

No. 299.

A N A C T

To incorporate the American Sunday school union.

- 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 Alexander Henry, Charles Chauncey, William H. Richards, Ambrose White, Thomas Fleming, Herman Cope, Frederick W. Porter, Frederick A. Packard, and the other persons belonging to, or composing the society now called the American Sunday school union, and their successors, (who shall become members of the corporation according to the by-laws,) be and they are hereby created a body politic and corporate in law, by the name, style and title of the American Sunday school union; and by that name shall have perpetual succession, have a common seal, make contracts, may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any court of record, or in any other place whatever; and may also take and hold any real or personal estate, conveyed to them by gift, grant, bargain and sale, devise, bequest, or other alienation whatsoever, and sell and convey the same: *Provided,* That the clear yearly value of lands, tenements, or other real estate of the said corporation, shall not exceed the sum of three thousand dollars.
- SECTION 2.** The object of this corporation is to establish and maintain Sunday schools, and to publish and circulate moral and religious publications.
- SECTION 3.** The affairs of this society shall be under the direction of a board, consisting of a president, vice presidents, a corresponding secretary, recording secretary, treasurer, and thirty-six managers, twenty-four of whom shall reside in the city of Philadelphia, or its vicinity; the managers shall be divided into three classes, whose terms of service shall be, respectively, one, two, and three years, but they may be re-elected; the officers and managers shall be laymen, and shall be elected by ballot; the managers shall annually elect all officers of the society, fill vacancies in their own body, and may adopt such other measures as may, in their opinion, promote the objects of the association; five managers shall constitute a quorum, and until the first election shall be held in pursuance hereof, the officers of the present society shall be the officers of this corporation, and no failure to hold an election for, or to elect any of said officers, shall be deemed a forfeiture of any of the corporate privileges hereby conferred, but the same shall continue unimpaired thereby; and on such failure or failures, the officers of the preceding year shall continue in office until their successors are duly elected.
- SECTION 4.** A meeting of the corporation shall be held once in each year, at such time and place as the board may, by their by-laws, appoint for the election of managers, and for such other business as it may be necessary for the society to transact; no person shall have a vote in the election of managers, who has not been a member of the corporation at least three months before the time of the election, at which he claims to vote.

SECTION 5. The board shall have the power to appoint such other Powers. officers, not hereinbefore provided for, as may be necessary to provide for and regulate the admission of persons, being citizens of the United States, as members of the corporation, and to make all other laws and regulations necessary for the good government of the corporation, and not repugnant to the constitution and laws of the United States, or of this commonwealth.

SECTION 6. Special meetings of the society shall be called by the president, or in his absence, by either of the vice presidents, at the written request of five managers, of which meeting three days public notice shall be given. *Special meetings.*

SECTION 7. The legislature may at any time alter, amend, or repeal the privileges hereby granted. *Revocation.*

FINDLEY PATTERSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WILLIAM P. WILCOX,
Speaker of the Senate.

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

FRS. R. SHUNK.

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A FURTHER SUPPLEMENT

To an act concerning divorces.

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* Decree of court of common pleas. upon a decree a mensa et thoro, and the allowance of alimony, shall have been made by any of the courts of common pleas of the respective counties of this commonwealth, or hereafter may be made, it shall be the duty of the prothonotary of said court to enter the said decree on the judgment docket of said court, which said decree when so entered, is hereby declared to be and shall remain a lien on the real estate of such respondent, until the same is satisfied for the full amount that may be due up to the period of such satisfaction; and after such lien shall be so entered, it shall be the duty of the prothonotary of said court, upon affidavit by the libellant that any payment under said decree, as the same has been made due and payable by the court, is due and unpaid, to issue execution on the written order of the libellant, or her attorney, setting forth the amount so due and unpaid, which shall be directed to and served by the sheriff in like manner as executions upon judgment; and if the court should be of opinion that the said lien is not sufficient for the full or permanent security for payment of said decree, it shall have power and authority, on satisfactory proof being made that the respondent is possessed of sufficient estate, to order a decree and require that security, such as shall be determined and approved by said court, *Duty of prothonotary.* *Security.*