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RECORDS.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24th, 1887.

The General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity held in the Fifty-fourth year of the Fraternity, with the Delta Chapter, University of the City of New York, at New York City, assembled in Masonic Temple in that City at 11.20 A. M., on Thursday, Feb'y 24th, 1887. Brother B. H. Bayliss (Δ , '65) representing the Executive Council, called the delegates to order, and appointed as temporary President, Bro. A. S. Lyman (Δ , '84), and as temporary Recorder, Bro. F. Wood, Jr (Δ , '88). The temporary President having welcomed the brethren in the name of the Delta Chapter, appointed the following committees:

ON CREDENTIALS.—Bros. P. Toulmin (H , '86); E. R. Foley (Ξ , '87) and H. C. Mandeville (Θ , '88).

ON PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.—Bros. C. G. Williams (X , '87), L. W. Hubbard (L , '79) and E. B. Burpee (K , '87).

After a short recess the Committee on Credentials reported the following list of delegates:

LIST OF DELEGATES.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.—Benj. H. Bayliss (Δ , '65).

THETA.—C. F. Bridge, '87; F. B. Richards, '88; N. L. Bates '88, H. C. Mandeville, '88.

DELTA.—P. G. Townsend, '87; J. A. Miller, '88; W. E. Belknap, '88; P. E. Jones, '88.

BETA.—J. R. Sheffield, '87; H. R. Griffith, '88; J. F. Carter, '88.

SIGMA.—J. Henshaw, '87; L. H. Hazard, '89; C. L. A. Heiser, '90.

GAMMA.—L. W. Hubbard, '79; F. L. Chapman; G. B. Mallon, '87; S. O. Hartwell, '88.

ZETA.—A. E. Hadlock, '87; S. E. Junkins, '87; C. A. Stokes, '88.

LAMBDA.—F. S. Bangs, '78; S. C. Herriman, '87; J. J. Mapes, '88; D. Ewell, '88; H. G. Atha, '89.

KAPPA.—E. B. Burpee, '87; C. H. Fogg, '89; O. B. Humphrey, '89.

PSI.—F. Gardner, '87.

XI.—H. Welch, '87; E. R. Foley, '87; F. H. Richmond, '87; R. H. Pomeroy, '87; W. C. Gordon, '88.

UPSILON.—N. T. Killip, '87; R. Van Voorhis, '88; F. C. Williams, '88; H. B. Chase, '89.

IOTA.—G. D. Goff, '88; W. F. Douthirt, '88.

PHI.—J. B. Thomas, Jr., '87; W. S. Pope, '88.

PI.—B. R. Hatmaker, '87; W. W. Damon, '87; W. P. Westfall, '88.

CHI.—C. G. Williams, '87; H. C. Johnson, '73; J. V. Scaife, '88.

BETA BETA.—W. A. Beardsley, '87; C. H. Tibbits, '87; G. M. Brinley, '88.

ETA.—P. Toulmin, '86; E. Diven, '87; R. W. Lee, '88; A. L. Rogers, '89.

GRADUATE.—E. F. Pearce (Δ , '81); L. W. Hubbard (Γ , '79); J. H. Hubbert (Ξ).

Bro. C. G. Williams, Chairman of the Committee on Permanent Organization, reported the following list of officers, which was adopted :

OFFICERS

President.

H. L. BRIDGMAN (Γ , '66).

Vice-Presidents.

W. M. KINGSLEY (Δ , '83).	L. W. HUBBARD (Γ , '79).
C. F. BRIDGE (Θ , '87).	J. A. MILLER (Δ , '88).
J. R. SHEFFIELD (Δ , '87).	S. E. JUNKINS (Z , '87).
J. HENSHAW (Σ , '87).	G. B. MALLON (Γ , '87).
S. C. HERRIMAN (Δ , '87).	E. B. BURPEE (K , '87).
F. GARDNER (Ψ , '87).	H. WELCH (Ξ , '87).
N. T. KILLIP (Γ , '87).	W. F. DOUTHIRT (I , '88).
J. B. THOMAS (Φ , '87).	B. R. HATMAKER (Γ , '87).
C. G. WILLIAMS (X , '87).	W. A. BEARDSLY (BB , '87).
P. TOULMIN (H , '86).	

Recorder.

F. WOOD, JR., (Δ , '88).

Assistant Recorders.

A. M. KING (Δ , '90).

A. C. P. OPDIKE (Δ , '90).

Bro. Bridgman then took the chair, and the annual communication of the Executive Council was read by Bro. F. S. Bangs (Δ , '78), the Secretary.

The following Standing Committees were then announced by the President :

ON NOMINATIONS FOR THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.—W. A. Beardsley (*BB*, '87); F. Gardner, (*Ψ*, '87); W. F. Douthirt (*I*, '88); J. Henshaw (*Σ*, '87); and R. H. Pomeroy (*Ξ*, '87).

ON THE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.—E. B. Burpee (*K*, '87); G. B. Mallon (*I*, '87); H. R. Griffith (*B*, '88); D. Ewell, (*A*, '88); C. G. Williams (*X*, '87).

ON NEW BUSINESS.—B. R. Hatmaker (*II*, '87); P. G. Townsend (*A*, '87); H. Welch (*Ξ*, '87); L. W. Hubbard (*I*, '79); S. O. Hartwell (*I*, '88).

ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.—S. C. Herriman (*A*, '87); J. B. Thomas (*Φ*, '85); N. T. Killip (*I*, '87); C. F. Bridge (*Θ*, '87); W. C. Gordon (*Ξ*, '88).

ON CHAPTER RELATIONS.—H. C. Johnson (*X*, '73); A. E. Hadlock (*Z*, '87); J. F. Carter (*B*, '88); E. Diven (*H*, '87); and L. H. Hazard (*Σ*, '89.)

Bro. Bangs (*A*) offered General Resolutions Nos. I, II, III and IV. No. I was referred to the Committee on New Business; Nos. II, III and IV to the Committee on the Annual Communication.

On motion of Brother Baylis (*A*) it was resolved that the afternoon session be held from 2:30 to 4 P. M., and that the sessions on Friday morning be called at 11 A. M.

On motion of Bro. Bangs the Convention then took a recess until 2:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Bro. Hatmaker (*II*), for the Committee on New Business, reported General Resolution Nos. I and V, which were unanimously adopted.

Bro. Beardsley (*BB*), for the Committee on Nominations for the Executive Council, presented the following report, which was unanimously agreed to.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, 1887-8.

Herbert L. Bridgman (*I*, '66).

Benjamin H. Bayliss (*A*, '65.)

Francis S. Bangs (*A* '78).

Henry C. Johnson (*X*, '73).

William M. Kingsley (*A*, '83).

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH, 1887.

The Convention was called to order at 12 M. by Bro. Bridgman, President. The minutes of the previous sessions were read and approved.

Bro. Bayliss (*A*) offered Gen. Res. No. VI, which, under a suspension of the rules, was immediately voted upon and unanimously adopted.

Bro. Burpee (*K*), for the Committee on the Annual Communication of the Executive Council, reported General Resolutions Nos. II, III and VII, and special resolutions Nos. I, II and III, which were unanimously adopted.

Bro. Herriman (A) for the Committee on Unfinished Business, read the following extract from a letter from Bro. Albert P. Jacobs, Chairman of the Committee on the Ritual, dated February 22, 1887: --

"I have little to add in the matter of the Ritual. It has been impossible for me to do much—my time has been wholly taken up, and Coffin (Phi. 82), upon whose ingenuity I greatly relied, is unable to spare any time at all. I am greatly disgusted at this failure, and at my own inability to get more than twenty four hours out of the day, "but so it is." I had hoped to finish a simple outline for lodge exercises, yet even this I could not do. The fact is that when my eyes went back on me in 1884 and again in 1886, my days for outside work departed, I fear for a long period. As present my labors in a legal and literary way are numerous and extensive, several years will be required to conclude what I have on hand, and I see no chance for my completing the Ritual unless some hard-working and ingenious brother settles down in my vicinity and urges the matter on to a speedy settlement. This is of course a very informal report, but I beg you will use this letter to prevent my receiving what the face of the record shows I richly deserve, a resolution of censure. Against the passage of such a resolution, I could only urge that had I never been interested in the Fraternity, I should not have incapacitated myself to work for it. If any brother will take up the Ritual matter he is welcome to all the suggestions and advice this part of the old committee can give.

The Committee on Unfinished Business recommended the abandonment of the entire project of the Ritual. On motion of Bro. Bangs (A) the report was unanimously approved and the recommendation adopted.

Bro. Herriman (A) offered Special Resolution Nos. 4 and 5, which were unanimously adopted.

Bro. Kingsley (A) offered Special Resolution No. 6, which was unanimously adopted.

Bro. Burpee (K) offered Special Resolution No. 7, which was unanimously adopted.

On motion of Bro. Bangs (A) the Convention at 1 P. M. adjourned *sine die*.

FERNANDO WOOD, JR.,

Recorder.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

General Resolutions.

No. I.—*Resolved by the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity*, that this Convention hereby consents to the dissolution of the Omega Chapter and the surrender of its Charter.

No. II.—RESOLVED &c., that the Convention hereby approves the action of the Council in acquiring title to THE DIAMOND as reported in the annual communication.

No. III.—RESOLVED &c., that the Council be and hereby is authorized to exercise its discretion concerning the continued publication of THE DIAMOND, but the Convention recommends the publication of Vol. VI. of THE DIAMOND as proposed in the Annual Communication.

No. V.—RESOLVED &c., that a duplicate Charter and a copy of the Constitution be issued by the Executive Council to the Iota Chapter to replace those destroyed by fire.

No. VI.—RESOLVED &c., that it be and hereby is referred to the Executive Council to select the Chapter with which the next convention shall be held; and that the Executive Council notify the Fraternity of such selection prior to January 1st, 1888.

No. VII.—RESOLVED &c., that the Constitution be amended.

First.—By striking out the last two sentences of Article II., Section VI.

Second.—By adding the following new article:—

ARTICLE XI. CHAPTER REPORTS.

SECTION 1. Each chapter shall within ten days after an election of officers or initiation of new members, report to the Council the names and titles of the officers elected, and the names, symbols, class, and places of residence of the persons initiated.

SECTION 2. Each chapter shall annually, on or before the first day of December in each year, report to the Executive Council the names, symbols, offices, dates of initiation, class and places of residence of the active members of the Chapter, together with such other information as the Executive Council may require. Blanks for such reports shall be furnished by the Council.

SECTION 3. In case of the failure of any Chapter, for any cause, to ren-

der its annual reports, prior to the 15th day of December, a fine shall be imposed upon such Chapter at the rate of one dollar for each week after the said date during which the rendering of the said report shall have been delayed, the said fine to be collected at the same time with general fraternity taxes.

Third.—By striking out the last sentence of Article II, Section 2, and inserting instead thereof, the following:—

The Executive Council upon the receipt by it of the Annual Reports required by Article XI, shall notify the Chapters of the amount of their taxes and assessments, and no Chapter shall be entitled to representation at an Annual Convention which, ten days prior to the meeting thereof, shall not have paid all its dues, assessments, and other money payable by it to the treasury of the fraternity.

Special Resolutions.

No. 1.—RESOLVED, &c., That the great progress made in the work of the 10th Catalogue is a subject for special congratulation.

No. 2.—RESOLVED, &c., That the Council be congratulated on its able management of the finances; and further that the Chapters be urged to facilitate the work of the Council by promptly rendering their reports and paying their taxes when due.

No. 3.—RESOLVED, &c., That the Fraternity records its profound sense of loss in the deaths of Brothers Charles W. Harvey, Chester Alan Arthur and William Taylor, of the Theta; that it values and will ever cherish their memory and their service to the Fraternity, and that it pledges Psi Upsilon in the future to the same fidelity to duty, loyalty to chosen friends, and devotion to high ideals, which distinguished their lives and characters.

RESOLVED, That the Recorder of the Convention is hereby directed to transmit to the families of Bros. Harvey, Arthur and Taylor a copy of the above resolution.

No. 4.—RESOLVED, &c., That this Convention recognizes as meriting special thanks the Delta's Committee of Arrangements, to whose untiring efforts, energy and enthusiasm in the good cause, the success of the Convention and of its public exercises is largely due.

No. 5.—RESOLVED, &c., That this Convention hereby acknowledges with pleasure and gratitude its obligation to the Orators, Poet, Chaplain and President of the public literary exercises of the Convention and in the name of the Fraternity tenders to each cordial thanks for his loyal service to Psi Upsilon.

RESOLVED, That the Recorder of the Convention, is hereby directed to transmit to the Committee and the brothers above named, a duly attested copy of the foregoing resolution.

No. 6.—RESOLVED, &c., That the Convention extends to its presiding officer its thanks for the faithful, effective and graceful discharge of his duties.

No. 7. RESOLVED, &c., That to the recorders of the Convention be extended the thanks of the Fraternity, for the painstaking and faithful performance of their duties.

GENERAL RESOLUTION OFFERED BUT NOT REPORTED BY THE COMMITTEE TO WHICH IT WAS REFERRED.

No. IV.—RESOLVED, &c., That the Executive Council be and hereby is authorized to release and discharge Bro. Geo. F. Allison from his obligation to repay moneys advanced to him by the Council on account of the DIAMOND.

THE COMMUNICATION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TO THE
GENERAL CONVENTION IN THE FIFTY-FOURTH
YEAR OF THE FRATERNITY.

MEMBERSHIP AND CHAPTER REPORTS.—The Council is unable to present a table of membership in the usual form, because of the failure on the part of some of the chapters to render their annual reports, which were due on November 1, 1886. No Chapter rendered its report for the past year at the time required by the constitution.

RITUAL.—The Committee to prepare a Psi Upsilon Ritual, appointed by the Convention of 1883, was notified of the adoption of Gen. Res. No. VIII, of 1886, soon after the adjournment of the last Convention, but has made no further report.

THE DIAMOND.—In accordance with the instructions of General Resolution No. XI, of 1886, the Council secured from Bro. George F. Allison on May 29, 1886, an assignment and transfer of all his right and interest in the Diamond, including the copyright. As part of the consideration for the assignment, the Council agreed to pay to Brother Allison "out of the net profits arising out of the publication of the Diamond in the years 1886 and 1887, included within the period of the publication of Volume VI of the Diamond, the sum of one hundred and eighty-two and 16-100 dollars," for the purpose of paying outstanding debts, of which sum the Council has paid in advance to Brother Allison \$62.50, receiving his personal obligation for repayment, in case the expected profits prove insufficient to cover the advance.

In June, 1886, the Council appointed Brother H. L. Bridgman manager of the Diamond for the ensuing year, subject to the Council's direction.

About September 1st, circulars announcing the assumption of the publication by the Council, offering prizes for articles and for clubs, and inviting the cooperation of the Fraternity, were mailed to all the Chapters. Publication of the first number was fixed for November 1st, upon which date the editor had in hand articles specially prepared and accepted, aggregating about 40,000 words and ample for a complete number; ten Chapter letters; 183 subscriptions, and \$27 in money. As this was not deemed sufficient encouragement to engage in an enterprise requiring an outlay of at least \$1,200, the \$27 was returned to those who had paid it, and the Chapters advised that the Council, in view of all the facts and the heavy expense to which the Fraternity was already committed in the Catalogue, deemed it best to postpone further action upon the Diamond until the meeting of the Convention.

A conditional offer to continue the publication was subsequently made by a committee representing the Theta Chapter, but the near approach of the Convention seemed to render its acceptance inadvisable.

The Council has incurred no expense on account of the Diamond during the past year. Since the postponement of publication three more chapter letters

have been received. The Council recommends that the Convention order the oration, poem and principal Banquet speeches of the Convention published in the form of an Annual, in style uniform with the preceding numbers of the Diamond, to be designated as Volume VI, to which shall be added the most important of the articles already accepted for publication, and the lists of initiates and deaths as far as reported during the past year. It is believed that this publication will pay expenses. For the further issues of the Diamond, the Council suggests that the Convention make such order as shall seem proper, not omitting to provide the means for carrying out any plans which it may adopt.

THE TENTH CATALOGUE.—The work on the catalogue has so far advanced under Brother Johnson's direction, that the list of the Theta Chapter has been fully printed, the Delta and Beta lists are in the hands of the printer, and the manuscript of the remaining portion is completed and ready to be delivered to the printer as it may be called for. It is now expected that the book will be published about June 15th, 1887. Up to this time the Council has paid out on this account the sum of \$1640.48. This includes the expense of the preliminary work on the proposed membership list ordered by the Convention of 1884, and a recent advantageous purchase of all the paper required for the book.

The editor has received orders for 1,071 copies at \$3.50 each; other orders reported in the hands of Chapter editors bring up the whole number of subscriptions to about 1,200. This, with the available money now in the Treasury, provides sufficient funds to pay for the publication.

SONG BOOK.—In May, 1886, the Council appointed Brother W. D. Holmes (X, '81), a committee to revise the Song Book, but the appointment was declined, and no progress has been made. The sales of the Song Book continue to diminish. One copy has been sold and paid for during the past year. It is believed that the demand during the next year will not fall much below this figure.

MEETING OF FRATERNITIES.—In May, 1886, certain members of the Fraternity residing at or near Buffalo, N. Y., invited the opinion of the Council concerning a general meeting of college fraternity men, proposed to be held at Lake Chautauqua in August. The Council, in response, having referred the Brothers to Special Resolution No. 7, of 1883, the project was abandoned. Printed copies of the correspondence relating to the matter were distributed throughout the Fraternity, and a copy is herewith submitted to the Convention.

THE OMEGA CHAPTER.—The University of Chicago having ceased to exist, the Council has to announce that the Omega Chapter has likewise dissolved. Its archives are in possession of the Council.

FINANCES.—The Convention is referred to the Treasurer's Report herewith submitted for the details of the financial condition of the Fraternity. The Council has on hand and on deposit money to the amount of \$981.86.

The tax of 25 cents per active member authorized by Gen. Res. No. III, of 1886, has not been called for, the Council being of the opinion that the high rate of taxation for the year rendered it inexpedient to incur the expense for which the special tax was authorized.

Taxes are still due from the Zeta, Psi and Beta Beta Chapters.

As far as the Council can now determine, no special taxes need be levied for the coming year.

IN MEMORIAM.—Among the Fraternity dead of the past year are three members of the Theta, whose memory will ever be cherished in our chapters: Charles Washington Harvey (Theta, '37), one of the founders of the Fraternity, died at Buffalo, N. Y., October 15, 1886; Chester Alan Arthur (Theta, '48), at New York City, November 18, 1886; and at Middletown, N. Y., December 18, 1886, William Taylor (Theta, '38), the first freshman initiated into Psi Upsilon, and associate founder of the Delta and the Lambda. Each of these brethren merited and received the respect and confidence of the communities in which they lived and labored, and by one was worthily sustained the honor and the responsibility of the highest office in our country's gift. The Council suggests that the Convention record its sense of the loss to the Fraternity by the death of these eminent members, its appreciation of their lives and character, and commend to the Chapters emulation of those qualities which brought honor to them and upon the Fraternity.

H. L. BRIDGMAN, *President.*

B. H. BAYLISS,

H. C. JOHNSON,

W. M. KINGSLEY, *Ass't Secretary.*

F. S. BANGS, *Sec'y & Treasurer.*

New York City,
Feb. 23, 1887.

APPENDIX.

Report of the Treasurer of the Executive Council.

F. S. BANGS, *Treasurer, in Account with the Executive Council.*

DR. RECEIPTS.

1886.				
April	30.	To Cash Balance as per last report,.....		\$1497 52
Sept.	23.	“ Upsilon.....	42	00
“	29.	“ Psi.....	30	00
Oct.	5.	“ Gamma.....	48	00
“	23.	“ Theta.....	32	00
“	“	“ Beta.....	56	00
“	6.	“ Phi.....	68	00
Nov.	1.	“ Kappa.....	44	00
“	“	“ Beta Beta.....	34	00
“	26.	“ Eta.....	50	00
“	7.	“ Xi.....	66	00
Dec.	2.	“ Lambda.....	58	00
“	“	“ Chi.....	44	00
1887.				
Jan.	14.	“ Upsilon.....	14	25
“	“	“ Delta.....	40	00
“	19.	“ Gamma.....	23	25
“	“	“ Chi.....	18	75
“	26.	“ Theta.....	13	50
Feb.	3.	“ Iota.....	37	50
“	9.	“ Sigma.....	40	00
“	“	“ Eta.....	19	50
“	“	“ Sigma.....	13	50
“	10.	“ 1 Song Book.....	1	00
“	“	“ Broadway Savings Institution, interest } on deposit..... }	26	56
“	“	“ Lambda.....	23	25
“	“	“ Xi.....	30	75
“	“	“ Beta.....	22	50
“	“	“ Phi.....	21	00
“	16.	“ Pi.....	37	25
“	17.	“ Delta.....	16	75
“	23.	“ Zeta.....	60	00
“	“	“ Kappa.....	19	50
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Cr. PAYMENTS.

1886.				
May	6.	By Eta, Convention Expenses.....	\$225	00
"	12.	" " " "	25	00
"	13.	" The Diamond, Gen. Res.No. 10, 1886	12	50
"	17.	" H. L. Bridgman, Expenses as Delegate.....	10	50
"	27.	" Crichton & Co., Printing Convention Records.....	47	97
"	29.	" Geo. F. Allison, on Account of the Diamond.....	62	50
June	2.	" H. C. Johnson, Catalogue Account.....	100	00
"	8.	" Crichton & Co., Printing.....	6	00
"	11.	" H. C. Johnson, Catalogue Account.....	129	95
"	23.	" Recording Assignment of Copyright of the Diamond.	1	06
July	2.	" H. C. Johnson, Catalogue Account	20	15
Aug.	16.	" The Diamond, Vol. V, No. 4	25	00
Oct.	20.	" H. C. Johnson, Catalogue Account.....	100	00
1887.				
Jan.	29.	" E. G. Klosé, Manager Cumenius Press, Paper for Catalogue.....	270	47
Feb.	19.	" Telegrams, Expressage and Postage to date.....	2	87
"	"	" Stationery "	15	50
"	"	" N. Y. Post Office Box Rent "	12	00
"	"	" Delta, Convention Expenses.....	250	00
"	"	" H. C. Johnson, Catalogue Acc't.....	250	00
		Total payments,	1566	47
		" Cash Balance	981	86
			2548	33

BALANCES, FEBRUARY 23, 1887.

	Dr.	Cr.
Council Fund.....		839 04
Convention Fund.....		57 17
Publication Fund.....		149 21
The Diamond.....	63 56	
Zeta.....	56 50	
Psi.....	12 00	
Beta Beta.....	18 75	
Balance Taxes unpaid.....		87 25
Broadway Savings Institution, deposit	831 16	
Fourth National Bank, N. Y. City, deposit	63 24	
Cash in hands of Treasurer.....	87 46	
	1132 67	1132 67