

No. 258.

A SUPPLEMENT

To an act passed the thirteenth day of June, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, entitled "An Act relating to the commencement of actions."

Suits by feme
sole.

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 no suit or other legal proceeding in any court of this commonwealth, brought by a feme sole, now, or hereafter pending, shall abate by the marriage of the plaintiff or petitioner, contracted after the commencement of the same; but the husband of such plaintiff or petitioner, shall have the power to become a party thereto, and prosecute the same to final judgment or decree.

FINDLEY PATTERSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WILLIAM P. WILCOX,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The twelfth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

FRS. R. SHUNK.

No. 259.

AN ACT

To incorporate the "Aid Society for the relief of superannuated and disabled ministers of the Pittsburg Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, their widows and orphans."

Incorporated.

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 Aid Society, associated for the relief of superannuated and disabled ministers of the Pittsburg annual conference of the Methodist Protestant church, their widows and orphans, is hereby erected into one body politic and corporate, in deed and in law, by the name, style and title of the "Aid Society of the Pittsburg annual conference;" and by the same name shall have perpetual succession, and be able to sue and be sued in all courts of law and equity; and shall be able and capable in law and equity, to take and hold, for the use of said society, any goods or chattels, or any sum or sums of money, by gift, grant, bargain, sale, will, devise or bequest, from any person or persons whomsoever capable of

making the same ; and the same to grant, bargain, and sell for the use of said society ; and generally, to do all and singular the matter and things which shall be lawful for them to do, for the well being and due management of the affairs thereof.

SECTION 2. That the Aid Society, aforesaid, shall consist of all such Membership. persons as are now members thereof, or shall hereafter be admitted as such, agreeably to the by-laws of said society.

SECTION 3. That the officers of said society shall consist of a presi- Officers. dent, recording and corresponding secretary, a treasurer and seven managers, one of whom shall be president of the conference, who shall be ex-officio president of the society.

SECTION 4. That the Pittsburg annual conference shall elect, at each Election of man- of its annual sessions, six managers, not less than three of whom shall agers. be laymen, whose duty it shall be to manage the affairs of the society, in accordance with the provisions of this act, and of the by-laws of the society : the managers thus elected shall hold their offices for one year, Term of office. or until a new election ; and all vacancies occurring in the board of managers, shall be filled by the remaining managers, or a majority of them.

SECTION 5. That annual meetings of the society shall be held at the Meetings. times and places of holding the respective annual conferences ; the society shall keep its office, for the ordinary transaction of its business, at Pittsburg, at which place special meetings of the society may be called by the managers, at such times as a majority of them may determine.

SECTION 6. That the board of managers shall, annually, at such time Election of offi- as shall be prescribed in the by-laws, assemble and elect by ballot, a cers. treasurer, a recording and corresponding secretary, and assign such duties to each, as may be deemed necessary ; they shall also have power to make such by-laws, as they shall deem necessary, for the better regu- By-laws. lation of the society and its officers : *Provided however*, That such by-laws shall not be repugnant to the constitution or laws of this state, or of the United States.

SECTION 7. That the managers, or a majority of them, shall have Investments. authority to invest all moneys raised by subscriptions, collections, donations, bequests, et cetera, in such manner as they shall deem most safe and productive : *Provided however*, That no investment shall be made in any stock or loan unless sanctioned by all the managers.

SECTION 8. That all moneys received by this society shall form a Funds. permanent fund, the interest of which only, after the payment of incidental expenses, shall annually be distributed as hereinafter directed, except those funds that may be specially donated to the annual fund.

SECTION 9. That the board of managers shall report to the Pittsburg Report. annual conference, at their respective sessions, the state of the fund, distinguishing the interest or profit, and for the current year, which annual fund shall be placed at the disposal of the conference, to be distributed to the respective claimants, in such manner as the conference may direct : *Provided*, That no person shall receive more, during any one Proviso. year, than the allowance of the discipline for the quarterage to an efficient itinerant minister, with the same family, and that no widow of any deceased minister shall receive more than one hundred dollars, and ten dollars for each of her children under fourteen years of age.

SECTION 10. That no money shall be drawn from this fund for any Restrictions on purpose whatever, except for the relief of the superannuated and dis- application of abled ministers of the Pittsburg annual conference of the Methodist fund. Protestant church, their widows and orphans, nor for any of them, unless the said minister shall have travelled at least three years within the bounds of said conference ; and no minister shall be considered a

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superannuated or disabled minister, unless so returned by a vote of the conference; and no superannuated or disabled minister, nor widows, nor orphan of any minister, who is otherwise sufficiently provided for, in the judgment of the conference, shall have any claim on this fund: *Provided however*, If any minister, who shall have labored faithfully for three years, as an itinerant minister in the Methodist Protestant church, in any other conference, shall be transferred to or received into this conference as an itinerant minister or preacher, he may be placed by a vote of the conference on the same footing, in relation to this fund, as though he had travelled three years within the bounds of the Pittsburg annual conference; *Provided also*, That in case any minister who shall have travelled three years within the bounds of the Pittsburg district shall decease while occupying a circuit station or mission as an efficient itinerant minister, his widow and orphans shall have the same claim on this fund as those of a superannuated or disabled minister.

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Surplus.

SECTION 11. That if at any annual conference the annual fund be not all distributed, the amount so remaining undisposed of shall be transferred to the principal stock, and be so applied by the managers.

Publications.

SECTION 12. That the Pittsburg annual conference shall publish, with the minutes of its annual sessions, the annual report of the board of managers, the amount of their annual fund distributed, and to whom paid.

Managers pro tempore.

SECTION 13. That the managers of said society, for the time being, shall consist of the following named persons, viz: George Brown, Charles Craig, Fielding A. Davis, John Cowl, William Rhinehart, Edward W. Stevens, and William Miller, who shall hold their offices until an election of managers be made under the provisions of this act.

FINDLEY PATTERSON,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WILLIAM P. WILCOX,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The twelfth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

FRS. R. SHUNK.