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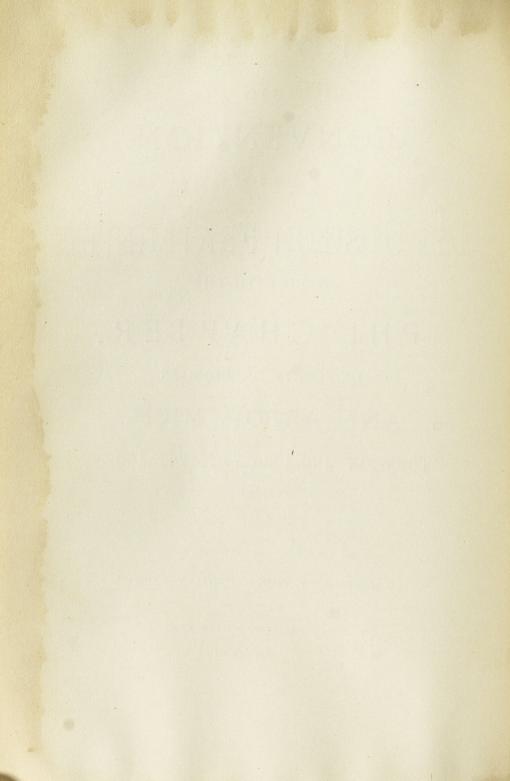
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THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1896.

The General Convention in the sixty-third year of the Fraternity, with the Phi Chapter in the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, Michigan, was called to order in the Church of the Disciples by Bro. Herbert L. Bridgman $(\Gamma, '66)$, of the Executive Council, who named Bro. J. H. Quarles $(\Phi, '96)$ Temporary President, and Bro. W. D. Herrick $(\Phi, '98)$ as Temporary Recorder. The delegates were welcomed to Ann Arbor by Bro. Albert P. Jacobs $(\Phi, '73)$, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements for the Convention.

Upon motion of Bro. F. S. Bangs (Λ , '78), the rules of the Convention of 1892 were unanimously adopted.

The following committees were announced by the Temporary President: On Permanent Organization.—Bros. L. K. Willman (Ξ , '97), C. R. Cary (Φ) and H. G. Barbour (BB).

ON CREDENTIALS.—Bros. Frederick S. Fales $(\Upsilon, '96)$, L. Diven (H), and J. H. Libby (K, '96).

After a recess of fifteen minutes the Committee on Permanent Organization reported the following of permanent officers:

President.HERBERT L. BRIDGMAN (Γ '66).

Vice-Presidents.

Samuel Goodale (Θ , '36),

N. C. Wheeler (Υ , '73),

Charles W. Smiley (Ξ , '74).

Recorder. Duane R. Stewart (Φ , '96).

Assistant Recorders. W. D. HERRICK (Φ , '98), E. R. BARTON (M, '96).

The report was unanimously adopted, and Vice-President Goodale, a founder of the Fraternity, opened the formal proceedings by repeating an appropriate collect for the day.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following list of duly accredited

DELEGATES.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.—Herbert L. Bridgman $(\Gamma, '66)$.

THETA.—Archibald S. Derby, '96.

Beta.—George Xavier McLanahan, '96.

Delta.—Benjamin H. Bayliss, '65; Eric Wilhelm Wallin, '97; and Howard Bill, '97.

SIGMA.—Henry H. Rockwell, '96.

ZETA.-G. N. Lewis, '97.

GAMMA.—Frederick S. Fales, '96, and George C. Howland, '85.

Lambda.—Francis S. Bangs, '78; F. P. Keppel, '96, and H. S. Chatain, '96.

KAPPA. - Jerre H. Libby, '96, and Stephen Emerson Young, '98.

Psi.—B. B. Taggart, Jr., '96.

XI.-L. K. Willman, '97.

UPSILON.—C. R. Moser, '96.

IOTA.—Phil B. Stanbery, Jr., '98.

PHI.—C. R. Cary, (*I*, '96), W. D. McKenzie, '96, J. H. Flinn, '96, and J. H. Quarles, '96.

PI.—E. Bersie Lee, '96.

CHI.—Ezra Cornell Blair, '96.

BETA BETA.—H. G. Barbour, '96.

ETA.—Louis Diven, '97.

TAU.—Henry N. Woolman, '96.

Mu.—Edgar R. Barton, '96.

RHO.—Charles Philip Spooner, Charles Edwin Blomgren, '96, and Henry Vilas.

FIRST GRADUATE.—Charles W. Smiley (\(\mathcal{Z}\), '74); Alternate, Charles McK. Loeser (\(H\), '91).

Second Graduate.—Albert P. Jacobs (Φ , '73); Alternate, E. D. Babst (Φ , '93).

Third Graduate.—William T. Underwood $(\Phi, '73)$; Alternate, N. C. Wheeler, $(\Omega, '73)$.

The graduates present were: Theta.—Samuel Goodale, '36, Charles H. Leonard, '72, Orson C. Richards, '95; Beta.—George W. Patterson, '84; Zeta.—Richard Hovey, '85; Gamma.—Henry P. Field, '80; Lambda.—Francis S. Bangs, '78; Xi.—Henry S. Carhart, '69, Charles W. Smiley, '74; Delta.—John V. Irvin, '94; Upsilon.—George H. Fox, '67; Phi.—Charles A. Rust. Joseph A. Mercer and Earle Knight, '71, William T. Underwood and Francis D. Bennett, '72, Albert P. Jacobs, '73, Charles A. Warren, '74, Charles H. Jacobs, '75, Ernest F. Smith, '77, Frank L. Bliss, '77, Horatio T. Morey, '79, Charles T. Miller, '88, Horace V. Birdsall and Dean C. Wurster, '89, Frank R. Ashley, '91, Earl D. Babst, '93, Howard E. Chickering, '94,

William H. Morley, '95; Omega.—Newton C. Wheeler, '73, Charles W. Nichols and Richard V. Twiss, '75, James P. Gardner, '81, Alfred D. Grover, '82, Theodore M. Hammond, '85; Eta.—Charles McK. Loeser, '91.

The Committee also presented a document of which the following is a copy:

"This is to certify that at a regular meeting of the Omega Chapter of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, held April 27, 1896,

RICHARD B. TWISS, HARRY W. STONE, and WILLIAM S. BOND.

were duly elected delegates to represent the Omega Chapter at the sixty-third General Convention of the Fraternity at Ann Arbor, Mich., May 6, 7 and 8, 1896.

RICHARD B TWISS. 5
R. W. STEVENS." #

Bro. Underwood (3d graduate) moved that the report of the committee, in cluding the document from the so-called Omega Chapter, be accepted, and that the delegates from that chapter be admitted to seats in the Convention, which was seconded by Bro. Albert P. Jacobs (2d graduate). Bro. Bangs (A) offered an amendment, in the nature of a substitute, that the delegates concerning whom there was no question should be seated, and the Omega document be made the special order, following the reading of the Annual Communication of the Executive Council and the appointment of the Standing Committees, which substitute was unanimously agreed to.

The Annual Communication of the Executive Council (See page 12) was then read by the secretary, Bro. Bangs (A).

The Standing Committees were announced by the President as follows: To Nominate an Executive Council.—Bros. Rockwell (Σ , '96), Barton (M, '96), Moser (Υ , '96), Woolman (T), and Diven (H, '96).

ON THE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.—Bros Libby (K, '96), Howard Bill $(\Delta, '96)$, B. B. Taggart, Jr. $(\Psi, '96)$, and C. E. Blomgren (P, '96).

ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.—Bros. F. S. Fales $(\Gamma, '96)$, G. X. McLanahan (B, '97), H. G. Barbour (BB,), A. S. Derby $(\Theta, '96)$, and William T. Underwood, graduate.

ON NEW BUSINESS.—Bros. Ezra Cornell Blair (X, '96), L. K. Willman (Ξ) , P. B. Stanbery (I, '96), F. P. Keppel (A, '96), and G. M. Lewis (Z, '96).

The President also laid before the Convention a petition (see page 18) from the Kappa Gamma Chi Society of St. Stephen's College at Annandale-on-Hudson, for a charter for a chapter of the Fraternity, which was referred to the Committee on New Business, and the annual report of the Treasurer of the Executive Council (see page 16), which was referred to the Committee on the Annual Communication.

Bro. Willman (\(\mathcal{\pi}\)), in behalf of the Xi, invited the Fraternity to hold the

Convention of 1897 with that chapter, and on behalf of the Convention, the invitation was accepted by the President.

Recess.

After reading and approving the minutes of the morning session, consideration of the special order (see page 5) the motion of Bro. Underwood, was proceeded with. After the reading by the Secretary of the Council of the supplemental statement (see pages 21-47) referred to in the Communication, the minority report of Messrs. McLaren and Mason, being on motion omitted, debate ensued, Bros. Underwood, Jacobs, Smiley and Twiss, supporting the resolution, and Bros. Howland, Bayliss and Bangs, opposing it. After discussion, which occupied the entire afternoon session, Bro. Underwood's motion was lost by the following vote:

Aye. -Iota, First, Second and Third Graduates-4.

No.—Theta, Delta, Beta, Sigma, Gamma, Zeta, Lambda, Kappa, Psi, Xi, Upsilon, Phi, Chi, Pi, Beta Beta, Eta, Tau, Mu and Rho—19.

Adjourned to Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 1896.

The Convention was called to order by the President at 9 o'clock. After reading and approving the minutes of the previous sessions, the Committee to Nominate an Executive Council presented the following report for members of the Council for the ensuing year:

Bros. Herbert L. Bridgman $(\Gamma, '66)$; Francis S. Bangs $(\varLambda, '78)$; Benjamin H. Bayliss $(\varDelta, '65)$; William M. Kingsley $(\varDelta, '83)$; and Frank L. Hall (B, '72); which report, Vice-President Goodale in the chair, was unanimously agreed to.

The Committee on the Annual Communication submitted General Resolutions Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, (see page 10) all of which were under suspension of the rules unanimously adopted.

The Committee also submitted General Resolution No. 7, as follows:

General Resolution No. 7.—Resolved, That the Executive Council be and hereby is authorized to prepare and publish in a single volume the records of the Convention prior to 1876 in epitomized form, and of subsequent Conventions in full, properly edited and indexed, to be sold only to the chapters and members of the Fraternity at a price to be determined by the Council.

After discussion the resolution was lost by the following vote:

Aye.—Delta Sigma, Gamma, Zeta Lambda, Kappa, Psi, Beta Beta, Tau,—9.

No.—Theta, Xi, Upsilon, Iota, Phi, Mu, Rho, first, second and third graduates,—10.

Not Voting.—Beta. Pi, Chi and Eta,—4.

The Committee also reported General Resolutions Nos. 8 and 9, (see page

10) which were adopted under suspension of the rules without division and General Resolution No. 10 which was adopted by the following vote:

Aye.—Theta, Delta, Sigma, Gamma, Zeta, Lambda, Kappa, Psi, Xi, Phi, Pi, Beta Beta, Tau, Mu,—14.

No.—Upsilon, Iota, first, second and third graduates,—5.

Not Voting -Beta, Chi, Eta, Rho, -4.

The Committee on New Business reported adversely upon the petition from the Kappa Gamma Chi Society of St. Stephen's for a charter for a Chapter of the Fraternity which report was unanimously agreed to.

Upon invitation of the chair and by a unanimous consent, Bro. Charles Philip Spooner, of the Rho, addressed the Convention, pledging the youngest chapter to the cordial support of the Fraternity and co-operation with the elder in advancing its growth and prosperity.

Bro. Bayliss presented the following preamble and resolutions and moved their reference under the rules to the Committee on New Business.

WHEREAS, On or about the 31st day of January, 1896, graduate members of the Omega Chapter of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, without any authority or sanction whatever from the Fraternity, undertook to initiate certain undergraduates of the University of Chicago, all of them members of the so-called Omega Club, which had on three different occasions applied to the chapters of the Fraternity for a charter as a chapter of the Fraternity, which had in each instance been refused; and

WHEREAS, said spurious alleged chapter has been incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois, with the purpose of perpetuating the same, whatever action this Fraternity might take with reference to said alleged chapter, and within ten days last past has initiated a student into mem-

bership; and

WHEREAS, Such alleged initiation was spurious, void and of no effect as constituting the alleged initiates a chapter of this Fraternity, therefore, Resolved, I. That any proceedings on January 31, 1896, or any other or subsequent date, purporting to revive the Omega Chapter, qualifying it to exercise any functions whatever, and any alleged initiation claimed to have been performed by its sanction or authority, were, and are, and are

hereby declared to have been unauthorized, illegal, null and void, and of

no effect whatever.

II. That the Fraternity requests Messrs. Harry W. Stone, Horace G. Dougherty, Raymond W. Stevens, Louis Wolf, Jr., Ralph H. Johnson, Oswald J. Arnold. Philip Rand, William S. Bond, Robert W. Tooker, Moses D. McIntyre, Arthur Henning, B. B. Smith, D. A. Kennedy and William E. Goodfellow, upon whom spurious initiation was practiced, to request as honorable gentlemen any information or knowledge imparted to them at such initiation as being of such a confidential nature that they will not communicate the same to others, and also that they will not wear the badge of the Fraternity; and the Fraternity believes that it may confidently rely upon the individual sense of right and honor of the gentlemen named to accede to its request.

III. That Richard B. Twiss, Omega '75, having in a public address to the delegates in convention assembled stated that he had after due deliberation and careful consideration advised, aided and prosecuted the

said alleged spurious initiations, and under like circumstances would again pursue the same course and had no apology or excuse to make for so doing, be and he hereby is, expelled from membership in this Fraternity.

IV. That Messrs. Augustus G. Anderson '80, Newton C. Wheeler, "73, Thomas C. Roney '78, James P. Gardner '81, Charles R. Calkins '71, C. T. Otis '74, C. W. Nicholas '75, H. B. Mitchell, '76, C. R. Dean '77, W. H. Hopkins '79, D. B. Cheney '80, J. C. Hopkins '81, C. W. Naylor '81, R. F. Harper '83, F. S. Cheney '84, H. S. Houston '88, and Theodore M. Hammond '85, all members of the old, extinct Omega Chapter, having openly and deliberately violated their own solemn obligations, and the Constitution, laws and customs of the Fraternity, in that they, without any right or authority whatever, sought to initiate the men named in the last preceding paragraph of this resolution into the secrets, mysteries, rites and obligations of this Fraternity, are no longer worthy to be members of this Fraternity, and are hereby suspended as such members, and that until this resolution is rescinded or abrogated, they shall be reported in the catalogues of the chapters and Fraternity as dropped from the roll of membership for conduct unbecoming members of this Fraternity, prejudicial to its reputation, good order and welfare.

V. That the Executive Council be, and hereby is, directed to make as thorough an investigation as possible into all the facts concerning the said spurious initiation, and especially to ascertain what members of this Fraternity were the originators and prosecutors of the scheme or plan to institute and perform said alleged initiation and to make the said undergraduate students of the new University of Chicago a chapter of this Fraternity and to report the facts to the several chapters with such recommendation as the Council may see fit to make as speedily as possible. That a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted by the Executive Council to each person named in paragraphs II, III and IV, of this resolution, and that the members of the Fraternity be released from the obligation of secrecy as to

this resolution.

Bro. W. T. Underwood raised the point of order that the resolutions proposed unconstitutional action, and could not therefore be received by this Convention. The chair having overruled the point, Bro. Jacobs appealed from the decision, and the decision was sustained by the Convention by the following vote:

Aye.—Theta, Delta, Sigma, Gamma, Zeta, Lambda, Kappa, Xi, Phi, Pi, Beta Beta, Tau, Mu, Rho—14.

No.—Upsilon, Iota, second and third graduates—4.

Not Voting.—Beta, Psi, Chi, Eta, first graduate—5.

The preamble and resolutions were therefore received and referred to the Committee on New Business.

Special Resolutions Nos. 1 and 2, offered by Bro. Bangs, and No. 3 (see page 11) by Bro. Wallin (Δ) , were then, under suspension of the rules, unanimously adopted.

Pending the report of the Committee on New Business upon the Bayliss preamble and resolutions, the Right Rev. Bishop William Stevens Perry, of Iowa (A, '54), addressed the Convention. At the conclusion of his remarks,

Bro. Bangs offered as the result of a conference between himself and the representatives of the Chicago-Omega interests, General Resolution No. 11 (see page 10) which was seconded by Bro. Bayliss, and under suspension of the rules, considered immediately, being discussed briefly by Bros. Ball Φ and Gardner, (Q. '83), and adopted without division.

The Committee on New Business presented the following report upon the Bayliss resolution:

As regards the constitutionality of the resolution it seems to the Committee by a majority vote that in the absence of any specific provisions in the Constitution for chapter discipline for the expulsion or suspension of the retired members of a non active chapter, that under Article 2, Section 5, which reads: "The Convention shall have power to transact all business pertaining to the whole Fraternity. No Convention shall infringe upon the right herein granted to undergraduate chapters nor interfere with their business, except to sustain and enforce this Constitution," the Convention may be considered to have power to discipline such brothers.

As regards the advisability of the resolutions as a whole, the Committee approve them by a majority vote, but as regards Section 3, it would suggest that an opportunity be given to Bro. Twiss to resign, with permission of the Convention, from the Fraternity before a vote be taken on that section, and that in Section 4 it would suggest that the words "on condition that no written apology be received by the Executive Council from such brothers individually within one month of their receipt of the notice provided for in Section 5," be inserted.

Upon motion of Bro. Underwood the report of the Committee was, without a division, laid upon the table, and on motion, the Convention adjourned, sine die.

> DUANE REED STUART. Recorder.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS.

General Resolution No. 2.—Resolved, That the report of the Treasurer of the Executive Council be and hereby is approved.

General Resolution No. 3.—Resolved, That a tax be levied by the Executive Council upon the chapters at the rate of \$1 for each active member on the rolls on Feb. 1, 1897, for the general purposes of the Fraternity.

General Resolution No. 4.—Resolved, That a committee to consist of the members of the Executive Council and five associates to be appointed by the Council, be and hereby is authorized to prepare and submit to the next Convention such amendments to or revision of the Constitution as the Committee shall deem proper.

General Resolution No. 5.—Resolved, That the Executive Council be and is hereby authorized and directed to distribute to the chapters one copy of the new Membership List for each active member reported on the rolls on Feb. 1, 1896, to be paid for by the chapters at the rate of twenty (20) cents per copy.

General Resolution No. 6.—Resolved, That the Executive Council be and hereby is authorized to deposit copies of the Heraldry of the Fraternity in such libraries as it deems proper, and to sell the remaining copies at \$1 each to members of the Fraternity only.

General Resolution No. 8.—Resolved, That the proceedings taken at Chicago on January 31, 1896, or other date, purporting in the name of the Omega Chapter of Psi Upsilon, or otherwise, to initiate into the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, Messrs. Harry W. Stone, Horace R. Dougherty, Raymond W. Stevens, Louis Wolf, Jr., Ralph H. Johnson, Oswald J. Arnold, Philip Rand, William S. Bond, Robert W. Tooker, Moses D. McIntyre, Arthur Henning, B. B. Smith, D. A. Kennedy and William E. Goodfellow, or any other undergraduate of the University of Chicago, were and are in violation of the laws of the Fraternity, and null and void.

General Resolution No. 9.—Resolved, That the organization claiming to be the Omega Chapter of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, at the University of Chicago, has no valid existence under the laws of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity.

General Resolution No. 10.—Resolved, That the Executive Council be and hereby is directed to transmit copies of General Resolutions Nos. 8 and 9 to the proper authorities of the University of Chicago.

General Resolution No. 11.—Resolved, That the Executive Council be and is hereby empowered to appoint a special committee of three members of the Fraternity to whom shall be submitted all questions at issue between the graduate members of the Omega Chapter and the Fraternity, the de-

cision of such Committee to be final, subject to confirmation by the Convention of 1897, the appointment of the said Committee to be conditioned upon the express stipulation of the said Omega graduates to abide by such decision and meanwhile that neither they nor their organization will exercise any of the functions of a chapter of the Fraternity. In the selection of the said Committee, the said Omega graduates shall be entitled to object to any nominee of the Council, and a new nomination by the Council shall be made in place of the person so objected to; no member of the Omega Chapter shall be a member of the said Committee and not more than one member of the said Committee shall be graduates of any one chapter.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS.

Special Resolution No. 1.—Resolved, That the Convention extends its thanks to the President and Recorders.

Special Resolution No. 2.—Resolved, That the Convention expresses its thanks for the admirable Convention arrangements, and its affectionate appreciation of the good-fellowship and generous hospitality of the brothers of the Phi.

Special Resolution No. 3.—Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be and they hereby are tendered to Bros. Prof. M. L. D'Ooge, President Angell, Bishop Perry, Hon. Lawrence Maxwell, and George H. Fox, M. D., for their able, interesting and eloquent addresses at the public literary exercises held at University Hall, May 7, 1896; to Bro. Richard Hovey, poet; and to Brother William A Spitzley, and Prof. Albert A. Stanley for the delightful vocal and instrumental music with which they favored us on the same occasion.

(APPENDIX A.)

THE COMMUNICATION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TO THE CONVENTION OF 1896.

- I. Membership. The active membership of the Fraternity on February 1, 1896, according to the annual reports, was 502, an increase of 33 over the membership reported in 1895.
- II. RHO CHAPTER. The approval by the Convention of 1895 of the petition of the Rho Kappa Upsilon Society of the University of Wisconsin, for a charter as a chapter of Psi Upsilon, having been duly ratified by the chapters, the Council, on March 27, 1896, at Madison, Wisconsin, instituted the Rho Chapter, as provided by the Constitution. Ninety charter members were duly initiated, and the twenty-second chapter of the Fraternity begins active work with every promise of permanence and prosperity.
- III. CHICAGO. The application for the establishment of a chapter at the University of Chicago has been denied by the following vote:

Yes.—Beta, Sigma, Iota, Pi-4.

No.—Theta, Delta, Lambda, Kappa, Psi, Xi, Upsilon, Phi, Chi, Beta Beta, Eta, Tau, Mu—13.

Not Reported.—Gamma, Zeta, Upsilon—3.

On January 31, 1896, notwithstanding the adverse vote of the Fraternity, certain graduate members of the former Omega Chapter undertook to initiate fourteen undergraduates of the University of Chicago. A separate statement showing the action of the Council on the subject is hereto annexed.

- IV. Finances. The Treasurer's report, submitted herewith, indicates a satisfactory condition of the funds of the Fraternity. While there are no present special needs for more money, it is believed to be a wise policy to increase the Fraternity's resources gradually by a moderate annual tax, so that any unusual future requirement may be easily met, or a permanent fund finally established, the income from which will cover ordinary annual expenses. A renewal of the tax of \$1 per active member is therefore recommended for the ensuing year.
- V. Song Book. Fourteen copies of the Song Book have been sold during the past year. An adequate supply remains.
- VI. UNIFORM BADGE. After the consideration of upwards of a dozen designs, the Council, in accordance with General Resolution No. 14, of 1895, selected, and on October 30, 1895, announced, as the standard badge of the Fraternity, an unjewelled pattern of 14 carat gold, $1\frac{1}{32}$ inches by $\frac{5}{8}$ of an inch outside dimensions, with flat polished border, enamel centre, sur-

rounded with a twisted gold line running through the enamel near the inner edge, and the usual arrangement of the clasped hands and Fraternity letters in the centre

Three chapters, the Zeta, Kappa and Tau, have notified the Council of their objections, but the general acceptance of the standard adopted seems to confirm the wisdom of the plan. The purpose to secure the use of a uniform badge can be more readily carried out through the appointment of an official manufacturer by whom alone badges duly authorized and certified by the Council shall be issued.

VII. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS. The members of the Council have carefully considered the questions referred to them by the last Convention relating to amendments to the Constitution on the subjects of the enlargement of the membership and functions of the Council, and more extended graduate participation in the administration of the Fraternity's affairs. The subjects are, however, of so much importance and involve the amendment of so many scattered portions of the Constitution that the Council suggests the appointment of a special committee to consider not only the particular topics, but also a general revision of the Constitution.

VIII. MEMBERSHIP LIST. The Membership List directed by the last Convention will be ready for distribution on May 20, publication having been delayed by the failure of chapters to supply the necessary copy promptly. The Council suggest the immediate distribution of five hundred of the edition of six hundred to the chapters in proportion to their membership, at the actual cost price of 20 cents per copy.

IX. HERALDRY. The Heraldry of the Fraternity, copyrighted, is ready for publication. The Council recommends that copies be deposited in some of the leading public libraries, and that the remainder be sold to members of the Fraternity only, at \$1,00 each.

X. GRADUATE ASSOCIATIONS. The Council reports with pleasure an exceptional interest and activity among the graduate associations during the past year. The testimonial dinner to the Honorable Francis Miles Finch (B, '43) in New York City, upon the occasion of his retirement from the bench of the N. Y. Court of Appeals after long and most distinguished service, the public dinners of the graduate associations in Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, Detroit and Grand Rapids, and of the Psi Upsilon Club in New York City, have all been largely attended, and fraught with decided and permanent benefit to the Fraternity and its interests.

XI. PSI UPSILON CLUB. The Psi Upsilon Club in New York City, now nearing the close of its first decade, is free from debt, prosperous and careful. The Council renews its expression of the value of the Club to the

entire Fraternity and commends it to all graduates who intend to reside in New York.

XII. CHAPTER VISITATION. In accordance with General Resolution No. 13, of 1895, fourteen chapters have been visited by members of the Council during the year. The wisdom of the experiment seems to be justified by its results. The reception by the chapters has been most cordial in each instance. The continuance of these informal meetings and discussions between the Council and the chapters is believed to be of mutual benefit.

XIII. CONVENTION RECORDS. The Council recommends the publication in a single volume of the Records prior to 1876, in epitomized form, for which copy was some time since prepared, and since that date in full, the whole properly edited and indexed, and the edition to be sold in the same manner as the Song Book.

XIV. IN MEMORIAM. The Council reports the death since the last Convention of Julius Hawley Seelye (Gamma, '49); Alexander H. Rice (Theta, '44); Charles Henry Hall (Beta, '42); Samuel A. Duncan (Zeta, '58); Charles Doe (Zeta, '49); Benjamin Franklin Prescott (Zeta '56); Hjalmar Hjorth Boyesen (Chi, '76); David Buel Knickerbacker (Beta Beta, '53); Willard Smith Pope (Psi, '51); Robert Lenox Belknap (Lambda, '69), and Austin Abbott (Delta, '51); each of whom, and in a different calling, had attained distinction. To the appreciative esteem of the general public, the Council suggests that the Convention add appropriate expression of the value to the Fraternity of the lives and services of these eminent brothers.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT L. BRIDGMAN, BENJAMIN H. BAYLISS, FRANCIS S. BANGS, WILLIAM M. KINGSLEY, FRANK L. HALL.

May 7, 1896.

TABLE OF MEMBERSHIP, FEBRUARY 1, 1896.

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CHAPTER.	Seniors.	Juniors.	Sophomores.	Freshmen.	Post Graduates.	Law Students.	Medical Students.	Special Course Students.	Total Membership, 1896.	Total Membership, 1895.	Increase, 1896.	Decrease, 1896.
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Totals	84	131	114	135	4	16	12	6	502	469	50	

TREASURER'S STATEMENT, 1896.

PAYMENTS	1896. Phi, for Convention expenses, 1896 \$250 00 F. E. Wood, engraving coat of arms, etc. 125 00	Emblems	Kappa and Zeta	W. M. Kingsley, expenses Visiting F1 and Upsilon	Union Steam Printing Co., printing, etc. 103 71 Rent Post Office box for year. 16 00	May 4, Balance in 4th Nat. Bank \$649 84 '' B'way Sav. Bank 1,544 62 2,194 46	FRANK L. HALL, Treasurer.
RECEIPTS	1895. Dr. May 11, Balance from last year \$2,022 04		6 11 14	Savings Bank 46 06 1,013 60			\$3,085 64

BALANCE SHEET MAY, 1896.

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General Fund			\$2,760	41
Convention Fund			650	
Catalogue Account	\$27	00		
Song Book Account	1,103	59		
Iota Annual Taxes Account \$13 80				
Phi " " 66 30				
G. W. Carryl's Services, balance of last year's				
account, Phi and Iota 6 00				
	86	10		
Cash in Fourth National Bank\$649 84				
" Broadway Savings Institution1,544 62	2,194	46		
CHARACTER LA PARTITION	\$3,411	15	\$3,411	15

FRANK L. HALL, .

Treasurer.

(APPENDIX B.)

APRIL 15, 1896.

To the Executive Council and Chapters of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity.

GENTLEMEN: -The undersigned, representing the active and past members of the Kappa Gamma Chi of St. Stephen's College, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York, do hereby make this, their second application, for a charter of Psi Upsilon. In support of our petition, we again call the attention of Psi Upsilon to the fact that our Fraternity has existed as a strictly secret and local organization since 1868. It has always main ained a high tone and standard, drawing its men from the best in the college. It has always sought a small membership, thus securing a choice of men. The active membership to-day is 14. Meetings are held weekly with formal literary exercises, and in addition there are frequent gatherings of a distinctly social nature. It is a most representative Fraternity, both in scholarship and undergraduate affairs. The building fund for the new Chapter House is in a prosperous condition and the plans for the building will be submitted at the annual re-union in June. With this petition we present additional reasons for the establishment of a Chapter of Psi Upsilon in St. Stephen's College, and we would respectively recall the long list of Psi Upsilon alumni, who endorsed our first application. During the past year, the Fraternity has maintainted a vigorous existence, and holds steadfastly to its purpose.

Respectfully yours,

A. RANDOLPH B. HEGEMAN, JAMES ALNUTT SMITH, FRANCIS C. STEINMETZ, ALBERT LARRIEN LONGLEY, JOS. P. GIBSON.

Committee.

MEMBERS OF KAPPA GAMMA CHI.

We hereby present the record of each member in full.

ALBERT LARRIEN LONGLEY, '96, Lansingburg, N. Y.; Class President; Freshmen, Sophomore and Junior years; Manager of Baseball Team '94 and '95; President Athletic Association '96; Assistant Business Manager, St. Stephen's College Messenger '95; Manager '96; Manager Football Team '95; Assistant Marshal '95; President Glee Club '94; Chairman Gymnasium Committee.

WILLIAM EVANS KUNKEL, '96, Columbia, Pa.; Class Poet; Associate Editor of the Messenger.

John Cassius Dairs, '96, sp. course, Hydeville, Vt.

JOSEPH PATTERSON GIBSON, '97, Baltimore, Md.; Class Secretary '94;

Vice-President of Class '96; Associate Editor of the Messenger '95; Manager Baseball Team '96; Chairman General Athletic Committee '96; Member Gymnasium Committee; Editor in-Chief the Messenger '97.

EDWARD HUDSON YOUNG, '97, Rock Island, Ill.; President Class '94; Treasurer '96, Secretary '95; Manager Football Team '96; Member Baseball Team.

ARCHIBALD MACLAY JUDD, '98, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Treasurer Gymnasium Fund; Member Football Team; Instructor in Athletics; Member of the General Athletic Committee.

DAVID CAMPBELL MAYERS, '98, Barbadoes, W. I.; President of Class '96; Vice-President Athletic Association '96; Member of Football Team.

CHARLES LAWRENCE WHEELER, '98, Boston, Mass.; Secretary Athletic Association '95; Treasurer '96; Member Football and Baseball Teams; Vice-President Class '96; Associate Business Manager Messenger '97.

CHARLES SILAS CHAMPLIN, '99, Dalton, Mass.; Chairman Freshman Ball Committee; Director of Class Quartette; Historian of Class.

ADELBERT McGuinis '99, Bristol, Conn.

ROBERT FERDINAND KELLMAN, '99, Providence, R. I.; Member of Baseball Team; Member of Class Quartette.

ANGUS WILLIAM MCKAY PORTER, '99, Washington, D. C.; President of Class '99; Member of Class Quartette.

TALCOTT OSTROM VANAMEE, Special Student, Newburgh, N. Y.; Member of Football Team '95.

Jacob Baur Briener, Special Student, Terre Haute, Ind.; Member Football Team, '95; Coach, Baseball Team

We desire especially to correct the impression that St. Stephen's College is a technical school. This is an error that has arisen by reason of the fact that so many of the alumni of St. Stephen's take a theological course after graduating from the college. A technical school is one which gives a course preparatory to a particular profession, and is permitted to grant only such professional degrees as is provided for in its curriculum, while at St. Stephen's by its charter, can grant any degree whatever. No theology is studied at St. Stephen's. The students are taking the usual course in arts preparatory to any profession and on receiving his degree of B. A. from St. Stephen's, a man is prepared to enter on the study of law, medicine, theology, civics, etc., as he elects, but he has had no technical instruction in any one of these professions. St. Stephen's has alumni who are now lawyers, physicians, clergymen, business men, brokers, journalists, actors, etc., and hence it is in every way a college of liberal arts. St. Stephen's stands in the same class with Trinity and Kenyon. All these are

"church" colleges, i. e., under the government of ecclesiastical authority, and offering such special privileges as will attract those men who expect ultimately to enter the ministry of the Church, but St. Stephen's like all other colleges leaves the technical instruction for the professional school. St. Stephen's, with its distinctively collegiate character, offers a field especially fitted for Fraternity life, and has every indication of a great future. In view of these facts Kappa Gamma Chi urges again the establishment of a chapter of Psi Upsilon at this time when the field is almost clear, Sigma Alpha Epsilon alone having entered the college. It will be the Fraternity that enters now that will accomplish the best and the most permanent results. Further information concerning St. Stephen's or the Kappa Gamma will be furnished on application to

Jos P. Gibson,
Annandale-on-Hudson,
New York.

PSI UPSILON. MEMORANDA

CONCERNING THE

OMEGA CHAPTER

OF

THE UNIVERSITY

OF

CHICAGO.

In response to the request of a number of Chapters of our Fraternity for information concerning the *Omega* Chapter, the "*Omega* Society," and the University of Chicago, the following supplemental statement of facts from the Fraternity records and other sources is submitted and its careful examination by each chapter urged.

HERBERT L. BRIDGMAN, BENJAMIN H. BAYLISS, FRANCIS S. BANGS, WILLIAM M. KINGSLEY, FRANK L. HALL,

Executive Council of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity.

New York, April 30, 1896.

At the annual convention of the Fraternity held with the Eta Chapter at Lehigh University, May 6th and 7th 1886, a General Resolution relating to the University of Chicago was presented and referred to the Committee on New Business, and as finally amended and reported by that Committee, was adopted. It is as follows:

General Resolution No. XII.—WHEREAS, In the present unsettled condition of the University of Chicago, the continued existence of the Omega is of doubtful expediency, therefore,

"Resolved, etc., 1. That a Committee of five be and is hereby authorized and directed to investigate the affairs of the Omega Chapter and of the University of Chicago, to report from time to time to the Executive Council, and to make a full report upon the same to the next General Convention.

"2. That upon the report of the said Committee to the Executive Council, the Council may proceed as provided in Article II, Section

7, of the Constitution.

"3. That the Committee consist of the following members: Henry Booth (Beta '40); W. T. Underwood (Phi '72): J. N. Ostrom (Chi '76); W. A. Gardner (Omega '78); Horace S. Oakley (Phi '85)."

That Committee sent to the Executive Council a report which was received by the Secretary on the 23d day of September, 1886.

Upon the receipt of this report the Council adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to answer the communication received by him on September 23d, 1886, from Henry Booth and others, Committee appointed under General Resolution No. XII. of 1886; that the Council finds no authority to accede to the request in said communication; that a new university or college in Chicago could not be considered as the institution in which the Omega was chartered; that the Committee obtain and forward to the Council, for safe keeping, the charter and all papers, records and archives of the Omega Chapter as soon as possible.

The Committee was advised of this action of the Council, and thereupon the archives, including the Charter of that Chapter, were forwarded to and received by the Executive Council, which fact it reported to the Convention of 1887 in its annual communication as follows:

"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."

The Convention (held with the *Delta* Chapter, February 24th and 25th, 1887), thereupon adopted the following resolution:

General Resolution No. 1.—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.

For the next five years no further action, with relation to the *Omega* Chapter, appears to have been taken by the Fraternity or Council, officially or otherwise. At the Convention of 1892, which was held with the *Lambda* Chapter, April 7th and 8th, two sets of resolutions were presented, the first, offered by Bro. Bangs, being as follows:

General Resolution.—Resolved, That the Executive Council be, and hereby is, authorized to appoint a committee of ten, which, in association with the Council, shall examine into the expediency of establishing a Chapter in the new University of Chicago, with power, subject to the approval of the Council, to form a tentative, provisional organization, with a view to applying for admission to the Fraternity under a transfer of the Omega Charter.

The second set, offered by Bro. Jacobs, were as follows:

Whereas, The Omega Chapter's active functions have been suspended since June, 1886, owing to the cessation of instruction at the University of Chicago, which institution is to be reopened next October, under circumstances which insure permanent prosperity both to the University and to the Chapter;

Resolved, That a committee composed of the following graduates: viz. Prof. A. F. Nightingale (Xi, '65), Hon. H. H. C. Miller (Phi, '68), Hon. Chas. H. Aldrich (Phi, '75), George C. Howland (Gamma '85), and Theodore M. Hammond (Omega, '85), be and hereby is appointed to investigate the movement now on foot for the reorganization of the Omega Chapter in the University of Chicago; and

Resolved, That the Executive Council on receiving from said committee a certificate approving said movement and recommending candidates for initiation, proceed as soon as may be practicable, after the reopening of the University to initiate such candidates, or to authorize their initiation by said committee, and that the Charter of the Omega Chapter be delivered to members so initiated.

Both of these sets of resolutions were referred to the Committee on New Business, and that Committee presented two reports; the majority reported the first resolution (offered by Bro. Bangs), the minority reported the second set of resolutions (offered by Bro. Jacobs).

After a long and free discussion of the reports action was taken first on the minority report (the resolutions offered by Bro. Jacobs), which was rejected by the following vote:

Aye.—Zeta, Iota, Mu, 2d Graduate (Bro. Jacobs).—4.

No.—Theta, Delta, Beta, Sigma, Gamma, Lambda, Kappa, Psi, Xi, Upsilon, Phi, Pi, Chi, Beta Beta, Eta, Tau.—16.

And thereupon the majority report (the resolution of Bro. Bangs) was adopted, the last mentioned 16 chapters voting in favor, and the four votes which had been in favor of the minority report being cast now against the majority report.

The Executive Council, in order to select an unbiased and satisfactory committee, decided at their meeting held on the 13th day of April, 1892, to request certain members of the Fraternity residing in Chicago to submit to the Council immediately a list of names from which such Committee might be selected, and such request was sent to Messrs T. M. Hammond (Omega, '85), W. T. Underwood (Phi, '72), and W. A. McLaren (Lambda, '90).

At the next meeting of the Council, held in May, 1892, letters from these brethren were received, suggesting certain names from which the Council selected and appointed the following Committee of ten, pursuant to the Resolution adopted at the last preceding convention: Wm. T. Underwood (Phi, '72), T. M. Hammond (Omega, '85), Wm. A. McLaren (Lambda, '90), Henry E. Mason (Beta, '89), Perry H. Smith (Psi, '74), A. F. Nightingale (Xi, '66), N. K. Honore (Omega, '77), H. B. Grose (Upsilon, '76), J. L. Lincoln, Jr, (Sigma, '73), A. E. Forstall Eta, '83), and the appointment was reported in the annual communication to the Convention of 1893.

This Committee sent to the Council a majority and a minority report, which are found as Appendix B, to the Executive Council's communication to the Convention, held with the Zeta Chapter at Hanover, N. H., May 18th and 19th, 1893.

The majority report was as follows:

To the Honorable Executive Council of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity.

Brethren: The undersigned, composing the majority of the members of your committee, beg leave to submit the following report:

- 1. Your committee was called together immediately after its appointment, and resolved unanimously to discuss and consider the entire question fully and fairly before rendering any report. To that end a special sub-committee was appointed, and it is upon their report, confirmed by our own observation, that this report is based.
- 2. We firmly believe that the establishment of a Chapter of Psi Upsilon at the University of Chicago would be to the best interests of the Fraternity, because—
- (a) The University is now firmly established, after a season of unexampled development and growth.
 - (b.) Its endowment is ample and absolute.

(c) Its property is magnificent and its equipment is elaborate and complete, and is growing rapidly.

(d) Its faculty has been selected without regard to any consideration but efficiency, from the best institutions in this and other

countries.

(e) Its students are above the average in number and in the necessary qualifications for Psi Upsilon. There are now enrolled in the University students as follows:

Divinity School,	-		-	- 1	-	- ac	196
Graduate School,	-		-	-	-	-	166
Undergraduate and	a s	Special,	-	-	-	-	293

- (f) There are eight undergraduates who hope to be admitted to Psi Upsilon at some future date. The character of these men and their standing in the University is of the best, and it is their intention to maintain the standing of their club organization with the end constantly in view of being admitted to Psi Upsilon.
- (g) The University of Chicago, as evidenced by its work, by its record, by its reputation, is no longer an experiment, but an unqualified success. The accompanying quarterly calendar shows the character of the work done.
- (h) The scientific and literary equipment of the University will, within a few months, be unparalleled. Kent Chemical Laboratory, costing \$200,000, is completed. Ryerson Physical Laboratory, of the same general type and cost, will soon be completed. There will be a group of four substantial and thoroughly equipped buildings for zoology, botany, anatomy and physiology. There is a place set apart on the campus for a group of literature buildings—a group of four, with a fifth building to serve as a common auditorium. These four will be dedicated, one to Oriental literature and archæology, a second to Greek literature and archæology, a third to Latin literature and all that may be connected with it, and a fourth to modern literatures.
- (i) From assurances already at hand, the University authorities have every reason to believe that the attendance, particularly in the undergraduate departments, will be increased by many hundred, next year.
- (j) In view of the foregoing statements, we believe it is inevitable that the University of Chicago will attract the studious from all quarters of the globe, and that there cannot fail to be available material for a strong, vigorous and worthy chapter of Psi Upsilon.
- 3. At the opening of the University in October last, the Faculty, wishing to deal cautiously with an important matter, promulgated the following:
- "The Faculty deems the establishment of secret societies in the University to be undesirable. In its judgment the ends sought by these societies, so far as they are laudable, may be secured by other means which shall be free from the objection of secreey, of rigid exclusiveness, and of antagonism to the democratic spirit which is inherent in the highest scholarship and manhood, and the most exalted citizenship, and it would be deeply gratified if the high purposes and lofty feeling of the body of students should lead them to

co-operate with it by voluntarily excluding everything that makes against a broadly fraternal spirit, and a primary concern with the intellectual aims for which the University of Chicago was founded.

"Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Organization and Faculty, the Board of Trustees voted to permit the organization of chapters of secret societies, provided that:

"1. Each chapter organized submit the house rules to the Faculty for approval.

That each appoint a representative with whom the Faculty may confer at such times as may be desirable.

That membership in the societies be restricted to students of

the second year Academic Colleges.

"The University reserves the right to withdraw from chapters permission to exist in the University. The Faculty is authorized to add any regulations which they think wise in consistency with the above.'

We have, however, good reasons and assurance for believing that this sentiment has to a large extent passed away, if, indeed, it ever existed for other reasons than those of policy, in a large body of intelligent men, unacquainted with each other; and that this pronunciamento will be withdrawn, either publicly or tacitly.

We therefore, brethren, recommend that no action be taken by

your convention in the matter, and that your committee be continued or be succeeded by a similar committee, to report more fully

to the Council at a future date.

W. T. UNDERWOOD, N. K. HONORE, HOWARD B. GROSE,

with the committee.

A. F. NIGHTINGALE, JOHN L. LINCOLN, THEODORE M. HAMMOND.

PERRY H. SMITH, JR., Brother A. E. FORSTALL, not residing in this State, did not act

W. T. UNDERWOOD,

Chairman Committee.

The minority report was as follows:

To the Executive Council of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity:

In presenting this minority report we are not actuated by motives that have a special application to the University of Chicago. On the contrary, we agree with the majority of your committee so far as to consider the conditions which exist or which would exist in the absence of opposition to Fraternities on the part of the University authorities—at this new and already famous institution as exceptionally favorable to the plan of founding another chapter of Psi Upsilon in the West.

This, then, is not so much a report as a memorial,

In this year of 1893, we as Western men, who have pursued courses of study in Western, as well as Eastern collegiate institutions, wish here to record our opposition to "Fraternity Extension" in the West. We regard the social side of our Fraternity as most important, however minor it may be in the theory of our constitution; and we contend that the recent history of all, or nearly all of our chapters, is a history of social, as distinguished from purely intellectual intercourse. Our ideal Psi Upsilon is not merely a man of brains, but a genial, intelligent and cultivated—a civilized man.

Western colleges do not, and cannot for years to come, give that broad education which is the mark of a true Psi Upsilon. It is an undisputed fact that there are some men in these Western institutions whose breasts are worthy of the Diamond, but the percentage is very small, and would be much smaller if these men could afford to pursue their studies in the East. The number of Fraternities in a college often seems to be in inverse ratio to the size and importance of the institution, and so the competition for these few good men is eager, and the chance of any one fraternity securing a monopoly becomes very slight. With an extended acquaintance among Psi Upsilon Alumni of Eastern and Western colleges, we do not hesitate to say that the average of the latter is farther from our typical Psi Upsilon than the average of any Eastern Chapter.

We believe in the great future that is predicted for the West, but are not blind to the fact that the greatness is still to come, as regards cultivation and refinement. When we gain those elements of civilization, we will cancel this report. Until that time we will

continue to oppose the majority of your committee.

Respectfully and Fraternally yours, HENRY E. MASON, BETA, '89, WILLIAM A. McLAREN, LAMBDA, '90.

These reports were referred by the Convention of 1893 to the Committee on Annual Communication of the Executive Council, which reported the following General Resolution:

No. 3. Resolved, That the special Committee from the University of Chicago, consisting of ten members of the Fraternity, residing at Chicago, in association with the Executive Council ex officio, be continued, the Council to fill any vacancy which may arise in the Committee.

This resolution was adopted by the affirmative vote of all the Chapters except the Phi, represented by Bro. Jacobs.

In March, 1894, the following petition was received:

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

"CHICAGO, Ill., March 16, 1894."

To the Executive Council of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity.

Gentlemen: Your petitioners, Harry W. Stone, Ralph H. Johnson, Horace Dougherty, Phillip Rand, William S. Bond, and William B. Keen, Jr., students at the University of Chicago, respectfully represent that, acting upon the advice of the committee appointed by the Psi Upsilon Fraternity in 1892, to investigate and report upon the advisability of establishing a Chapter of said Fraternity in the University of Chicago, they formed and are maintaining, an organization known as the "Omega Society;" that in selecting their membership they have had in mind the high standing of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, their ultimate purpose being to petition for a Chapter of the same to be established at said University.

Your petitioners further state that they have complied with all the regulations of the University relating to Greek Letter Fraternities; that they have furnished and are now occupying a suite of rooms, where they hold regular meetings of their said organization,

and that they are thoroughly organized for Chapter work.

Wherefore, your petitioners, fully realizing the magnitude of their request, respectfully ask that your Fraternity grant unto them a charter for a Chapter, to be known and recognized as a revival of the Omega Chapter of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, which existed in the University of Chicago from 1869 to 1886, hereby pledging themselves, should their request be granted, to maintain in such Chapter the high character of the Fraternity.

RALPH HIRAM JOHNSON, HARRY WHEELER STONE, HORACE RAYMOND DOUGHERTY,

PHILIP RAND, WM. SCOTT BOND, JR., WILLIAM BRANTLY KEEN."

With this Petition several communications from Psi U. men in Chicago reached the Council. One was signed by a majority of the Committee of ten, and contained the statement that the University of Chicago "has now become firmly established and its attendance is increasing constantly, now numbering 850. The character of the Institution, its endowments, now some million dollars, and its equipment, are beyond question. It is already one of the leading educational institutions in the world." It then refers to the "Omega Society," mentioned in the foregoing petition to the desire of the Psi Upsilon Alumni of Chicago for an active Chapter, and concludes as follows:

"We therefore recommend and urge that the provisional organization of Psi Upsilon known as the 'Omega Society' now at the University of Chicago, be endowed with full powers, and that the members thereof be initiated and become the Omega Chapter of Psi Upsilon."

Another communication accompanying the petition was signed by seven members of the Fraternity resident at the University, who endorsed the above petition of the "Omega," and added:

"In case the charter be granted we cheerfully pledge our earnest

support."

At the same time a letter was received by the Council from Bro. T. M. Hammond, who, after referring to the character of the petitioners, continued:

"They are going slow and not taking anyone but just the fellows they want. Psi U. will make a mistake to 'turn them down' now. Would you advise us to send any further information or anything to the Chapters?"

This petition was at once submitted by the Executive Council directly to the Chapters, but failed of adoption by the following vote:

For.—Delta, Zeta, Iota, Mu, Pi, Sigma, Tau, Upsilon, Phi, Chi, Psi.—11.

Against.—Beta Beta, Eta, Theta, Lambda.—4.
Not Reported.—Beta, Gamma, Kappa, Xi.—4.

This result was reported by the Council in the Annual Commuication to the Convention of 1894, and that Convention, held May 17th and 18th with the *Kappa* Chapter, adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Executive Council be instructed to resubmit to the Chapters for their action the petition of the provisional Chapter at Chicago, for the revival of the charter of the Omega Chapter in the University of Chicago.

In the Spring of 1895 the "Omega Society" sent the following petition:

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO,

CHICAGO, ILL., May 3, 1895.

To the Executive Council of Psi Upsilon Fraternity:

Gentlemen:—Your petitioners. Harry Wheeler Stone, Ralph Hiram Johnson, Horace R. Dougherty, Philip Rand William Scott Bond, Oswald Arnold, Raymond W. Stevens, Louis Wolff, Jr., Robert N. Tooker, students at the University of Chicago, respectfully represent that, acting upon the advice of the Committee appointed by the Psi Upsilon Fraternity in 1892, to investigate and report upon the advisibility of establishing a Chapter of said Fraternity in the University of Chicago, they formed, and are maintaining, an organization known as the "Omega Society;" that in selecting their membership they had in mind the high standing of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, their ultimate purpose being to petition for a Chapter of the same to be established at said University.

Your petitioners further state that they have complied with all the regulations of the University, relating to Greek Letter Fraternities; that they have a suite of rooms where they hold their meetings; that they are heartily supported by the Alumni of Chicago and vicinity, the Psi Upsilon graduate students at the University, and

that they are thoroughly organized for Chapter work.

Wherefore, Your petitioners, fully realizing the magnitude of their request, respectfully ask that your Fraternity grant unto them a charter for a Chapter, to be known and recognized as a revival of the Omega Chapter of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, which existed in the University of Chicago from 1869 to 1886, hereby pledging themselves, should their request be granted, to maintain in such Chapter the high character of the Fraternity.

HARRY WHEELER STONE,
RALPH HIRAM JOHNSON,
RAYMOND W. STEVENS,
OSWALD JAMES ARNOLD,
LOUIS WOLFF, JR."

PHILIP RAND.
WILLIAM SCOTT BOND,
ROBERT NEWTON TOOKER,
HORACE RAYMOND DOUGHERTY,

This petition was, without delay, submitted to the Chapters bythe Council, and denied by the following vote:

Aye—Beta, Beta Beta, Zeta, Theta, Iota, Kappa, Mu, Pi, Sigma, Upsilon, Phi, Chi, Psi.—13.

Nay-Gamma, Delta, Eta, Lambda, Xi and Tau.-6.

And the vote was so reported in the Council's Annual communication to the Convention of 1895, held May 9th and 10th, with the Psi Chapter, and the Committee on New Business, to whom this petition of the "Omega Society" was referred reported the following resolution .

General Resolution No. 10.—Resolved, That a Charter be granted to the "Omega Society," at the University of Chicago.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes.—Theta, Sigma, Zeta, Kappa, Upsilon, Iota, Phi, Pi, Chi, Graduate Delegate.-11.

Nos.—Delta, Beta, Gamma, Lambda, Xi, Beta Beta, Eta, Tau, $M_{11} - 9$

Pursuant to this vote the Council, immediately upon its organization, submitted to the chapters the Omega application upon which the votes thus far reported are as follows:

Aye,—Beta, Sigma, Pi and Iota.—4.

No.—Theta, Delta, Lambda, Kappa, Xi, Phi, Chi, Beta Beta, Eta, Tau, Mu.-11.

Not reported. = Gamma, Zeta, Psi and Upsilon. -4.

In February, 1896, the following correspondence occurred:

"THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF PSI UPSILON.

"New York City, February 6, 1896.

" To the Chapters:

"Dear Sirs and Brothers—On February 5, 1896, the Executive Council received a copy of the Chicago Tribune of February 2, containing the following article:

ORGANIZE A PSI UPSILON CHAPTER.

'Chicago Alumni Initiate Fourteen Men at University of Chicago.

'A radical move has been made by those interested in starting a chapter of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity at the University of Chicago. On Friday night twenty Chicago alumni of the society initiated the fourteen men who compose the *Omega* Clnb at the university in face of the fact that they have been refused a charter by the general fraternity.

'In the old University of Chicago, which went out of existence ten years ago, there was a chapter of Psi Upsilon. The alumni of that chapter take the ground this charter still belongs to the present University of Chicago, and accordingly proceeded to initiate the men, trusting that their delegates will be seated without trouble at the

national convention next spring.

'Among other interesting features of the proceedings is that two freshmen-W. E. Goodfellow and A. S. Henning-were among the initiates, and their initiation was countenanced by a special dispensation from Acting President Judson. The admission of freshmen into fraternities is distinctly forbidden by the recent action of the

faculty.

'The initiates are: H. W. Stone, Chicago; W. S. Bond, Jr. Chicago; H. R. Dougherty, Peoria, Ill.; Phillip Rand, Chicago; R. H. Johnson, Marion, Ind.; O. J. Arnold, Chicago; D. A. Kennedy, Topeka, Kas.; A. S. Henning, Plano, Ill.; M. D. McIntyre, Milwaukee; B. B. Smith, Auburn Park, Ill.; R. W. Stevens, Chicago; R. M. Tooker, Chicago; Louis Wolff, Jr., Chicago; W. E. Goodfellow, Minneapolis.

'The Chicago Alumni who were present at the initiation were: Charles R. Calkins, '71; N. C. Wheeler, '73; C. T. Otis, '74; C. W. Nicholas, '75; R. B. Twiss, '75; H. B. Mitchell, '76; C. R. Dean, '77; Prof. T. C. Roney, '78; W. H. Hopkins, '79: Rev. D. B. Cheney, '8. J. B. Gardner, '81; J. C. Hopkins, '81; C. W. Naylor, '81; Prof. R. F. Harper, '83; Dr. F. S. Cheney, '84; T. M. Hammond, '85; H. S. Houston, '88.'

"The following telegrams were forthwith sent:

'New York, Feb. 5, 1896.

'TO T. M. HAMMOND, University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.:

'Reported here that members of Omega Club have been initiated to Psi Upsilon by Chicago Alumni. Is it true? Answer. '(Sgd), F. S. BANGS, Secretary.'

'New York, Feb. 5, 1896.

'To W. A. M'LAREN, 100 Washington St., Chicago, Ill.:

'Please investigate and report to Council rumored initiation of Chicago University men to Psi Upsilon.

'(Sgd), F. S. BANGS, Secretary.'

'New York, Feb. 5, 1896.

'To W. A. M'LAREN, 100 Washington St., Chicago, Ill.:

'If possible interview Hammond or others of alumni mentioned in Tribune or Inter-Ocean February second; inquire as to accuracy and telegraph me fully by noon to-morrow names of all participants, alumni and initiates.

'(Sgd), F. S. BANGS, Secretary,'

"Mr. Hammond made no reply to the telegram addressed to him. The following telegram was received from Mr. M'Laren dated at Chicago February 6:

'To. F. S. Bangs, Secretary, 36 Wall St., New York:

'Twiss says fourteen men initiated on 31st. Cannot give details. Officers of Chapter will report to Council this week.

'(Sgd), W. A. M'LAREN.'

"To each of the fourteen men named as initiates the Council has sent a letter, of which a copy is as follows:

'EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE PSI UPSILON FRATERNITY.

'New York City, February 6, 1896.

'Sir-The Executive Council of Psi Upsilon Fraternity, having been informed that proceedings have been taken purporting to constitute you members of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, you are hereby notified that no authority has been given for your initiation and no proceedings to that end have any validity under the laws of the Fraternity.

'You will, therefore, not be recognized as members of the Fraternity, and you are forbidden to assume any of the rights of membership.—Yours truly,

'F. S. Bangs, secretary.

'To—————, University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.'

"The Council thinks it proper at this time to make a full statement concerning the petition for a new Chapter at the present University

of Chicago.

"In 1886 the University of Chicago, in which the Omega Chapter was located, ceased to exercise its functions, and the Chapter having disbanded, the Convention held with the Delta Chapter in New York City, on February 25, 1887, unanimously adopted the following General Resolution:

"No. 1.—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.

"Article IV, Section 4, of the Constitution provides that '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.

"In accordance with the foregoing resolution of the Convention and section of the Constitution, the members of the Omega dissolved their Chapter and surrendered their charter and archives to the Executive Council, in whose custody they now are. For upwards of nine years the Omega has had no existence as a Chapter of the Fraternity.

"In 1892 the Convention adopted the following General Resolution: "No. 14.—Resolved. That the Executive Council be and hereby is authorized to appoint a committee of ten, which, in association with the Council, shall examine into the expediency of establishing a Chapter in the new University of Chicago, with power, subject to the approval of the Council, to form a tentative, provisional organization, with a view to applying for admission to the Fraternity under a

transfer of the Omega charter.

"The Executive Council thereupon appointed a committee of ten alumni of various Chapters residing in Chicago, and a provisional undergraduate organization was formed in the new University of Chicago under the name of the Omega Club, which presented a petition for admission to the Fraternity in 1893. That petition was denied, eleven out of nineteen Chapters voting in favor. The Convention of 1894 directed a resubmission of the question to the Chapters, and the petition was again denied on the negative votes of the Gamma, Delta, Eta, Lambda, Xi and Tau.

"A new petition was presented to the Convention of 1895, and was submitted to the Chapters on June 7, 1895. The vote upon it, thus

far reported to the Council, is as follows:

"For: Beta, Sigma, Iota, Pi; 4.

"Against: Delta, Lambda, Kappa, Phi, Beta Beta, Mu; 6.

"Not Reported: Theta, Gamma, Zeta, Psi, Xi, Upsilon, Chi, Eta,

Tau; 9

"The Council submits the facts for the consideration of the Chapters, regretting that the graduate members of the old Omega should have proceeded with an attempt. in violation of the laws of the Fraternity, to revive the extinct Chapter during the consideration of

the question by the Chapters, while the publicity given to the matter through the newspapers is believed to be detrimental to the good name of the Fraternity.

"The proceedings at Chicago on January 31st are unauthorized and illegal, and the persons who are alleged to have been initiated have

no standing as members of Psi Upsilon.

"By order of the Executive Council,

"F. S. BANGS, Secretary."

After the above mentioned action of the Executive Council, the following communication and resolutions were received. Of course the title of the officers and the symbols following the names of the persons named claimed to have been initiated are omitted from this printed copy. They were inserted in the originals:

CHICAGO, February 6, 1896.

Executive Council of Psi Upsilon:

Dear Brethren:—Pursuant to the resolutions herewith enclosed, the Omega Chapter of Psi Upsilon has resumed active work at the University of Chicago. An election of officers recently held resulted in the selection of Richard B. Twiss, —; Augustus G. Anderson, —; Newton C. Wheeler, —; Thomas C. Roney, —, and James P. Gardner, —. At a largely attended meeting, January 31st, the following named young gentlemen of high social and literary standing in the University, were initiated into the Fraternity, viz.: Harry W. Stone, '96, Chicago, —; Horace R. Dougherty, '96, Chicago, —; Raymond W. Stevens, '96, Chicago, ——; Louis Wolf, Jr., '96, Chicago, ——; Ralph H. Johnson, '96, Marion, Ind., ——; Oswald J. Arnold, '96, Chicago, ——; Philip Rand, '97, Chicago, ——; William S. Bond, '97, Chicago, ——; Robert W. Tooker, '97, Chicago, ——; Moses D. McIntyre, '98, Milwaukee, ——; Arthur Henning, '99, Plano, Ill., ——; B. B. Smith, '98, Auburn Park, Ill., ——; D. A. Kennedy, '98, Topeka, Kans., ——; William E. Goodfellow, '99, Minneapolis, ——.

The Chapter has a commodious and handsomely furnished Chapter House at No 5528 Monroe Avenue, and is thoroughly imbued with the Fraternity spirit; and being now thoroughly organized and equipped for work it respectfully requests the return of its archives and charter now in the keeping of the Council. These may be sent

to the Chapter House at the address named above. Fraternally yours,

nally yours, *Omega* CHAPTER, James P. Gardner, ——.'''

The resolutions which accompanied the foregoing communication are as follows:

"Whereas, The Omega Chapter of Psi Upsilon Fraternity, which was duly chartered and established at the University of Chicago in the year 1869, did by reason of the temporary closing of said University in 1886, suspend its active Chapter work until such time as said University should be re-opened or re-organized:

"And whereas, Section 4 of Article 4 of the Constitution of said Fraternity provides that '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, which consent presupposes an official request therefor from the Chapter seeking dissolution, and no such request was ever made or even contemplated

by said Omega Chapter:

"And whereas, At the Convention of said Fraternity held in 1887, the Executive Council reported that 'The University of Chicago having ceased to exist, the Council has to announce that the Omega has likewise dissolved,' and 'Its archives are in possession of the Council,' and a resolution 'That this convention consents to the dissolution of the Omega Chapter and the surrender of its Charter.' was passed; which said announcement and action were unwarranted and irregular; a misstatement of facts as relating to the dissolution of said Chapter and contrary to the letter and spirit of said Constitution, and nugatory as in any way affecting the rights of said Chapter;

"And whereas, Upon the re-organization of said University in 1888, such action was taken by its Board of Trustees, in reaffirming all degrees conferred on all former graduates of said University; employing in its faculty as far as it could, the former teachers and professors of said University; adopting said University's original name, and possessing itself of the library, museum, and other personal effects of said University as to make said Institution under its

two plans of organization, continuous:

And Whereas, After such reorganization it was deemed advisable by said Omega Chapter to resume active Chapter work at said University, such being the intention and understanding of said Chapter at the time its regular work was suspended.

And Whereas, At the Annual Convention of said Fraternity, held in 1892, the Executive Council was empowered to appoint a committee to investigate and report on the affairs of said Chapter.

And Whereas, Such committee was appointed, and after full investigation, covering a period of nearly two years, reported in favor of reviving active work in said Chapter, and in accordance with the instructions of said Council, formed a tentative organization of certain students at said University with a view to their becoming members of said Chapter:

And Whereas, Under direction of said Executive Council, after the report of said committee the matter of reviving active work in said Chapter was submitted to the several Chapters of said Fraternity to

be voted on:

And Whereas, Said Omega Chapter, while it assented to the method of reviving active work therein, proposed by said Council and Convention, did so as a matter of convenience and accommodation, and in deference to the suggestions expressed in said Convention, and to the wishes of said Council, but with a full reservation of all its rights as a regular Chapter in good standing in said Fraternity:

And Whereas. Said plan of submitting the interest of said Chapter to the vote of the several Chapters of said Fraternity has resulted in no definite action, a full vote of said Chapters never having been secured, and some of them having declined or neglected to vote

either for or against such proposition:

And Whereas, The prevailing sentiment of the University Authorities after its reorganization, was, for a time, inimical to the interests of secret Fraternities, but such sentiment has changed, and official recognition and encouragement has been promulgated by the Uni-

versity President in his last quarterly statement:

Therefore Resolved, That said Omega Chapter, in meeting assembled, hereby repudiates all action that has been taken by said Executive Council under authority of said Convention, looking to the so-called "re-establishment" of said Chapter in said University; that it repudiates and disavows any and all consent or sanction to such proceedings, heretofore given by it or any of its members, either expressly or tacitly; and that it now adheres to, and hereby declares the position, which as a regular Chapter of said Fraternity, it has always maintained as its right under said Constitution, to-wit; that the said Omega Chapter was never dissolved, whatever was done in that direction upon the closing of said University being without its co-operation or sanction or consent, and in utter disregard of the provision of said Constitution; that said Omega Chapter never surrendered, or lost, or was deprived of its Charter rights, and never ceased to exist, but has had a continuous existence since the time of the granting of its Charter; that upon the reorganization of said University and the action of its Board of Trustees making it, under its two plans of organization, practically continuous; the right of said Omega Chapter to resume its active Chapter work in said University revived; that the welfare of said Chapter demands that active work be resumed therein without further delay:

And Further, That in pursuance of this declaration, said Chapter now proceeds to the election of officers to have charge of its affairs from this date until their successors shall be installed, and to the transaction of such other business as the occasion requires, or

necessity demands:

And Further, That said Chapter, through its proper officers, requests of said Executive Council the return of its Chapter archives and Charter which have been in the possession of said Council during the time that active work has been suspended in said Chapter; and further, that a copy of this declaration be sent to the Executive Council, and to each of the Chapters of said Fraternity.

CHICAGO, January 20th, 1896.

With relation to the statement contained in the Preamble of the resolutions forwarded with the communication of James P. Gardner, dated February 6th, 1896, found on pages 14, 15 and 16 of this communication, the Council calls the attention of the Chapters to the following facts:

I.—It was never to the knowledge of the Council claimed, until the above mentioned preamble was invented that the *Omega* Chapter suspended "its active Chapter work until such time as said University should be re-opened or re-organized." Nor, so far as the Council has been able to learn, was any such claim theretofore made by any of the members of that Chapter, or any other person.

II.—Section 4 of Article 4 of the Constitution reads as follows:

"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."

This Section was adopted at the Annual Convention held with the Lambda Chapter, April 7th and 8th, 1874, and approved by all of the Chapters upon its submission to them. It was adopted in view of the fact that the Alpha Chapter had decided to surrender its Charter without leave or license, notwithstanding it had a considerable active membership and the University in which it was established had not ceased to exist. As was stated in the annual communication of the Executive Council to the last-named Convention, the Constitution was then "not explicit in regard to the right of a Chapter voluntarily to surrender its Charter and dissolve the Chapter without conference with other Chapters." It was not a question of the continuation of a Chapter without active members, or in an Institution which had ceased to exist. The General Convention of 1887, as shown at page 4 of this pamphlet, did approve of the dissolution of the Omega Chapter, and the surrender of its Charter.

III.—The Council has obtained a copy of the Charter, or Certificate of Incorporation, of The University of Chicago. It is dated June 18th, 1890, not 1888. was filed and recorded in the office of the Secretary of the State of Illinois on the 10th day of September, 1890, and in the office of the Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, on the 20th day of September, 1890. It states that "the following persons are hereby selected as trustees to control and manage said corporation for the first year of its corporate existence," and names E. Nelson Blake and twenty others as such persons. It is signed by John D. Rockefeller and others, gives "the name by which said corporation shall be known in law" as "The University of Chicago," and contains no

reference whatever to any university or college which had theretofore existed, nor to any graduate of, or degrees conferred, or property owned by, the old University.

The University of Chicago was not "reorganized" in 1888. It had ceased to give instruction in 1886. All its property was sold under a decree for the foreclosure of a mortgage which it had given, and the Trustees of the old University on September 9th, 1890, the day previous to the incorporation of the new University, changed the name of the former corporation to the "Old University of Chicago." in order that the new Institution might legally take the title of "The University of Chicago." The "Old University" is still in existence as a legally incorporated body, and while it is without a habitation or a home, it has the right to resume active work as a University at any time. In recognition of this surrender of the name the authorities of the new University conferred degrees upon the Alumni of the old University, but in the Annual Register (the official annual catalogue of the University of Chicago, p. 386) the list of the Alumni of the University of Chicago begins with those of 1893.

The great telescope formerly owned by the old University is now at the Northwestern University. Evanston, Illinois. None of the few curiosities known as the Museum of the old University is in the possession of the present University. Some of the books from its Library came into the possession of The Baptist Theological Union by purchase, and, while now at the University, remain the property of the Theological Union.

On page 3 of the Annual Register appears a historical sketch, beginning thus:

"The first University of Chicago closed its work in 1886. Within a few months thereafter Mr. John D. Rockefeller took into consideration the founding of a new institution of learning in that city."

The second paragraph begins:

"At the Anniversary of the Educational Society, held at Boston in May, 1889, the Society formally resolved 'to take immediate steps toward the founding of a well-equipped college in Chicago.' To make it possible to carry out this purpose Mr. Rockefeller at once made a subscription," etc. The sketch goes on to describe the rais. ing of funds, purchasing of a site, incorporation of "The University of Chicago" September 10th, 1890, and the recognition of Mr. Rockefeller's relation to the University by the enactment that the title should read, "The University of Chicago," founded by John D. Rockefeller."

On page 4 of the Annual Register, the historical sketch relates how "Mr. Rockefeller in September, 1890, added \$1,000,000 to his former subscription. In accordance with the terms of his second subscription the Theological Seminary was removed from Morgan Park to the University site as the Divinity School of the University." This seminary was a body entirely independent of the old University, was never situated near the old University, and at the time of the founding of the new University in 1890 was located at Morgan Park, ten miles distant from the old University grounds. The site of the present University is about three miles from the site of the old University. The Baptist Theological Union is managed by a Board of Baptists entirely separate, distinct and apart from the Trustees of the New University, and has a separate and distinct legal identity.

The only member of the Faculty of the Old University when it closed its doors who became a member of the Faculty of the New University was Prof Butler, who is now President of Colby University, and who was Professor of Rhetoric and English Literature in the Old University from 1884 to 1886. He was Professor in the University of Illinois, 1886 to 1892, when he went to the University of Chicago as the acting Director of the University Extension Division.

There would seem, therefore to be no basis of fact for the statements contained in the 4th Preamble to the Resolutions.

IV.—When, if ever, the *Omega* Chapter resumed "active Chapter work at said University," and whether or not it was the intention and understanding of said Chapter at the time its regular work was "suspended" to resume active Chapter work, the Council has no means of knowing. It never heard of such resumption or intention and understanding until the communication of February 6th, 1896, was received.

No person claiming to represent the *Omega* Chapter as its delegate has appeared at any Convention of the Fraternity since 1886; no report from it for any year since 1886 has been sent to the Council, and it has paid no taxes in ten years.

V.—Nor was it, prior to February, 1896, ever suggested or intimated to the Council, or any of the Conventions of the Fraternity, or otherwise, so far as the Council has ever known or understood or been able to learn, that the *Omega* Chapter gave its assent to the adopted method of reviving active work therein, "as a matter of convenience and accommodation and in deference to the suggestions expressed in said Convention and to the wishes of said Council, but with a full reservation of all its rights as a regular Chapter in good standing in said Fraternity."

VI.—The "plan of submitting the interest of said Chapter to the vote of the several Chapters" did not "result in no definite action." On the contrary, it resulted in very decisive action, namely, the refusal of the Fraternity to grant the petition,—in 1894 by the negative votes of four Chapters, the Theta, Lambda. Beta Beta and Iota; in 1895 by the negative vote of six Chapters, the Delta. Lambda, Xi, Gamma, Eta and Tau; and in 1896 by the negative vote of eleven Chapters, the Theta, Delta, Lambda, Kappa, Xi, Phi, Chi, Beta Beta. Eta, Tau and Mu; whereas the refusal of any single Chapter would have been quite sufficient, in any year.

The Council is further informed that resolutions contained in a circular sent out as the expression of the views of the Psi U. Alumni of the Northwest concerning the establishment of a Chapter in The Chicago University were passed at nearly midnight in a meeting called for another purpose, and were not introduced until half the company had gone home. They were supported by 32 as against 13 out of more than 300 Alumni in Chicago and vicinity.

In conclusion the Council think proper to state that the action reported to have been taken by the Graduate members of the Omega Chapter on the 31st of January last was taken without any previous conference with the Council, or any of its members. and without any suggestion or intimation whatever to the Council, or any of its members, that any such action was contemplated.

It is unnecessary to add that the Executive Council has in no way recognized any Chapter as existing at the University of Chicago since 1886, and that the charter and archives of the old *Omega* Chapter are still in possession of the Council.

