

No. 376.

A N A C T

To incorporate sundry Baptist churches in Chester, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties, called the Central union association of independent or congregational Baptist churches.

WHEREAS, The Central union association of independent or congregational Baptist churches, composed of delegates from several Baptist churches, formed for the purpose of promoting the cause of true religion within the several charges of which it may be composed, by means of fraternal intercourse, mutual counsel, and the various exercises of Christian fellowship, and also the cause of foreign missions and other benevolent plans now cherished and supported by evangelical Christians, has acquired property, for the purpose of promoting religion and learning among them, and are desirous of obtaining a charter of incorporation to secure said property and encourage additions thereto, and the better to enable them to promote the end of their institutions : Therefore, Preamble.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That the Central union association of independent Baptist churches in the state of Pennsylvania, consisting of representatives and delegates of the churches now associated, and of all that may hereafter associate, is hereby erected into a body politic and corporate, in deed and in law, by the name, style and title of the "Central union association of independent Baptist churches," and by the same name shall have perpetual succession, and be able to sue and be sued in all courts of law and elsewhere, and shall be able and capable in law and equity to take and hold lands, tenements, goods and chattels of whatever kind, or nature, or quality, real, personal and mixed, which are now or hereafter shall become the property of the said association, by gift, grant, bargain, sale, conveyance, will, devise, bequest or otherwise, from any person or persons capable of making the same, and the same to grant, bargain, sell or dispose of, and also to manage and improve the same according to the terms of the donation or demise, and to the purposes, trusts and uses for which they shall be seized thereof, and to have and use a common seal : *Provided,* That the general income of said real and personal estate shall not, at any time, exceed the sum of five thousand dollars per annum. Name.
Powers and privileges.
Proviso.

SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the affairs of the corporation shall be managed and superintended by a board of thirteen trustees, to be elected at the annual meeting of the association, annually, by the delegates present on the Wednesday succeeding the last Thursday in May of every year, and U. V. Penny-packer, John Beaver, Thomas Watson, George W. Holme, Isaac Tustin, Isaac Reed, Isaac Ruth, Philip Sonders, Joseph Guthrie, Jacob Baugh, Thomas Scattergood, Owen Phillips, Nathaniel B. Johnson, shall be the trustees until an election is made by the delegates at the next meeting of the association ; and said trustees shall annually elect from among their number a president, vice president and secretary, who shall always be re-eligible ; in the absence of the president and vice Trustees.
Annual election.

president, a president *pro tempore* shall be elected by the board; they shall also elect a treasurer from time to time, who shall give security as the trustees may require for the trust reposed in him.

SECTION 3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,*
 Annual meeting. That the trustees shall meet annually, at nine o'clock, A. M. of Wednesday, in the week, and at the place when and where the association meets for the transaction of business; and the president, with the advice, in writing, of five trustees, shall have the right to call
 Special meeting. special meetings of the corporation, giving fifteen days notice; the proceedings of which meetings shall be valid, unless counteracted by two-thirds of the members present at the next annual meeting, and when
 Quorum. met, five trustees shall constitute a quorum; and all the trustees are to be lay members, and they shall have power to enact the necessary by-laws, rules and regulations for the well ordering and government of said
 By-laws. corporation, the same being not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of this state, or of the United States, and a record of the proceedings of the board shall be kept in a book provided for the purpose; and the funds of the association shall be applied to promote the objects of the institution, as the trustees may deem expedient from time to time.

SECTION 4. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,*
 Legislative reservation. That the legislature reserve the right of modifying or resuming the powers and privileges hereby granted.

JAMES ROSS SNOWDEN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WILLIAM P. WILCOX,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The twenty-third day of May, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four.

DAVID R. PORTER.

No. 377.

AN ACT

To provide for the ordinary expenses of government, repair of the canals and railroads of the state, and other claims upon the commonwealth.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That the following sums be and they are hereby specifically appropriated to the several objects hereinafter expressed, for one year, commencing on the first day of June, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and ending on the first day of June, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, to be paid out of any moneys that may be in the treasury.

Appropriations.

Expenses of government. *First.* For the expenses of government, the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.