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## IOTA CHAPTER,

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THURSDAY, MAY 10, 1888.

The General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, held in the 55th year of the Fraternity, under the auspices of the Iota Chapter, of Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio, met in the Assembly Room of the Neil House, Columbus, Ohio, on the 10th of May, 1888, at 10 A. M. The Convention was called to order by Bro. Benj. H. Bayliss, Delta '65, delegate from the Executive Council, who appointed as temporary chairman, Bro. Guy D. Goff, of the Iota, '88, and as temporary recorder, Bro. Chas. P. Farwell, Iota, '86. Bro. Goff, in a graceful address, extended a hearty welcome to the delegates on behalf of the Iota, and appointed the following committees:

ON CREDENTIALS.—F. C. Avery (*Z* '88), Joseph Hutcheson (*I* '85) and Douglass Ewell, (*A* '88).

ON PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.—W. Pope (*Φ* '88), H. E. Mason (*B* '89) and G. R. Baldwin, (*H* '88).

These committees then retired, and after a short recess, that on credentials reported as follows:

## LIST OF DELEGATES.

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

THETA.—F. B. Richards, '88, D. S. Voorhees, '89.

DELTA.—A. C. P. Opkyke, '90; W. A. Reid, '89.

BETA.—Henry E. Mason, '89.

SIGMA.—F. M. Sackett, jr., '90; H. W. Cooke, '90.

GAMMA.—Joseph Hutcheson, '85.

ZETA.—F. C. Avery, '88.

LAMBDA.—Douglass Ewell, '88; H. G. Atha, '89.

KAPPA.—R. W. Goding, '88.

PSI.—Albert Evans, '89.

XI.—Theodore Richards, '88.

UPSILON.—F. C. Williams, '88; S. Sheldon, '91.

IOTA.—Chas. A. Tappan, '88; J. D. Skilton, '88.

PHI.—W. Pope, '88; O. F. Schmid, '89.

PI.—W. P. Westfall, '88.

CHI.—W. D. Holmes, '81; F. S. Fielder, '89.

BETA BETA.—L. H. Paddock, '88.

ETA.—Prof. H. C. Johnson, (*X* '73); G. R. Baldwin, '88.

*Graduate*—Class I. Dr. Chas. B. Dolley, Pi '78.

Class II. John J. Deshler, Iota '73, (subsequently elected.)

The committee on Permanent Organization reported as follows:

#### OFFICERS.

##### *President.*

BENJ. H. BAYLISS (*A* '65).

##### *Vice Presidents.*

F. B. RICHARDS (*C* '88).

THEODORE RICHARDS (*E* '88).

W. ALLEN REID (*A* '89).

F. C. WILLIAMS (*I* '88).

HENRY E. MASON (*B* '89).

J. D. SKILTON (*I* '88).

F. M. SACKETT (*S* '90).

WILLARD POPE (*F* '88).

JOS. HUTCHESON (*I* '85).

T. M. HAMMOND (*O* '84).

F. C. AVERY (*Z* '88).

W. T. WESTFALL (*II* '88).

DOUGLASS EWELL (*A* '88).

F. S. FIELDER (*X* '89).

R. W. GODING (*K* '88).

L. H. PADDOCK (*BB* '88).

ALBERT EVANS (*P* '89).

G. R. BALDWIN (*H* '88).

##### *Recorder.*

C. P. HARNWELL (*I* '86).

##### *Assistant Recorders.*

CHAS. A. TAPPAN (*I* '88).

CHAS. A. RICKS (*I* '91).

On motion of Prof. Johnson (*X* '73), the reports of the committees were adopted.

The President on taking the chair, expressed his appreciation of the consideration shown by his election, and his regret at the absence of the brother (Bridgman *I* '66) who for several years had directed the proceedings of the Convention with great skill and wisdom, and congratulated the Convention upon the large attendance of the delegates and other members of the Fraternity.

On motion the rules adopted by the Convention of 1880 were made the rules of this Convention.

After the Convention had sung a "Convention Song" by C. D. McGuffey Iota, '65, (who was present) Chas. A. Tappan, Assistant Recorder, read the Annual Communication of the Executive Council, (see Appendix A,) which was referred to the Committee on that Communication.

After the Convention had sung another song, the President announced the following Standing Committees:

ON NOMINATIONS FOR THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.—W. D. Holmes (*X* '81) W. A. Reid (*A* '89); Jos. Hutcheson (*I* '85); R. W. Goding (*K* '88) and W. Pope (*F* '88).

ON THE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.—F. B. Richards (⊙ '88); L. H. Paddock (BB '88; F. M. Sackett (Ξ '90); Albert Evans (Ψ'89) and Henry E. Mason (B '89).

ON NEW BUSINESS. — Theo. Richards (Ξ '88); Prof. H. C. Johnson (X '73); F. C. Williams (Γ '88); Douglass Ewell (A '88) and W. T. Westfall (II '88).

ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.—A. C. P. Opdyke (Δ '89); F. S. Fielder (X '89); J. D. Skilton (I '88); H. W. Cooke (Σ '90) and S. Sheldon (Γ '91).

ON CHAPTER RELATIONS.—Chas. Dolley (II '78); H. G. Atha (A '89); O. F. Schmid (Φ '89); F. C. Avery (Z '88) and G. R. Baldwin (H '88).

Bro. Johnson (X), introduced General Resolutions Nos. 1 and 2, which were referred to the appropriate committee.

Bro. Dolley (II (73), presented the following petition from the University of Pennsylvania, which was received and referred to the Committee on New Business.

*TO THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE PSI UPSILON  
FRATERNITY:*

The undersigned members of the University of Pennsylvania, respectfully ask that a Charter may be granted for a Chapter of the Fraternity in connection with that Institution, and refer to the list of graduate members residents of Philadelphia who by their signature hereto appended endorse and recommend this petition.

George G. Ross ('88).	Jno. R. Savaage, Jr. ('88).
Albert D. Whiting ('88),	H. S. Kiersted (89).
J. S. Elverson ('87).	J. D. Sparth ('88).
George B. Harris ('88).	

We, graduate members of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity resident in Philadelphia or in its vicinity, recommend that the above petition be granted: Wm. Fewsmith, Phila., (B, '44); E. B. Glen, Torresdale (⊙, '50); Sam. C. Perkins, Phila. (B, '48); G. C. Purves, Phila. (B, 64); M. W. Easton, Phila. (B, '63); Howard Forde Hansell, M. D., Phila. (Σ, '77); Charles Barclay, Phila. (X, '76); Charles H. Browning, Phila. (I, '68); Harry L. Wilbur, Phila. (Γ, '84); Charles S. Dolley, Phila. (II, '78); John Henry Burton, Gueynedd (I, '67); Wm. S. Jones (H, '89); Justice C. Cornelius (H, '88); A. Stoughton Ross, Phila. (H, '86); A. B. Lynch, Phila. (Ξ, '81); Edward K. Tullidge, Phila. (BB, '76); C. W. Holly, Phila. (B, '87); Edward W. Williams, Jr., Bethlehem. Pa. (B' 72); Roswell Weston, Jr., Phila. (A, '5 ); Wm. P. Taylor, Phila. (H, '88); Charles J. Gobrecht, Phila. (B, '46); O. W. Whitaker (I, '55); James W. Rhodes (Σ, '69); Winthrop Smith (I, '69); John F. Keator (B, '77); Ferree Brinton, Phila. (B, '82); Isaac L. Nichols (Z, '69); William F. Nichols (II, '70); Philip L. Jones (Γ, '65); W. P. Breed (A, '43); Moseley H. Williams (B, 64); W. Henry Gullin (Ξ, '57); Chas. H. Burnett, M. D. (B, '64); Chas S Child (Z, '70); Bradbury Bedell (B, '76); M. V. Simpson (Ξ, '71); Harold H. Kynett, M. D. (Ξ, '83); John A. Cass (Ξ '72); Geo. L. Maris (Charter Member Φ, '67); John K. Valentine, Phila. (Z, 55); James Brown (B, '56); George Northrop (B, 43).

Bro. Johnson (X '73) read a letter which he had received stating that Prof. Robert Fletcher, of Dartmouth College, was recently invited to attend a public meeting of the Zeta Chapter. He was a graduate of the U. S. Military

Academy, but not a member of the Fraternity. Through some misunderstanding he stayed through the initiation exercises—and at the end was given the motto and grip—under the impression that he had become a member.

Action on this matter was deferred till the afternoon session.

Bro. Reid (A, '89), presented General Resolution No. 3 which was referred to the Committee on New Business.

On motion of Bro. Ewell (A, '88), the convention took a recess until 3 p. m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Bro. F. S. Fielder (X, '89), presented the General Resolution No. 4 which was referred to the Committee on New Business.

Bro. Holmes (X, '81), from the Committee on Nominations for the Executive Council, reported the following General Resolution No. 5.

RESOLVED, &c., That in view of the valuable services rendered the Fraternity by Bros. Herbert L. Bridgman (I '66); Benj. H. Bayliss (A '65); Henry C. Johnson (X '73); Francis S. Bangs (A '78), and Wm. M. Kingsley (A '83), they be re-elected as the Executive Council for 1888-'9.

This resolution was unanimously adopted.

The following communication from the University of California was read and referred to Committee on New Business:

*To the Executive Council of Psi Upsilon Fraternity.*

GENTLEMEN:

We, the undersigned, members of the Omega Psi Fraternity in the University of California, respectfully ask you to give notice to the coming convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, that we shall make application at the next annual convention for a charter, as a chapter of Psi Upsilon. We desire to give this preliminary notice, in order that the Fraternity may have opportunity to thoroughly inform itself concerning the University and concerning the character and standing of the applicants.

The University of California is now, and must be in the future, the leading institution of learning on the Coast of the Pacific. The recent act of the Legislature of this State, imposing a permanent tax of one cent on every hundred dollars of the taxable property of the State, for the benefit of the University, has placed it upon a firm financial footing, and together with private gifts makes its stability and integrity beyond all question. Enquiry among the leading scholars of the country, will certainly convince you that its faculty is a learned and competent one, and the most careful examination will show that its requirements and standards in regard to students, are such as to give it rank among the foremost institutions of the kind in the country. The University is beautifully situated within a few miles of San Francisco, and its location so near to the commercial centre of the State, is a marked advantage. The recent extraordinary development of the State and its prospective growth, are assurances of the prosperity of the University. We feel sure that a chapter in such an institution, if it be worthily conducted, would not fail to reflect credit on the Fraternity itself.

We, the undersigned, formed ourselves into the Organization, known as the Omega Psi Fraternity for the express purpose of obtaining a charter of Psi Upsilon, and we have the cordial endorsement of the four members of the Faculty who are members of your Fraternity. We have endeavored to follow principles of selection calculated to insure a body of students, who, in character and standing, are qualified to worthily represent the principles and prestige of Psi Upsilon. We may further say that our application will be endorsed by many members of the Fraternity now resident upon this coast.

Be it understood, however, that we do not obtrude an application at the present time, but after one year of probation, and correspondence with yourselves and the several chapters which you represent, the same will be forthcoming.

Signed :

1. H. N. CARROLL A. B. '80 Sacramento.
2. R. E. BUSH, B. S. '87, Berkeley.
3. A. S. NEWMAN, '91, Oakland, Cal.
4. A. H. WALLACE, '89, D. Stockton, Cal.
5. A. W. SCOTT, Jr., '91, San Francisco, Cal.
6. ROY GALLAGHER, '91, San Francisco, Cal.
7. THOS. E. EICHBAUM, '91, San Francisco, Cal.
8. E. H. SHAW, '91, Berkeley, Cal.
9. C. R. GLASS, '91, Berkeley, Cal.
10. J. T. GARDINER, '90, Oakland.
11. R. D. BALDWIN, '91, Pres., Stockton, Cal.

[SEAL.]

Ω. Ψ. ORGANIZED,  
September 30, 1887,  
AT UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

On motion of Bro. H. C. Johnson (*X*), the letter referring to the Zeta Chapter and Prof. Fletcher was referred to a special committee of five, to be appointed by the chair.

The President appointed as such committee Bro. Hutcheson (*T*), Bro. Baldwin (*H*), Bro. Pope ( $\Phi$ ), Bro. Paddock (*B B*), and Bro. Atha (*A*).

Bro. Sackett ( $\Sigma$ ) extended to the Fraternity the invitation of the Sigma Chapter to hold the next Convention with that Chapter.

The President reminded the Convention that the semi-centennial anniversary of the founding of the Sigma Chapter would occur in 1890, and Bro. Hutcheson (*T*) offered General Resolution No. 6, which was referred to the Committee on New Business.

A telegram, conveying greetings of the Washington Psi U. Alumni Association, was then read, and on motion of Bro. Holmes (*X*) the President appointed as a special committee to answer the same and such other telegrams

as should be received during the session of the Convention, Bro. Avery (Z), Bro. Voorhees (Θ), and Bro. Deshler (J).

On motion, the Convention then adjourned to Friday, May 11, at 10 o'clock.

MAY 11, 1888.

MORNING SESSION.

The Convention re-assembled at 10 A. M. The minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

The Committee on New Business, Bro. Theo. Richards, (Ξ) Chairman, reported favorably upon General Resolution No. 1, which thereupon had its second reading and was unanimously adopted.

The same Committee thereupon reported favorably General Resolution No. 2, which also had its second reading and was unanimously adopted.

The same Committee presented General Resolution No. 7, which was thereupon read the second time and unanimously adopted.

The same Committee reported favorably General Resolution No. 5, which had its second reading and was unanimously adopted.

The same Committee presented General Resolution No. 8, which was thereupon duly adopted.

The Committee on the Annual Communication of the Executive Council, Bro. F. B. Richards, (Θ) Chairman, presented Special Resolution No. 1, which was unanimously adopted.

The same Committee submitted General Resolution No. 9, which was duly adopted unanimously.

The same Committee submitted General Resolution No. 2, which was duly adopted unanimously.

The following report was then presented :

The Special Committee appointed to consider the case of Prof. Fletcher, of Dartmouth, begs leave to submit the following report.

After careful investigation they find :—

1. That Prof. Fletcher has not been lawfully initiated into the Fraternity.
2. That two methods so to do are possible, viz : by amendment to the Constitution or by Prof. Fletcher being enrolled as an undergraduate, and regularly initiated as such.
3. That although through a mistake he has been admitted to a secret meeting and received the grip and motto, your Committee strongly oppose the adoption of the first method, and though the Zeta has power to adopt the second method if they desire, your Committee unanimously disapprove of its being established as a precedent.
4. Finally, that although there have been mitigating circumstances your Committee think it only wise and just to state that the Zeta chapter has

shown a carelessness in secret meetings and an ignorance of the Constitution to be strongly condemned.

JOSEPH HUTCHESON,  
WILLARD POPE,  
GEORGE R. BALDWIN,  
HENRY G. ATHA.  
LEWIS H. PADDOCK.

And the same Committee thereupon presented General Resolution No. 10, which was duly adopted unanimously.

The Committee on New Business, Bro. Richards, (Ξ) Chairman, presented General Resolution No. 11, which by unanimous consent had its second reading and was duly adopted unanimously.

The Convention adjourned until 1.30 P. M.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Committee on New Business, through Bro. Theo. Richards, presented General Resolution No. 12, which after debate had its second reading and was unanimously adopted.

Bro. Reid (Δ) presented Special Resolution No. 3, which was unanimously adopted.

Bro. Williams, (Γ) offered Special Resolution No. 4, which was unanimously adopted.

Bro. Opdyke, (Δ) presented Special Resolution No. 5, which was unanimously adopted.

The minutes of the afternoon session having been read and approved, upon motion of Bro. Holmes, (X) the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

CHAS. P. HARNWELL,  
*Recorder.*

BENJAMIN H. BAYLISS,  
*President.*

# RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

## GENERAL RESOLUTIONS.

No. 1.—RESOLVED &c. That a tax of one dollar per active member be levied for the ensuing year, to be appropriated to the Council Fund.

No. 2.—RESOLVED, &c. By the General Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity that the Executive Council be and it hereby is authorized to settle all outstanding debts due on account of The Diamond, if it shall see fit so to do, and to assess all cost of such settlement upon the Chapters in proportion to their active membership reported December 1st, 1888.

No. 4.—RESOLVED, &c., 1st. That Brother H. C. Johnson, Editor of the Tenth Catalogue, be a committee of one to prepare a prospectus of the Catalogue, and send a sufficient number of copies to each Chapter.

2nd. That it be the duty of each Chapter to circulate its prospectuses among its Alumni on or before June 1, 1888.

No. 5.—(See Minutes.)

No. 6.—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 Council notify the Fraternity of such selection prior to January 1st, 1889.

No. 7.—RESOLVED, &c., That this Convention signifies its approval of establishing a Chapter of Psi Upsilon at the University of Pennsylvania.

No. 8.—RESOLVED, &c., That the communication relative to the establishment of a Chapter of Psi Upsilon at the University of California be laid on the table until the next convention.

No. 9.—RESOLVED, &c., That the General Convention suggest to the Council that they send printed blanks for Chapter reports to each Chapter of the Fraternity on or before November 1st of each year.

No. 10.—RESOLVED, That the Convention deprecate the action of the Zeta in the matter of Prof. Fletcher, and find that he has not been lawfully initiated into the Fraternity, and is therefore not a member thereof.

No. 11.—RESOLVED, &c., That the Committee on New Business on learning the statements of those interested in the establishment of a Chapter at the University of Pennsylvania; on reading the names of those endorsing the petitioners; on their personal knowledge of the reputation of the Institution and on the strength of the pledges made in regard to the putting of the Chapter on a permanent basis by furnishing a thoroughly equipped Chapter House free from debt or other adverse claims, do recommend that the petition be granted and referred to the Chapters for ratification; that should the vote be favorable that the Executive Council be ordered to withhold the Charter

until the aforesaid petitioners make good their pledges, it being understood that the working majority shall be chosen from the Department of Arts and Sciences.

No. 12.—RESOLVED, &c., That the Executive Council be authorized to nominate a Chapter from which shall be chosen a Chairman of a Committee which shall consist of said chairman, with associate editors, one from each of the other Chapters (selected by the individual Chapter), to compile a new edition of Psi Upsilon songs and publish the same, provided the Chapters guarantee the sale of a sufficient number of copies of the book to pay the expenses of said publication.

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

No. 3.—RESOLVED, &c., That a committee be appointed from known musical alumni to collect and to publish, or have published, a new edition of the songs of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, and that the expense of the same be met by the responsibility of each Chapter for an amount of money proportional to membership.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS.

No. 1.—RESOLVED, &c., That the Fifty-fifth General Convention of Psi Upsilon hereby expresses its sorrow at the death of Rev. Cornelius S. Conkling (♣), '36, the first initiate of the Fraternity, and directs that this expression be communicated to the family of the deceased.

No. 2.—RESOLVED, That the General Convention gratefully acknowledge the valuable and devoted services of Prof. Johnson (X, '73,) in compiling the Tenth Catalogue of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity. We respectfully suggest that the various delegates be authorized to express to their Chapters the plan proposed by the Executive Council for the wider distribution of this catalogue.

No. 3.—RESOLVED, That this Convention recognizes as meriting special thanks the Iota Chapter, to whose untiring efforts, energy and enthusiasm in the good cause the success of this Convention and of its public exercises is largely due.

No. 4.—RESOLVED, That the Convention extend its hearty thanks to Bro. Bayliss for the able manner in which he has presided over and directed the deliberations of the Convention.

No. 5.—RESOLVED, That to the Recorder and Assistant Recorders of the Convention be extended the thanks of the Fraternity for the painstaking and faithful performance of their duties.

## APPENDIX A.

### THE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF 1888.

I. The number of active members reported for the year is 436.

II. The Council reports the death at Stockton, New Jersey, on February 26th, 1888, of the Rev. Cornelius S. Conkling, Theta, '36, the first initiate of the Fraternity. Mr. Conkling's interest and enthusiasm in Psi Upsilon were undimmed through more than half a century, and his words and presence will be remembered by many of the members of our Annual Convention. At the Theta "Chapter Night" at the Psi Upsilon Club, but four months before his death, Mr. Conkling gave an interesting review of the early days of Theta and of the Fraternity.

III. The edition of the song book has been exhausted.

IV. In accordance with the instructions of the last Convention the Council published fourteen hundred copies of Volume VI. of "The Diamond." Seven hundred and fifty-six copies are still on hand. The Council suggests that the convention take action respecting the disposal of the remainder of the edition. The total expense of the publication was \$405.47, and the receipts, \$281.30.

The advance of \$62.50 made to Mr. George F. Allison on May 29th, 1886, in anticipation of the profits of volume VI was repaid by him on April 7th, 1888, with interest, a total of \$65.

The holder of a claim for \$269.30, in the form of an unsatisfied judgment against Mr. Allison for printing four numbers of The Diamond for the year 1885-6 have called it to the attention of the Council with a request that the Council will dispose of it as justice and equity demand. We suggest that the Fraternity, without assuming any liability, give the Council authority to settle the claim in its discretion, and to include the sum necessary in the levy for the ensuing year.

V. The Chapter Reports to the Council maintain their old-time reputation for incompleteness and inaccuracy. In 1887 the laxity in rendering reports had increased to such an extent that the Council was unable to make to the Convention any report of active membership of the Fraternity, and the Convention thereupon adopted the amendment to the Constitution known as Article XI. Immediately upon the adjournment of the Convention in February, 1887, the Council caused the records containing copies of the amendment to be forwarded to the Chapters. The new requirement that annual reports shall be rendered by December 1st, was observed by the following three Chapters only:—The Sigma, Gamma and Beta Beta. The Psi and Xi reported by December 15th, in time to escape the penalty imposed by section 3 of article XI. The Kappa reported on December 29th, 1887, the Theta on January 12th, and the Upsilon on January 16th, 1888. On January 31st, 1888, the Chapters which had not then reported were notified by

the Council of their delinquency, and of the fine that they were incurring. The remaining reports were thereafter received, as follows:—Pi, February 3, sixty-four days late; Lambda, February 4, sixty-five days late; Iota, February 9, seventy days late; Beta, February 11, seventy-two days late; Phi, February 20, eighty-one days late; Eta, February 23, eighty-four days late; Chi, February 24, eighty-five days late; Delta, February 27, eight-eight days late; Zeta, April 26, one-hundred and fifty-six days late. Some of the Chapters named objected to, and the Eta at first refused payment of the fines incurred on one or both of two grounds: First, that they had not been informed of the adoption of the Amendment by the Convention of 1887; and, second, that until after December 1, 1887, they had not received report blanks.

The objections have not seemed to the Council well founded.

The Convention Records, containing the amendments adopted by the Convention, were sent to all the Chapters in March, 1887; no further notice being required by the Constitution and no Chapter having objected to the amendment within the two weeks limited by Article X, the new article became operative from the date of its passage in Convention.

With regard to the blanks, since it is impossible for the Council to know, without being informed, of the dates of the beginning of terms, and the dates of elections and initiations in the several Chapters, a uniform date cannot be fixed for the forwarding of blanks to the Chapters; and Article XI. prescribed no such date. The matters required to be reported are so explicitly stated in Article XI. that the mere absence of a particular form of blank is no hindrance to the rendering of the report required. The Council endeavors to provide blanks whenever their need is made known, and stands ready always to provide them when requested. It may be noted that five Chapters complied with the law, and that the annual report of the Beta, which was made upon no printed form, in completeness and accuracy is to be commended to the Fraternity as a model.

The difficulty in connection with the annual reports may be ascribed to carelessness on the part of the Epistolographoi and their apparent lack of acquaintance with the business of their own Chapters and with the Fraternity laws. In one instance one of the Chapters, upon being notified of its neglect to report, objected that it had no notice whatever of the existence of Article XI. A reference to the letter files of the Council disclosed that that Chapter at one of its meetings held in June, 1887, had discussed, voted upon and unanimously approved Article XI.

It may interest the Convention to know that eight letters have been written to and received from the Alpha and Omega during the past year by certain Chapters, as appears by the annual reports.

VI. The year has witnessed the completion of one of the most important works undertaken by any college society,—the tenth catalogue of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, which has been carried through to a successful conclusion by the faithful and gratuitous labor of Brother Henry C. Johnson, the editor.

For the services thus rendered, his Associate Councillors believe no adequate compensation can be found save in the sincere appreciation and commendation thereof by the Fraternity. The accuracy and completeness of the work make it a monument to the untiring industry and indomitable perseverance of the Editor, while to the Comenius Press of Bethlehem, Pa., is due much credit for the remarkable correctness and beauty of its typography. The cost of the work has exceeded \$10,000, for which the Convention of 1888, in the enthusiasm amid which it resolved that the catalogue should be published omitted to make any provision. About \$7,000 is immediately required to pay the pressing debt incurred. The only source of revenue at present provided is from the sale of the book. Fourteen hundred copies must be sold to cover the amount. The subject is referred to the Convention in the confidence that it will discover a method by which the members of the Council in their individual capacity may be relieved from the burden. Subscriptions are being received at a moderate rate, but very few from Chapters or undergraduates. It is suggested that the Chapters should supply themselves with copies in proportion to the number of their active members.

VII. All of the funds of the Fraternity treasury, except those reserved especially for convention purposes, have been used for the catalogue, and there is pressing need that for the ensuing year the tax for general uses of the council shall again be imposed.

VIII. The receipts of the Fraternity treasury from all sources during the past year, including loans, amount to \$3,720.16, and the payments to \$3,361.24.

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,  
 May 7, 1888.