the deliberations of the Convention.

Carried.

Committee on unfinished business reported as follows:

"The greater part of the Unfinished Business of the Fortieth Annual Convention, your Committee find, has been already noticed and discussed in the report of the Executive Council. The duty, therefore, of bringing these matters before the Convention would seem to devolve upon the committee appointed to consider that report. Beyond these, we find but two items of unfinished business, to which the attention of the Convention should be directed.

"1. The revision of the *Psi Upsilon* Song Book was at the last Convention referred to a Committee of three, to be appointed by the Convention. Such committee was not appointed.

"2. The duty of investigating into the 'Duties and Powers of the Executive Council' was at last Convention assigned to a Committee of three, viz., Bros. De Forest (*Beta*), Belknap (*Lambda*), Ely (*Upsilon*).

"Respectfully submitted,

"EDMUND M. SMITH, *Chairman.*"

Report accepted.

On motion of Bro. Conger (*Lambda*), the convention adjourned until Wednesday, April 8, at 11 A. M.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 1874.

MORNING SESSION.

CONVENTION called to order in the hall of the New York Historical Society.

After approval of the minutes of the last meeting the Committee on Unfinished Business made the following additional report :

The Committee on Unfinished Business recommend the following action upon the items of unfinished business noticed in their previous report :

They would introduce and recommend the adoption of the following general resolutions. (See below, resolutions respecting Song-book and Duties and Powers of the Executive Council.)

Report accepted and referred to Committee on New Business.

Bro. Beckley (*Delta*), on behalf of Committee on New Business, reported the following items of new business :

1. Revision and enlargement of the Song-book.
2. Duties and powers of the Executive Council.
3. Petition for a Chapter of *Psi Upsilon* at Syracuse University.
4. Petition for a Chapter of *Psi Upsilon* at the Northwestern University.
5. Certificates of membership.
6. Fraternity colors.
7. Installation ceremony of Chapter officers.
8. Fraternity history.
9. Nominations for the Executive Council.

The Committee on New Business reported as follows on the resolutions before them :

1.—That the Executive Council be constituted a committee to revise, beautify and enlarge the Fraternity Song-book and report at the next Convention. (Unfavorably.)

2.—That the report of the committee appointed at the last Convention to investigate the Duties and Powers of the Executive Council be postponed until the Forty-second Annual Convention. (Favorably.)

(This resolution was voted a second reading and passed.)

3.—That the petition for a Charter for a new Chapter of the Fraternity at Syracuse University be granted and referred to the Chapters for their consideration. (Favorably.)

(Bro. Charles W. Bennett (*Xi*) presented the above-mentioned petition, and Bro. Wells (*Gamma*) spoke very earnestly in regard to this matter, hoping and advising that this petition be accepted.

Vote was taken on the resolution, and it was carried unanimously.)

4.—That the Convention hereby submit to the several Chapters, for their consideration, the petition for the establishment of a Chapter of this Fraternity at the Northwestern University, and that the Council be instructed not to lay this matter before the Chapters for their consideration before the report of an investigating committee, composed of two of the Executive Council, appointed by this Convention, be made, and to forward said report with the resolution to the Chapters. (Favorably.)

(This resolution, embodying the petition presented by Bro. Carhart, was considered and passed unanimously.)

5.—That a committee of five be appointed to consider subject of certificate of membership, and report at next Convention.. (Favorably.)

(Voted a second reading and passed.)

6.—That a committee of three be appointed to consider the expediency of adopting Fraternity colors, and that said committee report at this Convention. (Unfavorably.)

7.—That a special committee of five be appointed to consider as to the advisability of framing an installation ceremony of Chapter officers. (Unfavorably.)

8.—That Bro. G. W. Elliot be appointed a committee of one to prepare a history of the Fraternity, to be presented at some future Convention. and that each Chapter appoint a historian to forward to him such data as they can procure. (Unfavorably.)

Convention then adjourned until 4.15 P. M.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 1874.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Bro. Brown, of the Executive Council, called the Convention to order, and proposed Bro. Thompson, of the *Gamma*, as Chairman, since Bro. Davis was obliged, on account of urgent business, to absent himself.

No opposition being offered, Bro. Thompson therefore took the Chair.

Committee on New Business report favorably on the nominations for Executive Council, made by the committee appointed for that purpose, who nominated :

F. A. BROWN, <i>Lambda</i> ,	H. W. B. HOWARD, <i>Beta</i> .
GEO. C. COFFIN, <i>Zeta</i> ,	ISAAC S. SIGNOR, <i>Psi</i> ,
GEO. ZABRISKIE, <i>Delta</i> .	

The following Special Resolution of the Committee on Nominations was also referred to Committee on New Business, and reported favorably :

SPECIAL RESOLUTION, No. 1—*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Fraternity are due, and that they be extended to, Bros. Wm. F. Morgan and David G. Thompson, for the efficient and true *Psi Upsilon* spirit with which these Brothers have discharged their duties as members of the Executive Council.

C. M. PIERCE (*Zeta*), *Chairman*.

The above was voted a second reading and passed.

The Committee on the Annual Communication of the Executive Council then reported as follows :

“*Brothers of the Convention*—

“Your Committee on the Annual Communication from the Executive Council beg leave to submit the following partial Report :

“In relation to the matters concerning the *Alpha* Chapter, submitted in connection with the above Annual Communication, your Committee deem them of so intricate a character and of so great importance that

Resolved by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity,
That the report of the Committee on the advisability of establishing a Chapter at Williams College be accepted. (Passed.)

The Convention refused to accept the report of the Committee with reference to a new Chapter at Williams College.

Bro. Hinrichs, of the *Lambda*, moved a reconsideration. Seconded and carried.

Motion to accept was again put and carried.

Bro. Hemenway (*Psi*) moved that a Committee of five be appointed to consider the subject of certificates. Seconded and carried.

The Chair then appointed the following gentlemen :

Brother Wm. H. Moulton, *Kappa* ; Brother Smyth, *Lambda* ; Brother S. L. Beckley, *Delta* ; Brother Ely, *Xi* ; Brother Elliot, *Upsilon*.

Bro. Upton (*Kappa*) then called for the report of the Committee on Communication from the Executive Council in reference to the *Alpha* Chapter.

Bro. Conger (*Lambda*), Chairman of the Committee, then presented the following report :

“ This Committee, after investigation of the matter of the *Alpha* Chapter, are of the opinion that the action of the members of that Chapter was ‘ unnecessary and unwarrantable,’ as expressed in the General Resolution, No. 9 of the last Convention, and that the Convention rightly interfered and repudiated said action ; but we are also of opinion that that interference should have taken the form of a provisional remedy and not of a punishment.

“ That, therefore, while it was right and proper to suspend the members of that Chapter until the matter could be thoroughly sifted, there was no just ground for declaring their Fraternity privileges forfeited until after full investigation.

“ And, further, that the wording of Section 2 of said General Resolution was illogical, inasmuch as the Fraternity cannot interfere with individual men, but only with a chapter—that is, the Fraternity can suspend an entire Chapter, but not individuals of that Chapter. Moreover, your Committee are of opinion that the delay in the decision of this matter by the Council to which it was referred seems hardly necessary, and if unnecessary, is certainly unjust to the suspended members.

Bro. Hinrichs (*Lambda*) opposed the passing of the resolutions embodied in the report, and made an amendment to the first resolution of the above report, saying that the action should be a preliminary measure, and that it should be referred to the individual Chapters.

Bro. Conger (*Lambda*) asked the Chair whether the Convention had the right to pass these Resolutions. The Chair gave it as his opinion that the circumstances justified the action of the Convention.

Bro. Conger, of the *Lambda*, said he thought that the action of last year's Convention was illogical and illegal.

Bro. Hemenway (*Psi*) said it appeared to him that the report of last year's Convention was no more illegal than that of the present one; and as to each Chapter was given the power to suspend and expel a member, so also was the same privilege given to the Convention.

It was then moved that General Resolutions in the report of the Committee on Annual Communication from the Executive Council have a second reading. (Carried.)

Again, that each Resolution be acted upon separately. (Carried.)

Thereupon the Resolutions were read twice, and passed.

Resolved by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, That the members of the *Alpha* Chapter at the time of the vote for dissolution are hereby suspended from all Chapter rights and privileges until the further action of the Council.

Resolved by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, That the entire matter concerning the *Alpha* Chapter be again referred to the Executive Council.

Resolved by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, That the Council is hereby directed to hear the evidence in this matter and report the same to the Chapters with all possible speed for their action.

Resolved by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, That all General Resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent with these resolutions are hereby repealed.

Resolved by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, That the Constitution be amended in Article IV., by adding a new section, as follows:—*Section 4.* No Chapter can dissolve or surrender its charter without the previous consent of the Fraternity, expressed by a formal vote when assembled in an Annual Convention.

Bro. Brown, of Executive Council, suggested an amendment also to the Constitution by which a Chapter might defend itself.

Bro. Atwell (*Gamma*) offered the following :

SPECIAL RESOLUTION No. 2—*Resolved by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity*, That the thanks of the Convention are hereby tendered to Bro. Julien Davies, of the *Lambda*, for the able manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office, together with their regrets that his discharge of these duties was so abruptly terminated. (Allowed a second reading, and passed unanimously.)

Bro. Hinrichs (*Lambda*) offered :

SPECIAL RESOLUTION No. 3—*Resolved*, That the *Psi Upsilon* Fraternity, in Convention assembled, extend the thanks of the same Fraternity to Bro. Thompson, of the *Gamma*, for the kind and efficient services as chairman, *pro tem*. (Adopted unanimously).

Bro. Smith (*Psi*) offered :

SPECIAL RESOLUTION No. 4—*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Forty-first Convention of the *Psi Upsilon* Fraternity be extended to the Executive Council for the able and impartial manner in which they have discharged the onerous duties of the past year. (Adopted unanimously.)

SPECIAL RESOLUTION No. 5—*Resolved by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity*, That a vote of thanks be extended to the *Lambda* Chapter for their kind and brotherly hospitality tendered to the members of the Convention. (Adopted unanimously.)

Committee on New Business was discharged with thanks.

Committee on Communication from the Executive Council was discharged with thanks.

Bro. Conger then moved that the Forty-first Annual Convention of *Psi Upsilon* Fraternity adjourn *sine die*. This being seconded and put before the house was carried, therefore the Convention adjourned.

CHARLES R. BUCKLEY,

Recorder.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
OF THE
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

TO THE FORTY-FIRST 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 and increased prosperity. From the reports of the various Chapters, they present the following statement of their condition.

The *Theta* Chapter reports her affairs as being in a flourishing condition, with eleven undergraduate members ; no change in number of active members since last report.

The report of the *Delta* shows a great and decided change for the better. A new life seems to have been infused into their existence, For several years past the *Delta* has been merely existing ; but now it stands an equal in the friendly rivalry of sister Chapters. Last year it reported three seniors as its list of members. This year it has ten names of active members in its report.

From the *Beta* little has been heard. The Chapter, however, is supposed to be in its usual prosperity.

The *Sigma* is, as is customary, flourishing. Little ever appears to trouble the steady work of that loyal Chapter.

The report of the *Gamma* shows little change over other years. The Chapter reports a very slight falling off in number of active members, but one or two men more or less amounts to little in such a strong Chapter.

The *Zeta* reports all well. Their report shows a considerable increase in number of active members.

The *Lambda* also reports herself as having increased the number of her active members. The *Lambda* Chapter reports the expulsion of a Mr. Gustave Kobbe for violating his pledge and for conduct unbecoming a member of the *Psi Upsilon* Fraternity.

The *Kappa* also sends an increased list of active members. The report shows that the interests of the Fraternity are carefully guarded by the *Kappa*.

The *Psi* reports herself as doing well.

The *Xi* says she is as well off as can be desired.

The *Alpha* Chapter, being suspended, has no report.

The *Upsilon* reports herself as being in a very flourishing condition, with brighter prospects than ever.

The *Iota* reports herself without change. In the report of the *Iota* mention is made of a member having resigned. We call the attention of the Convention to the fact that resignations from the Fraternity are not allowed. Number of active members reported, 4.

The *Phi* reports no change from its former prosperous condition.

No report has been received from the *Omega* Chapter for two years.

The amendment to the Constitution, passed by the last Convention, has been adopted by the Fraternity. In this connection, the Council wish to call the attention of the Convention, to the lack of punctuality on the part of the Chapters in forwarding the report of their action upon questions submitted to them. Generally only seven or eight Chapters reply, and sometimes some of these are liable to lose their votes through delaying action beyond the Constitutional limits. It is nearly the same with the returns of membership. If the blanks are sent out November 1st, it would seem unnecessary to wait until February to return the report. This delay causes confusion, and sometimes unequal taxation.

The delivery of the records of the last Convention was unfortunately made quite late. This year the Council hope to have the records ready for distribution before the close of the present college term. We ask that the Recorder be instructed to forward the copy of the records as soon as possible after the Convention has adjourned. As will be seen by the Treasurer's report (accompanying Doc. A), the expense of printing the records has been still further reduced since last year.

The last Convention instructed the Council to prepare a plan for publishing new catalogues. The report of the Committee appointed by the Council is hereby laid before the Convention (accompanying Document C).

The Convention of 1872 directed the Council to take into consideration the matter of codifying or reducing to some sort of order the laws and usages of the Fraternity. The Council feels that while such a consummation would be desirable, it is a little early to attempt the work with any success, before sytematizing the laws it would be well to have some certain method of enacting laws. The system of General Resolutions now in use in Conventions, the Council deems so important and valuable, that to place the system beyond the reach of caprice, it would recommend the incorporation into the Constitution of a declaration of the method of enacting laws in the Convention. The report of the Committee of the Council, to whom was referred this subject, is herewith transmitted (accompanying Doc. E), and the Council would recommend the adoption of the constitutional amendment there set forth. The Council would also bring to the attention of the Convention the further suggestion embraced in the report of the same Committee (accompanying Doc. E) in regard to a Manual of Fraternity, documents, laws, and usages. Such a book, if properly prepared, would be invaluable. The objection which would occur would be the danger of communicating the secrets of the Fraternity to outsiders, were such a book to be published. This objection should receive your careful consideration. The Council deems, however, that if a limited number of copies were printed there would be little danger to be apprehended, and believes that the advantages in the way of disseminating knowledge of Fraternity and Chapter matters through the brotherhood would more than balance any peril of that nature which might be incurred.

Early in the Autumn, the Council received a petition asking for the establishment of a Chapter of the Fraternity at Cornell University :

Bro. Lawrence, who presented the petition to the Council, appeared indignant that the Council would not give a cordial assent without taking time to consider the merits of the case. Finally, the Council being satisfied that it would be a decided benefit to the Fraternity, laid the petition before the Chapters for their consideration. The petition was refused, there being two negative votes. It is the opinion of the Fraternity that a new Chapter should only be granted when it is decidedly for the interests of the Fraternity to have such a Chapter, and that the Fraternity, through the Chapters and their delegates, are the only judges of what are the Fraternity interests. It is therefore

absurd that petitioners, or their delegates, should express anger when their petition is refused or when the Fraternity, through its officers, desires to investigate the merits of a petition, or refuses to act without taking time for its consideration.

The advisability of the establishment of a Chapter of the Fraternity at Williams College was referred to the *Gamma* Chapter, with instructions to report to the Council. The report of the *Gamma* is annexed (accompanying Doc. F).

In the matter of the *Alpha* Chapter, the Council regrets its inability to furnish a full and comprehensive report. The reasons therefor are given in some detail in the report of the committee appointed by the Council to attend to the matters relating to the *Alpha* Chapter; this report is hereunto annexed (accompanying Doc. D). The Convention therefore cannot be expected to take the matter under consideration at this re-union, inasmuch as no intelligible data could be placed before it; but by the next Convention the Council will be in possession of all the facts attainable, and will lay them before the Fraternity. There are however, at present, some questions growing out of the *Alpha* complications that the Council desires to bring to the attention of the Fraternity. The Constitution is not explicit in regard to the right of a Chapter voluntarily to surrender its Charter and dissolve the Chapter, without conference with the other Chapters. The Council believes that such an action is contrary to the spirit of the Constitution, and opposed to all the usages and right instincts of the members of the brotherhood. The opinion of the Fraternity in regard to such a course was very emphatically expressed at the last Convention, and that too without any inquiry as to the motives of the Chapter attempting so to do. If the Fraternity is to grow together and become united in support of the principles which form its basis, and which are its glory and strength, all attempts to dissolve Chapters must be looked upon as subversive of good order. When the Fraternity commits to a body of men the responsibility of supporting the honor of the Fraternity, in a college where its influence is not known, it expects those men to acquit themselves as loyal *Psi U's*, to work for *Psi Upsilon* solely, and so to demean themselves that whether there be three or thirty members in the Chapter, that Chapter shall be respected, and the name of the Fraternity honored. It is the men, not the circumstances, that make a Chapter strong or weak, and persons undertaking to support a new Chapter should be made to understand that the Fraternity expects them to sustain that Chapter, whatever may betide. If they cannot get new members to recruit their ranks, let those that are members support the Chapter till the

last one graduates; then, if it need be, let it die an honorable death, but let it not be strangled by its own sons, while they claim to have loved and pretend to caress. The Council feels that it represents in these words the sentiments of nearly every loyal man in the Fraternity, and that if it felt otherwise it would deserve the strongest and fullest condemnation. If, therefore, it may be desirable to express such a common sentiment more unequivocally than it is expressed in the Constitution, the Council would advise the passage of a constitutional amendment. We feel safe in simply calling this matter to your attention, gentlemen of the Convention, and believe that your wisdom will devise any legislation that may be needed.

In this connection, as before intimated, an embarrassing question has arisen as to whether the Constitution does at present give the right to a Chapter to do the things against which the Convention has been pleased to animadvert. And the Council has some doubt whether the Convention has the right, in any case, to suspend from the Fraternity members of a Chapter. The Council, in the progress of its investigation into the *Alpha* difficulties, has felt troubled by many questions of constitutionality, and has felt the need of some tribunal with authority to expound the Constitution. The Fraternity is well organized in regard to its executive and legislative departments, but there seems to be no provision for the exercise of judicial functions. If there were such provision the Fraternity would be greatly steadied and strengthened. The Council therefore desires to submit to your careful consideration the question of the establishment of a judicial board. The Council believes that the powers and duties of such a board could be defined with enough simplicity and clearness to make it a valuable adjunct to the administration of the Fraternity government.

In concluding this Annual Communication, we may be pardoned for making a few general remarks. Some of the members of this Council have been connected actively with the Fraternity for over ten years. They have seen the Fraternity grow from a comparatively heterogeneous collection of individual societies into form and shapeliness. And though there are many points of weakness, many things to guard, many efforts to be made; to us, who have seen the growth of the last ten years, it seems that the Fraternity at no time has been more full of promise. But in order that its promise may be fulfilled, it will be necessary for the bonds which unite the separate Chapters to be made more indissoluble. A Fraternity spirit, not a Chapter spirit, must be cultivated. Legislation should be directed to the good of the whole; intercommunication should be encouraged; knowledge

of Fraternity principles should be encouraged. And what are those principles? The Constitution tells us that the object of the Fraternity is the union of its members in friendship, for the promotion of the highest moral, intellectual and social excellence. These are broad terms—general words—but they are grand words. They express principles that the best humanity has striven for since the world began. Church can give no higher, State can propose none superior, the highest ideal of man's spirit can desire nothing worthier. Hence, the immense importance of the Fraternity to college life. It is no association of boys, for boys' work. It is a Fraternity of young men, for man's best work. All dishonor, then, to those who would propose an inferior end, who would degrade the high aims of the Fraternity to anything low or unworthy; all glory to those loyal men who, by precept of noble words, and by example of true manly student lives, cause this organism to become so important, so indispensable an aid to our American college civilization. If we are always faithful, the alumni of our colleges will never cease to bless us, men in every station of life will honor us, the cause of true knowledge will recognize our service, and our Fraternity will be established on so firm a basis that no rivalry can disturb it, no power can prevail against it. Let each brother then, remember that it is no mistake to feel that as he perfects himself he honors and raises our whole Fraternity, and as he honors and raises the Fraternity, so also does he speed the progress and advance the civilization of the whole human race.

And now, gentlemen and brothers of the Convention, we commend to your deliberation the specific wants and the general interests of the Fraternity, confident that you will neglect none, but do justice to all.

W. F. MORGAN,

Chairman Executive Council.

ROOMS OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, }
New York City, April 6, 1874. }

FRED. A. BROWN, *Secretary.*

[DOCUMENT A.]

REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

To the Executive Council of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity.

I respectfully submit the following report :

CONVENTION FUND.

1873.				<i>Dr.</i>
June 4,	To Cash from Xi,	(Tax of '73),		\$39 00
"	"	Gamma,	" '73,	25 00
"	"	Theta,	" '72,	11 00
"	"	Upsilon,	" '73,	18 00
1874.				
Jan. 19,	"	Psi,	" '74,	11 00
Feb. 9,	"	Kappa,	" '73-'74,	56 00
" 10,	"	Xi (on acc.)	" '74,	25 00
" 17,	"	Zeta,	" '73-'74,	73 00
March 2,	"	Sigma,	" '74,	12 00
" 23,	"	Gamma,	" '74,	48 00
" 26,	"	Iota,	" '72,	3 00
April 1,	"	Xi (bal),	" '74,	11 00
				<u>\$332 00</u>
				<i>Cr.</i>
1873.				
June 4,	By Cash to Zeta (on acc.),			\$29 00
1874.				
Jan. 22,	"	J. B. Ford & Co. (printing),		27 00
Feb. 17,	"	Zeta, in full,		100 00
"	"	Money Order,		15
"	"	Gamma (acc. Feb. '72),		11 00
				<u>\$167 15</u>
Balance,				<u>\$164 85</u>

COUNCIL FUND.

		<i>Dr.</i>
1873.		
June 4,	To balance in hand,	\$37 67
"	To Cash from Xi (Tax of '73),	13 00
"	" " Upsilon, " '73,	6 00
"	" " Gamma, " '73,	12 66
"	" " Psi, " '73,	3 66
"	" " Theta, " '72,	3 66
1874.		
Feb 19,	" " Kappa, " '73,	7 66
"	" " " " '74,	3 30
Jan. 19,	" " Psi, " '74,	1 00
Feb. 17,	" " Zeta, " '74,	3 40
March 2,	" " Sigma, " '74,	1 20
" 23,	" " Gamma, " '74,	3 50
April 26,	" " Iota, " '72,	2 00
" 1,	" " Xi, " '74,	3 60
		<u>\$102 31</u>

		<i>Cr.</i>
1873.		
June 6,	By paid F. A. Brown's trip to Hanover,	\$26 50
"	" D. G. Thompson, to Harvard,	11 00
July 1,	" P. O. Box,	4 00
Oct. 1,	" "	4 00
	" Stamps, Envelopes, and Paper,	2 50
Dec. 13,	" "	1 67
1874.		
Jan. 6,	" P. O. Box,	4 00
" 9,	" Stamps,	1 01
Mar. 26,	" "	80
"	" P. O. Box,	4 00
		<u>\$59 48</u>
1874 Balance,		\$42 83
April 1,	By paid Printing Circulars,	6 50
		<u>\$36 33</u>

SUMMARY.

RECEIPTS.

Convention Fund,	\$332 00
Council,	102 31
	<u>—————</u> \$434 31

DISBURSEMENTS.

Convention Fund,	\$167 15
Council,	65 98
	<u>—————</u> 233 13
	\$201 18
Interest,	2 00
Total Cash in hand,	<u><u>—————</u></u> \$203 18

Out of the above amounts are to be deducted the following items, due but not yet paid:

To the Gamma, on acc. Iota Tax (Convention), '72,	\$2 00
“ Psi, amount overpaid on Convention Tax '74,	1 00
“ Zeta, Recorder's Fees for Convention '73,	25 00
	<u>—————</u>

Leaving a balance in the treasury to the credit of the Convention Fund, and available at present, of ————— \$137 85

CONVENTION FUND.

On hand and available,	\$137 00
Arrears,	247 85
	<u>—————</u> \$384 85

COUNCIL FUND.

On hand and available,	\$42 83
Arrears,	64 76
	<u>—————</u> \$107 59
	<u><u>—————</u></u>

Table Showing Amount of Arrears now Due (April 6, 1874.)

	COUNCIL TAXES.				TOTAL.	CONVENTION TAXES.			TOTAL.	GRAND TOTAL.
	'71.	'72.	'73.	'74.		'72.	'73.	'74.		
Theta.....			\$4 00	\$1 10	\$5 10			\$11 00	\$23 00	\$28 10
Delta.....				1 10	2 10			11 00	14 00	16 10
Beta.....	\$16 75	\$11 92	12 00	3 00	43 67			30 00	100 00	143 67
Lambda.....				2 40	2 40			24 00	24 00	26 40
Upsilon.....				1 90	1 90			19 00	19 00	20 90
Iota.....				40	1 73			4 00	11 00	12 73
Phi.....				33	2 80			28 00	28 00	30 80
Omega.....				4 66	5 06			14 00	28 00	33 06
Total.....	\$16 75	\$11 92	\$22 99	\$14 10	\$64 76	\$37 00	\$69 00	\$141 00	\$247 00	\$311 76

Report approved,

W. T. MORGAN,

Chairman Executive Council.

GEORGE C. COFFIN,

Treasurer,

117 Broadway.

[DOCUMENT B.]

Statement of Membership.

CHAPTER.	Senior	Junior.	Sophomore.	Freshman.	Graduates.	Total.
Theta.....	3	6	2	...	...	11
Delta.....	1	4	1	3	1	10
Beta.....	...	30	...	...	...	30
Sigma.....	5	...	1	6	...	12
Gamma.....	8	8	11	8	...	35
Zeta.....	12	9	14	...	...	35
Lambda.....	6	3	6	9	...	24
Kappa.....	4	10	10	9	...	33
Psi.....	3	2	2	3	...	10
Xi.....	8	13	7	8	...	36
Upsilon.....	5	4	6	4	...	19
Iota.....	*1	2	1	...	...	4
Phi.....	6	10	6	6	...	28
*Omega.....	5	4	3	2	...	14
Total.....	67	105	70	58	1	301

* Omega has not reported since January 1st, 1871.

[DOCUMENT C.]

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CATALOGUES.

To the Executive Council of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity :

YOUR Committee, on a plan for a new Fraternity catalogue, reports as follows : It is recommended that a new edition be immediately put in hand ; that it be printed from electrotype plates, instead of type. as heretofore ; that it be bound with blank leaves at the end of each Chapter list, so that at any time the catalogue of any Chapter or of the whole Fraternity may be brought up to date by pasting on the blank leaves pages containing the new names ; that instead of the residences as given in previous editions, the *present addresses* be printed, so far as they can be obtained ; and that the work be placed in the hands of the Executive Council.

The above is a brief statement of the essential features of the plan. It is well that the catalogue be printed from electrotype plates, as by this means future issues will cost less ; any number of copies, great or small, may be ordered at any time, and the necessity for another entirely

Your Committee has been waited upon by a number of gentlemen who were conversant with the state of affairs in the *Alpha* Chapter, and has listened to their statements in full, and given those statements attention.

The two matters referred to the Executive Council for its action are: *First*, to cause the active progress of the Chapter to be resumed, and, *Secondly*, to investigate in full the conduct of Bros. W. M. Boyd and Fred. G. Fincke, together with that of such other members of the *Alpha* Chapter as may be deemed necessary, in regard to the circumstances attending the dissolution of the Chapter, attempted by them.

With reference to the first point, your Committee is prepared to report that there has occurred, as yet, no opportunity to re-establish in active operation the *Alpha* Chapter. Your Committee hopes, however, that in the course of the ensuing summer there may be an opportunity to take steps which shall look toward re-establishment. It is undesirable to place the Chapter in any position where it will be subsidiary to or dependent upon any other society. Until a position of independence can be secured, in view of past results, it is not wise to resuscitate the active existence of the Chapter. The Council ought to keep careful watch of the state of affairs at Harvard, and let slip no chance for reviving the *Alpha*, when it can be done under the conditions above alluded to.

In performing the second part of its duties, your Committee soon found that it would be impracticable to arrive at any satisfactory results without either summoning all parties concerned, and giving them an oral hearing, in each other's presence, with opportunity for cross-examination, or obtaining written statements in answer to interrogatories, and submitting the statements thus made by the respective parties to each other, and allowing full opportunity for correction and reply. The first course seemed impracticable, as your Committee has no means of enforcing attendance at any examination; the second therefore was chosen. Accordingly, your Committee caused to be printed the annexed interrogatories, which it addressed, and sent to the following named persons, to wit: H. S. White, C. W. Chase, Henry Hubbard, S. Brearly, W. C. Sanger, Jno. Farlow, E. P. Miller, Jos. Lyman, F. G. Fincke and W. W. Boyd—all past members of the *Alpha* Chapter. Upon the replies received, and upon the records of the *Alpha* Chapter in the possession of the Council, your Committee would be prepared to make a report. But, thus far, only a reply from E. P. Miller and a communication from Edward P. Bliss have been received, though a full statement from H. S. White is in the hands of one of the suspended *Alpha* members, and will be forwarded to the Committee in due time. In view of this state of facts, your Committee

is unable to make any report that would be satisfactory or complete, in regard to the matters referred to it for determination, in connection with this subject, and, lest injustice somewhere should be done, deems it best to refrain from making any exhibition of evidence thus far obtained, and therefore can only say that it will perform the task imposed upon it as speedily as possible, and will endeavor to give a thorough and careful attention thereto, to the end of determining whether any blame rests upon any of the individuals named in the Convention resolutions, and will report to the Council at the earliest practicable moment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. MORGAN,
DANIEL G. THOMPSON. } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, April 1, 1874.

[DOCUMENT E.]

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION.

To the Executive Council of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity :

GENTLEMEN—

YOUR Committee, appointed to take into consideration the question of the practicability of codifying the laws and usages of the Fraternity, would respectfully report :

That in the opinion of the Committee it would be very difficult to collect and codify the usages of the Fraternity, without some special legislative enactment of them by the Convention. It is only in recent years that legislation for the whole Fraternity has been attempted by the Convention. The adoption of the system of passing on questions of general interest by general resolutions has done more to systematize the transaction of Fraternity business than any other thing heretofore attempted. If the perpetuation of this system could be insured, it would be better than the adoption at present of any code of laws and usages. And the way to perpetuate it will be to incorporate into the Constitution some provision which shall establish by constitutional authority what is now done by Convention custom. Your Committee therefore express the hope that the Council will recommend to the Convention the adoption of the following amendment to the Constitution :

Amend by adding to Art. II, a new section :

SEC. VI.—All legislation by the Convention for the general Fraternity interest, and not having reference merely to the Convention's own internal economy, shall be in the form of general resolutions, which

invariably shall have for an enacting clause the words, "*It is hereby resolved by the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, in Convention assembled.*" And all such general resolutions shall be read twice before passage, and the vote of each Chapter, upon the passage thereof, shall be recorded. Each such general resolution shall take effect from its passage, unless otherwise specified therein.

Your Committee further desires to raise the question whether it would not be advantageous to the Fraternity to publish some sort of a Fraternity Manual, for use in the different Chapters, containing such information in regard to the internal affairs of the different Chapters, and the laws and usages which govern the whole Fraternity, as would instruct and guide the several Chapters and their members in their deliberations and in their action. Your Committee believes that such a manual would be very serviceable, and sees no reason why one might not be published, if the Convention would give instructions in regard thereto.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL G. THOMPSON, *Committee.*

NEW YORK, April 1, 1874.

[DOCUMENT F.]

REPORT OF THE GAMMA IN REGARD TO A "WILLIAMS" CHAPTER.

The Gamma would respectfully offer the following report in regard to the desirability of attempting to establish a chapter of *Psi Upsilon* at Williams College :

1. The present condition of the college, both as regards the number of its students and the strength of its Faculty, is not such, in our opinion, as to make the establishment of a Chapter desirable.

2. The number and strength of the Fraternity Chapters already established in the college, viz., *Kappa Alpha*, *Sigma Phi*, *Delta Psi*, *Alpha Delta Phi* and *Delta Kappa Epsilon*, are such as to render the success of the measure extremely dubious. All but one of these societies have halls of their own—all are firmly established; and it seems improbable that a chapter of *Psi Upsilon* would be able to gain such a position in the college as to increase the reputation or the strength of our Fraternity.

GAMMA CHAPTER,

by Geo. W Atwell.

RESOLUTIONS

PASSED BY THE FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION.

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS.

No. 1.—RESOLVED *by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity*, That the report of the committee appointed at the last Convention to investigate the Duties and Powers of the Executive Council be postponed until the Forty-second Annual Convention.

No. 2.—RESOLVED *by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity*, That the petition for a Charter for a new Chapter of the Fraternity at Syracuse University be granted and referred to the Chapters for their consideration.

No. 3.—RESOLVED *by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity*, That the Convention hereby submit to the several Chapters, for their consideration, the petition for the establishment of a Chapter of this Fraternity at the Northwestern University; and that the Council be instructed not to lay this matter before the Chapters for their consideration before the report of an investigating committee, composed of two of the Executive Council, appointed by this Convention, be made, and to forward said report with the resolutions to the Chapters.

No. 4.—RESOLVED *by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity*, That a committee of five be appointed to consider the subject of certificates of membership, and report at next convention.

No. 5.—RESOLVED *by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity*, That a new edition of the Fraternity Catalogue be immediately put in hand; that it be printed from electrotype plates instead of type as heretofore; that it be bound with blank leaves at the end of each Chapter list, so that at any time the Catalogue of any Chapter, or of the whole Fraternity, may be brought up to date, by pasting on the blank leaves slips containing the new names; that instead of the residences, as given in the previous editions, the *present addresses* be printed, so far as they can be obtained, and that the work be placed in the hands of the Executive Council.

No. 6.—RESOLVED *by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity*, That the report of the committee on the advisability of establishing a Chapter at Williams College be accepted.

No. 7.—RESOLVED *by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity*, That the members of the *Alpha* Chapter at the time of the vote for dissolution are hereby suspended from all *Chapter* rights and privileges until the further action of the Council.

No. 8.—RESOLVED *by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity*, That the entire matter concerning the *Alpha* Chapter be again referred to the Executive Council.

No. 9.—RESOLVED *by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity*, That the Council is hereby directed to hear the evidence in this matter, and report the same to the Chapters with all possible speed for their action.

No. 10.—RESOLVED *by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity*, That all general resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent with these resolutions are hereby repealed.

No. 11.—RESOLVED *by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity*, That the Constitution be amended in Article IV. by adding a new Section, as follows:—*Section 4.* No Chapter can dissolve or surrender its charter without the previous consent of the Fraternity, expressed by a formal vote when assembled in General Convention.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS.

No. 1.—RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Fraternity are due, and that they be extended, to Bros. Wm. F. Morgan and David G. Thompson, for the efficient and true *Psi Upsilon* spirit with which these Brothers have discharged their duties as members of the Executive Council.

No. 2.—RESOLVED *by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity*, That the thanks of the Convention are hereby tendered to Bro. Julien Davies, of the *Lambda*, for the able manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office, together with their regrets that his discharge of these duties was so abruptly terminated.

No. 3.—RESOLVED, That the *Psi Upsilon* Fraternity, in Convention assembled, extend the thanks of the same Fraternity to Bro. Thompson, of the *Gamma*, for the kind and efficient services as chairman *pro tem*.

No. 4.—RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Forty-first Convention of the *Psi Upsilon* Fraternity be extended to the Executive Council for the able and impartial manner in which they have discharged the onerous duties of the past year.

No. 5.—RESOLVED *by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity*, That a vote of thanks be extended to the *Lambda* Chapter, for their kind and brotherly hospitality tendered to the members of the Convention.