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SEC. 3. Such corporation shall have power to make such by-laws as they may deem necessary to carry into effect the purposes of this act, and said corporation may adopt a common seal.

To be in force.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

CHARLES GARDNER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JOHN B. BRISBIN

President of the Council.

APPROVED—February twenty-third, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

W. A. GORMAN.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a correct copy of the original bill on file in this office.

J. TRAVIS ROSSER,

Secretary of Minnesota Territory.

CHAPTER LXXVIII.

An Act to incorporate the Bellevue Seminary of Learning.

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Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of Minnesota Territory.

Names.

SECTION 1. That there be established at Bellevue, in the county of Nicollet, Minnesota Territory, an Institution of Learning by the name of "Bellevue Seminary," and that Chas. E. Flandrau, Robert Patterson, Silas Gates, Chester D. Hill, Elisha W. Sinex, John W. Powell, and John Kerns, and such persons as shall be associated with them, and their successors in office be and they are hereby created a body politic and corporate, to be styled the Trustees of the "Bellevue Seminary," and shall be Trustees of said corporation, for the purpose of establishing, maintaining and conducting an institution of learning for the education of youth, and by the aforesaid corporate name to remain in perpetual succession, with full power to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, to acquire, hold and convey property, real, personal and mixed, in all lawful ways; Provided always, That the amount at any one time, shall not exceed fifty

thousand dollars ; to have and to use a common seal, and to alter the same at pleasure ; to make and alter from time to time such by-laws as they may see proper and necessary for the government of said institution, its officers and agents ; Provided, such by-laws are not inconsistent with this act, the Constitution of the United States, or the laws of this Territory, and also to have power to confer on such person or persons as they shall deem worthy all honors and degrees, as are conferred by similar institutions in the United States. They shall erect such buildings as they may think necessary for said institution ; Provided, That at no time shall the trustees be required to exceed the means under their control as trustees.

Powers.

SEC. 2. There shall at all times, be seven Trustees, two of whom shall be members of the Wisconsin Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, (or such other Conference as may be formed out of said conference within the limits where said institution shall be located,) together with a Board of Visitors, to be appointed as hereinafter provided.

Trustees.

SEC. 3. No religious tenet shall be required of any person to entitle him to any or all the privileges of the institution, and no student shall be required to attend the religious worship of any particular denomination, except specified by the student, his parents or guardians.

Religious tenets

SEC. 4. The Trustees shall hold their first meeting at Bellevue, within six months after the passage of this act ; Provided, That if a quorum shall fail of meeting, the number present shall have a right to organize, and at the same meeting legally called and holden, to divide, by lot, the Trustees, into three classes, two in the first, two in the second, and three in the third class, which classes shall be numbered one, two and three ; class numbered one shall hold their office till the first meeting of the board, class numbered two shall hold their office until the second annual meeting, and class numbered three shall hold their office until the third annual meeting of the Board, and until their successors are appointed. The Trustees at said first meeting of the Board shall have power to elect a President of the Board, one Vice President, a Treasurer and Secretary, and then adjourn to such time and place as they may deem proper to secure a quorum of the Board.

Meetings.

SEC. 5. The President, the Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary shall constitute an executive committee, and as such shall have power to transact all business committed to them by the by-laws of the institution. The Treasurer before entering upon the duties of his office, shall give bond in such penal sum as the Trustees may direct, and with such sureties as they shall by vote approve, conditioned for faithful performance of the duties of his office, and for the faithful performance and appropriation as directed by said Trustees, of all funds and other property in his possession, belonging to the institution ; and all other officers and agents, before entering upon their duties, shall give like bonds as required by the Trustees.

Officers.

SEC. 6. The Trustees, when a quorum is present, shall designate the time and place of their first annual meeting, which shall not be altered, except by a vote of two thirds of the Trustees present, at any regular meeting.

SEC. 7. The Trustees shall have power to appoint and employ all officers and teachers for the institution, and to displace any or all of them as the interests of the institution shall require ; to fill all vacancies which may happen by death, resignation or otherwise, among said officers and teachers. All elections of Trustees, teachers and other officers, shall be by ballot.

Teachers.

Change of name. SEC. 8. The Trustees of said Seminary shall have power at any regular meeting when a majority of all of said Trustees are present, to adopt any other name for said Seminary they may deem proper.

Wisconsin Annual Conference. SEC. 9. This institution shall be under the patronage of the Wisconsin Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, (or such other Conference as aforesaid), and said Conference shall at its Annual Session elect three persons members of its own body, resident within the Territory of Minnesota, who shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Trustees, and have a right to vote on all questions that may come before them, and who shall attend to examination of the students, and look into the condition of the institution, and report thereon to the next session of the Conference.

Duties of Trustees. SEC. 10. The Trustees shall have power to prescribe and regulate the course of study to be pursued in the institution, to fix the rates of tuition, and other expenses, to make rules for the regulation of the conduct of the students, and the expulsion of such as are disorderly. They shall faithfully apply all monies by them collected, according to their best judgment, in erecting buildings, supporting the necessary instructors, and in procuring books and apparatus necessary to the success of the school; Provided, however, That in case a donation or bequest be made for purposes which accord with the designs of the institution, the Trustees shall receive and accept the same, and shall apply such donation or bequest in conformity with the designs of the donor, and all corporate property belonging to the said institution necessary for its use and accommodation both real and personal, to the amount of \$35,000, is and shall be free from taxation.

Meetings. SEC. 11. The Board of Trustees may meet on their own adjournment, any five of whom shall form a quorum for the transaction of business; and the President with the concurrence of any two Trustees, or any four Trustees may call special meetings of the Board, by giving to the other Trustees seven days notice in writing or otherwise. Any three of the corporators named in this act may call the first meeting of the Board by giving to the other corporators two weeks notice of the time and place of such meeting, personally or by publishing the same in a newspaper in Nicollet county.

To be in operation. SEC. 12. This act shall be in force from and after its passage.

CHARLES GARDNER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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