

to him or her, and registered in the said transfer books more than fifteen days prior to the election at which he or she claims to vote; and all the books of said corporation shall be open to the inspection of the stockholders, except the said transfer books.

SECTION 7. That the exploring and mining operations of said com- Place of opera-
pany shall not extend in this commonwealth beyond the limits of the tion.
county of Northampton.

SECTION 8. That the right is hereby reserved to the legislature to alter, amend or repeal this act, whenever in their opinion it may be in- Reservation.
jurious to the citizens of this commonwealth; in such manner, however, that no injustice shall be done to the corporation.

SECTION 9. That it shall and may be lawful for Francis D. Mower, duly elected assessor of North Penn township, in the county of Philadelphia, at the election for township officers held on the third Friday of March last, in the several wards and townships of the county of Philadelphia, to take an oath or affirmation according to law, and file a copy of the same in the office of the commissioners of the county of Philadelphia, within thirty days from the passage of this act, and the same shall be as good and valid, as if the same had been taken and done within twenty days after his election, agreeably to the provisions of the eighty-eighth section of the act of assembly, passed April fifteenth, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four.

J. S. M'CALMONT,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

V. BEST,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The thirteenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty.

WM. F. JOHNSTON.

No. 432.

A N A C T

Incorporating the Methodist Episcopal church in Halifax, Dauphin county; relative to the enrolment tax on charitable or religious corporations; and to opening and extending South, Prince, Lime and North Queen streets, in the city of Lancaster.

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 a corporation is hereby created which shall be called by the name, style Style.
and title of "The Methodist Episcopal church in Halifax," and by the same name shall have perpetual succession, and be able to sue and be Privileges.
sued, plead and be impleaded in all courts of law and elsewhere, and shall be able and capable in law and equity to take, hold and receive to them and their successors for the use of the said society, lands, tene-

ments, goods and chattels of whatsoever kind, nature or quality, real, personal or mixed, which are now or shall or may at any time hereafter become the property of the said society, or to be held for their use by gifts, grants, bargains, sales, conveyance, devise, bequest or otherwise, from any person or persons whomsoever capable of making the same, and to grant, bargain, sell, mortgage, improve, or dispose of for the use of the said society: *Provided*, That the yearly value or income of the said estate shall not exceed the sum of three thousand dollars, and shall not be appropriated to any other than benevolent or religious uses.

Trustees. **Officers.** **Present trustees.** **Annual election.** **Vacancies.** **By-laws.**

SECTION 2. The business of said society shall be conducted by nine trustees, who shall choose from among their number a president and secretary, and may appoint a treasurer and any other officers they may deem necessary, and until others are or shall be elected as is herein-after provided, the following named persons shall be trustees, to wit: Joseph Geiger, Henry Singer, Jr., Henry Shammo, Samuel Landis, Samuel Noblet, Michael Freeburn, John Metzger, Daniel Wilvert, John W. Garnes, to continue in office until the first Monday of January, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, on which day the male members of said society shall elect nine trustees, three for one year, three for two years, and three for three years, the term of service to be designated by the electors on their ballots, and their places respectively, shall be supplied by the annual election on the first Monday of January, of three persons to serve for three years; and if any vacancies by death or otherwise, shall happen in the office of trustees, the remaining trustees may appoint others to supply such vacancy or vacancies, until the next annual election, when another trustee or trustees shall be elected to fill such vacancy or vacancies as may then exist in the board of trustees; and if the society neglect on the said day annually, to hold their election as is hereinbefore directed, the said corporation shall not be dissolved, but a majority of the trustees may appoint any subsequent day on which the election may be held: *Provided*, That at least ten days' notice may be given in such manner as a majority of the trustees may direct, and any male member of said society at least twenty-one years of age, and one year in connection with the Methodist Episcopal church, shall be entitled to vote for trustees.

SECTION 3. The said trustees and their successors shall have full power to enact such by-laws and ordinances as they shall think proper for the regulation and transaction of the business of the said society, and shall have power also, to change the time of holding the general election, if the same should be deemed advisable: *Provided*, That the said by-laws and ordinances shall not be inconsistent with the constitution and laws of this state, or of the United States.

Enrolment tax on charitable or religious corporations.

SECTION 4. That the enrolment tax on acts of assembly, creating, extending or renewing corporations for charitable or religious purposes, shall in no case exceed the sum of ten dollars.

South Prince street, Lancaster, relative to.

SECTION 5. That so much of the eleventh section of the act of the fifth day of April, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, entitled "An Act relative to certain highways, road taxes and township supervisors," as requires the damages, if any, incident to laying out and opening South Prince street, in the city of Lancaster, to be paid out of the funds of said city, be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. The court of quarter sessions of Lancaster county, on the petition of any owner of a lot or land through which the said street is extended and opened, representing that he or she has sustained damages thereby, shall appoint six disinterested freeholders, three of whom

shall be residents of the city, and three of the county of Lancaster, to view the premises and adjudge the amount of damages, if any sustained, which damages shall be paid out of the county treasury: *Provide*!, That the said viewers shall before they proceed to assess the said damages, take an oath or affirmation before an alderman of the city of Lancaster, justly and truly to value the same, and to consider the advantages as well as disadvantages of the extension and opening of the said street to the complainants.

SECTION 7. All proceedings heretofore commenced by the owners of land through which the said street is extended and opened, under the law to which this is a supplement, are hereby declared to be null and void.

SECTION 8. That no damages whatsoever which shall hereafter occur to any persons by reason of laying out any road, street, alley or way in the city, or any of the boroughs of the county of Lancaster, shall be paid out of the county treasury, but the same shall be paid by such city or borough, or by the persons whose property is benefited by the opening of such streets, roads, alleys or ways.

SECTION 9. That it shall not be lawful for the street commissioner North Queen of the city of Lancaster, to lay out, extend or open North Queen street, street, in said city, unless the select and common council of said city by resolution shall authorize and direct the same.

J. S. M'CALMONT,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

V. BEST,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The eighth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty.

WM. F. JOHNSTON.

No. 433.

A N A C T

To extend the powers of the Mercer and Meadville turnpike road company; relative to the manufacturing of iron with coke or mineral coal; to the claim of Elias E. Hand; and to certain suits of William W. Hamersley, in Adams county.

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 president, managers and stockholders of the Mercer and Meadville turnpike road company shall maintain and keep the said road of and at its present grade, and shall maintain and construct all the causeways and bridges on said road, of the width of at least fifteen feet.

SECTION 2. That if any person or persons from whom the said Mercer and Meadville turnpike road company may by their act of incorporating avoiding payment of tolls be entitled to demand tolls at any of the gates erected by said Mercer and Meadville turnpike road to be kept at present grade. Penalty for avoiding payment of tolls.