

stock shall be entitled to the same privileges and immunities as the other stockholders of said company.

Annual meeting
of stockholders.

SECTION 5. That the annual meeting of stockholders for the election of officers, as provided for in the fourth section of the charter of said company, shall hereafter be held on the second Thursday of January in each and every year; and at all meetings of the stockholders, each stockholder shall be entitled to one vote for each and every share of stock held by him.

Repeal.

SECTION 6. That so much of any act or acts of Assembly as are hereby altered, amended, or supplied, be and the same is hereby repealed.

E. B. CHASE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

M. M'CASLIN,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The twenty-fifth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

WM. BIGLER.

No. 9.

AN ACT

To incorporate the Northern Home for Friendless Children.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, A number of citizens of this Commonwealth have formed an association for the laudable and benevolent purpose of educating and providing for friendless and destitute children, *And whereas*, The General Assembly of this Commonwealth are willing to encourage such purposes; therefore,

Corporators.

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 Thomas Earp, Thomas S. Mitchell, William R. Stockton, John W. Claghorn, Isaac Collins, John M. Ogden, James J. Barclay, J. Fisher Leaming, Thomas Robinson, William S. Perot, Isaac F. Baker, Henry Perkins, Joseph Jeans, H. W. Safford, A. V. Murphey, Charles Keen and their associates, be and they are hereby incorporated and made a body politic in law, by the name, style and title of the Northern Home for friendless children, and by that name, style and title shall have perpetual succession, with power to have a common seal and the same to change at pleasure, to make contracts relative to the institution, to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded, and by that name, style and title be capable of purchasing, holding, taking and conveying any estate, real or personal, for the use of the said corporation: *Provided*, The annual income of said estate shall not exceed ten thousand dollars, nor be applied to any other purposes than those for which this association is formed; to fix the quorum of the board of managers and of the board of trustees,

Style.

Privileges.

and appoint such officers as may be requisite to establish such other by-laws, rules and regulations as the said corporation shall judge necessary or expedient for the due management of the concerns of the said corporation: *Provided*, That the same be not repugnant to the constitution of the United States or of this Commonwealth.

SECTION 2. That every person who shall annually pay to the treasurer of the Northern Home for friendless children on or before the first day of May, the sum of one dollar or upwards, shall be a member of the said Northern Home for friendless children while such person so contributes, and every person who shall pay twenty dollars at one time, shall be a member for life. Who may be members.

SECTION 3. The affairs and concerns of the said Northern Home for friendless children shall be conducted by a board of managers consisting of twenty-four ladies, and a board of trustees consisting of sixteen gentlemen; and the members of the said corporation shall meet on the second Tuesday in May next, at such hour and place as the board of trustees shall designate, and elect a board of twenty-four managers, six of whom shall be elected to serve for one year, six to serve for two years, six to serve for three years, and six to serve for four years; and also a board of sixteen trustees, four of whom shall be elected to serve for one year, four for two years, four for three years, and four for four years; and the members of the said corporation shall annually thereafter on the second Tuesday in May, at such hour and place as the said board of trustees shall designate, elect six managers and four trustees, to serve for four years, and shall then and there also elect a manager or managers, trustee or trustees, to fill any vacancy or vacancies that may be occasioned by the death, resignation, removal or neglect, or refusal to act of any manager or trustee: *Provided*, That the managers and trustees chosen in May last, shall continue to act until others shall be elected: *And provided further*, That in case an election shall not be held at the time provided, the board of trustees shall give at least ten days' notice that another election will be held, which said election shall be held within one month after the said second Tuesday in May: *And provided*, That notice of any election shall be given at least twice a week for two weeks, in two of the daily newspapers of the city of Philadelphia, prior to the time of holding said election. Affairs, how conducted.

SECTION 4. That it shall and may be lawful for the said managers and trustees in their discretion, to take under their guardianship all children who may be placed under their care and management, in either of the following modes:— Proviso.

Firstly. White children under twelve years of age who shall be voluntarily surrendered by their father, or in case of his death or absence, by their mother or by their guardians to the care of the said managers and trustees. Proviso.

Secondly. White children under twelve years of age who may be committed to the care of the said managers and trustees by any judge of the supreme court of Pennsylvania, or of the district court of the city and county of Philadelphia, or of the court of common pleas of the city and county of Philadelphia, or by the mayor of the city of Philadelphia, or by the mayor of the Northern Liberties, on account of vagrancy or of the exposure, neglect or abandonment of said children by their parents or parent, guardians, or other persons having custody of Guardianship of children.

said children; and it shall be the duty of any judge or mayor so committing any child to the care of said managers and trustees to annex to the said commitment an abstract of the evidence taken by him, and on which his adjudication was founded, which said evidence shall be under oath or affirmation and taken in the presence of said child.

Who shall have
the guardianship
of children.

SECTION 5. That the said managers and trustees shall have the guardianship of the said children so placed under their care and management during their minority, shall cause them to be educated and instructed in a proper manner, and may, when in their discretion it shall appear proper, bind the said children with their consent as apprentices during their minority, to such persons and at such places and to learn such trades and employments as in the judgment of said managers and trustees will be most conducive to the benefit and advantage of said children: *Provided*, The charge and power of the said managers and trustees over and upon the said children, shall not, in the case of females, extend beyond the age of eighteen years, or the said managers and trustees may, in their discretion, return the said children to their parents or surviving parent or guardians.

E. B. CHASE,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

M. M'CASLIN,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The twenty-sixth day of January, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

WM. BIGLER.

No. 10.

A FURTHER SUPPLEMENT

To an act, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the articles of association, for the purpose of establishing and conducting an institution for the confinement and reformation of youthful delinquents, under the title of 'The House of Refuge,'" passed the twenty-third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, The new buildings now in course of erection by "The House of Refuge," are approaching completion, and are adapted for the proper accommodation and classification of double the number of inmates which the buildings at present occupied are capable of receiving:

And whereas, It is deemed desirable by the board of managers, that the counties (other than that of Philadelphia,) composing the eastern district of Pennsylvania, should have extended to them greater facilities for the commitment of juvenile delinquents to the institution, in order that said counties may participate more fully in its benefits:

And whereas, The board of managers of the said House of Refuge have memorialized the Legislature, praying that the sum