

it shall be the duty of the township auditors to examine and settle the accounts of the building committee at least once in three months; and upon the completion of the aforesaid town house, to make a final settlement with the aforesaid building committee, and report the same in the same manner that they now settle with the road commissioners and path-masters: *Provided*, That the building committee shall purchase the aforesaid lot of ground, at or as near the centre of the township as practicable; and that the whole expense of the ground and house shall not exceed five hundred dollars, and that the building committee shall give their bonds to the aforesaid road commissioners, to be approved of by them, in the sum of six hundred dollars, for the faithful application of all money that may come into their hands.

SECTION 40. That the warrants issued to Calvin Stone to collect the state, county, road, school and poor taxes, in the township of Herrick, in the county of Bradford, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, are hereby revived for the space of one year from the date of this act; and the said Calvin Stone is hereby authorized to exercise all the powers and authority conferred upon him by said warrants, to collect any balance of unpaid taxes upon said duplicate; any laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

Tax warrants of Calvin Stone, of Herrick township, Bradford county, revived.

SECTION 41. That the borough of Loretto, in the county of Cambria, from and after the passage of this act, shall be a separate school district; and the first election under this act, shall be at such time and place as the constituted authorities of said borough shall direct: *Provided*, That at least thirty days' notice, of the time and place of holding said election, shall be given.

Cambria, borough of Loretto, separate school district.

WILLIAM F. PACKER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
WM. WILLIAMSON,
Speaker of the Senate.

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

FRS. R. SHUNK.

No. 286.

AN ACT

To incorporate the Methodist Episcopal church of Danville, in the county of Columbia.

WHEREAS, An act of assembly of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania was passed the second day of June, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and forty, incorporating the society known by the name of the Methodist Episcopal church of Danville, in Columbia county, into a body politic or corporate, by the name and style of the Methodist Episcopal church of Danville, in the county of Columbia:

Preamble.

And whereas, The said act of incorporation is defective, by reason of its non-conformity to the rules and discipline prescribed and adopted

for the government of the Methodist Episcopal church in the United States, as set forth and contained in their book of doctrines and discipline :

And whereas, The members of said corporation are desirous of having said defective act of incorporation repealed, and that an act may be passed conforming to the rules and requirements of said book of discipline; therefore,

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 first, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth sections of the act of assembly of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, passed the second day of June, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and forty, entitled "An Act to incorporate the society known by the name of the Methodist Episcopal church, in the town of Danville, Columbia county, and for other purposes," be and the same is hereby repealed: *Provided*, That any and all acts, matters and things done under and by virtue of said act of assembly, shall be held valid to all intents and purposes, as if said act of assembly were still in full force and effect.

SECTION 2. That the members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Danville, in Columbia county, be and they are hereby constituted and formed into a body politic and corporate, in deed and in law, by the name, style and title of "The Methodist Episcopal church of Danville, in the county of Columbia," and by the same name to have perpetual succession, and to be able to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in all courts of law and elsewhere; and shall be able and capable in law and in equity, to take and hold lands and tenements, goods and chattels of whatsoever nature, kind or quality, real, personal or mixed, which are now or hereafter shall become the property of the said Methodist Episcopal church of Danville, by gift, grant, bargain, sale, conveyance, assurance, will, devise, bequest or otherwise, by any person or persons capable of making the same; and the same to grant, bargain, sell, convey, mortgage and dispose of for the use of said church: *Provided*, That the yearly income of the real and personal estate of said corporation shall not at any one time exceed two thousand dollars; nor shall it be lawful for said corporation to hold and enjoy at any one time more than one hundred and fifty acres of land, nor to appropriate any of the surplus funds of said corporation to any other than charitable or religious purposes: *And provided also*, That no sale of any real estate belonging to said corporation, or which shall hereafter become the property of said corporation, shall be lawful, unless such sale shall have been approved by a majority of the male members of said church, present at a special meeting of the members of said corporation, called for that purpose; notice of which meeting shall have been publicly given from the pulpit on Lord's day, at least one week previous; a record of the proceedings of which meeting shall be kept by the secretary of the board of trustees, in the book containing the records of the meetings of said trustees.

SECTION 3. That the temporal affairs of said corporation shall be managed by nine trustees, five of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; said trustees shall be elected by ballot annually, on the first Saturday in May in each and every year, by the members of said corporation legally qualified to vote at such election, according to the provisions of the fifth section of this act; which trustees shall hold their office for the term of one year, and until successors are duly elected; and the following named persons, to wit: Edward Finney, Ellis Hughes, John Patton, Thomas Woods, John T. Heath,

Part of former
act repealed.

Proviso.

Incorporated.

Name.

Privileges.

Proviso.

Proviso.

Management.

Annual election.

Thomas Brandon, Joseph Hartman, Samuel Coulston and George B. Trustees appoint-Brown shall be the trustees of said corporation from and after the pas- ed.
sage of this act, until the first Saturday of May next, and until the first
annual election shall have been held under this act.

SECTION 4. That all elections for trustees under this act shall be held Elections where
in the house of worship, used and occupied as such at the time by said and how held.
corporation, and notice of each election shall be given publicly from the
pulpit, on Lord's day, immediately before or after divine service, by
the minister officiating, or by some other person, at least one week
previous to the time of holding said election; all such elections shall
be held and conducted in the following manner: The qualified voters
of said corporation, present at the hour appointed for holding said
election, shall choose from among their number three inspectors, who
shall appoint one or more persons to act as clerks; the election shall
then be opened, and the stationed minister or preacher having the pas-
toral charge of the members of said church, shall nominate eighteen
persons as candidates to be voted for at said election, all of whom shall
possess the qualifications required by the fifth section of this act; and
the qualified voters of said corporation shall immediately proceed to
vote, by ballot, for trustees, each ticket to contain the names of nine
of the persons so nominated as aforesaid; when all the qualified voters
present shall have had full time to vote, the inspectors shall declare the
election closed, and shall count off the votes polled, and the nine per-
sons having the highest number of votes, shall be declared duly elected
trustees for the ensuing year; and the inspectors shall forthwith make
out, under their hands, certificates of election to each of the trustees
elect, and deliver the same to the secretary of the last board of trust-
ees, who shall within three days thereafter notify said persons of their
election.

SECTION 5. That no person shall be eligible as a trustee of said cor-
poration, who is not at the time of his election a citizen of the state of Eligibility.
Pennsylvania, over twenty-one years of age, and who shall not have
been for at least one year next preceding his election, a member of said
church; nor shall any person hold and exercise the office of a trustee
after he shall have ceased to be a member of said church; and no per-
son shall be entitled to vote at any election for trustees, or at any other
election held under this act, except the male members of said Methodist
Episcopal church of Danville, over the age of twenty-one years.

SECTION 6. That the trustees shall, within ten days after their election,
meet and organize, by electing from among their number a president, a Organization.
secretary and a treasurer, to serve for the ensuing year: *Provided*, That Proviso.
said trustees may at any time remove any of said officers, and elect
others to supply their places, when in their opinion the interests of the
corporation require it.

SECTION 7. That if any vacancy shall occur in the board of trustees,
by reason of death, or from any other cause, the minister who shall Vacancies, how
have the pastoral charge of the members of said church, shall, as soon supplied.
as conveniently be done, call a meeting of the remaining trustees, and
when so met, the minister shall proceed to nominate twice as many
candidates as there are vacancies to be filled; and from among the per-
sons so nominated, the trustees present shall, by a majority of votes,
elect a trustee or trustees to fill such vacancy or vacancies, and the per-
son or persons so elected shall be trustees until the next annual election;
in case of a tie vote at any such election, the minister shall give the
casting vote; and should the corporation fail or neglect to elect trustees
on the day appointed for the annual election, such election may be held
at any time thereafter, upon notice of the time and place of holding said

election, having been first given for at least two successive Sabbaths next preceding, in the manner hereinbefore prescribed for giving notice of the annual elections.

Powers of board. SECTION 8. That the board of trustees, and their successors, shall have power to enact and enforce such by-laws and ordinances as may be proper and necessary for the transaction and regulation of the business of said corporation: *Provided*, Such by-laws and ordinances shall not be inconsistent with the constitution of the United States nor of the state of Pennsylvania, nor with the doctrine and discipline of the Methodist Episcopal church of the United States; and that said by-laws and ordinances shall have been approved by a majority of the qualified voters of said corporation present, at a special meeting called for that purpose, due notice of which meeting shall have been given, in the manner hereinbefore provided for notices of elections: *And provided further*, That the said trustees and their successors, shall at all times, and forever hereafter, permit such ministers and preachers, belonging to the Methodist Episcopal church of the United States, as shall from time to time be duly authorized by the general conference of the ministers and preachers of the said Methodist Episcopal church, or by the annual conferences authorized by such general conference, in any and all meeting houses or houses of worship belonging to the said corporation, to preach and expound God's holy word, and to execute the discipline of said church and administer the sacraments therein, according to the doctrines and discipline of the said Methodist Episcopal church.

Privileges of members.

SECTION 9. That any and all persons who shall hereafter become members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Danville, shall, while they continue to be members of said church, be entitled to all the privileges, and subject to the same restrictions as those who are members of said church at the passage of this act, saving to every member the right to withdraw from said corporation at any time.

Title to real estate vested in corporation.

SECTION 10. That the title to all real estate now held, owned or possessed by the said Methodist Episcopal church of Danville, or held and owned at and immediately before the passage of this act, as a corporation under the act of the second day of June, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and forty, be and the same is hereby vested in the corporation created by this act, as fully, entirely and absolutely, as the same was held by said former corporation at and immediately before the passage of this act; and all personal property belonging to said church, is hereby declared to be the property of the corporation hereby created; and the said corporation hereby created, shall have full power and authority to enforce, by legal process instituted in the name of this corporation, any and all agreements and contracts entered into by said church as a corporation, under the act of June second, one thousand eight hundred and forty, with any person or persons whatsoever, and to collect all debts due, owing or payable, or hereafter to become payable to said former corporation, in the same manner as said former corporation might and could have done if said act of incorporation had not been repealed; and shall also be liable for all debts due, owing and payable by said former corporation, in like manner as if said debts had been created after the passage of this act.

Also personal property.

To keep a book of record.

SECTION 11. That the trustees of said corporation shall keep a book in which shall be transcribed a copy of this act, and a copy of all by-laws and ordinances hereafter passed by them, and approved as herein aforesaid; and also a record of the proceedings of all meetings of said trustees, and of all business meetings of said corporation, which books shall, at all reasonable hours, be open for inspection upon demand made by any member of the corporation.

SECTION 12. That said corporation shall have a right to make and ^{Seal.} use a common seal, with such device and inscription as to them shall seem meet, and the same to break, alter and renew at pleasure.

SECTION 13. That the legislature hereby reserves the right to alter, ^{Reservation.} amend or repeal this act, or any part thereof, at any time hereafter.

WILLIAM F. PACKER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WM. WILLIAMSON,
Speaker of the Senate.

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

FRS. R. SHUNK.

No. 287.

A SUPPLEMENT

To an act, entitled "An Act approved the seventeenth day of March, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, relative to the Harrisburg, Portsmouth, Mount Joy and Lancaster railroad company.

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 so much of the act, approved the seventeenth day of March, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, as provides for constructing a branch of the Harrisburg, Portsmouth, Mount Joy and Lancaster railroad, commencing at a point between Mount Joy and the tunnel, be and is hereby extended, with the privilege of commencing at or near Mount Joy, or a point not further west of the tunnel on said railroad, than the borough of Elizabethtown: *Provided however,* That the said company may make a branch road, to leave the main line west of Elizabethtown; and it shall continue, in such case, to keep up and maintain the present road in running order, and to use the same with locomotives and trains, as now used.

WILLIAM F. PACKER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WM. WILLIAMSON,
Speaker of the Senate.

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

FRS. R. SHUNK.