

SEC. 16. The Legislative Assembly of Minnesota may alter, amend or repeal this act at any time.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JOHN B. BRISBIN,

President of the Council.

APPROVED—March sixth one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Minnesota, }

SAINT PAUL, March 10th, 1857. }

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Acting Secretary.

## CHAPTER LIII.

### *An Act to Incorporate the Northfield Institute at Northfield, in the County of Rice.*

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*Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota:*

SECTION 1. That there be established at Northfield, in the county of Rice in this Territory, a Literary Institution, by the name of Northfield Institute, and that David H. Frost, Johnathan Cox, George Loomis, Calvin J. Short, Thomas Olin, Herman Jenkins, Ira S. Field, Hammon Stowell and John W. North and their successors in office, be a body corporate, to be known by the name and style of the Trustees of the Northfield Institute, with the right, as such, of suing and being sued, of contracting and being contracted with, and of making and using a common seal, and altering the same at pleasure.

SEC. 2. The object of this institution shall be to provide

the means of acquiring a knowledge of the various branches of literature, science and the arts.

**Proceeds to be a perpetual Fund** SEC. 3. The proceeds of all donations, from whatever source, shall be and remain a perpetual fund (except as hereinafter provided,) and called the Northfield Institute Fund, the interest and proceeds of which shall be appropriated to the support of said Institute; however, that when any donar, at the time of making his donation to the said Institute, shall designate the particular object for which he makes said donation, it shall be the duty of the Trustees to appropriate the same accordingly.

**Trustees to erect buildings** SEC. 4. The Trustees are authorized to expend such portions of the funds as may come under their control in the erection of suitable buildings, and purchasing a site for the same; for the purchase of a library, mathematical, philosophical, chemical, astronomical or other apparatus; and such furniture, fixtures and specimens of art as they may deem expedient; and the control of all funds given or granted to said Institute are hereby vested in said Board of Trustees.

**First meeting** SEC. 5. Any three of the Trustees named in this act may call the first meeting of the Trustees, by giving two weeks notice thereof in some newspaper printed in this Territory; at which meeting the Trustees shall designate the time of the first and future annual meetings, which shall in no case be altered except by the vote of two thirds of the Trustees.

**Choose officers** They shall also choose all necessary officers whose term of office shall continue until the next annual meeting, and until their successors are appointed. The Trustees shall, at said

**Lot** first annual meeting, be divided by lot into three classes, of three each, numbered one, two and three. Class number one shall hold their office one year; and class number two shall hold their office two years; and class number three shall hold their office three years from the first annual meeting. After the first annual meeting there shall be elected annually three Trustees to supply the vacancies occasioned by the provisions of this section, who shall hold their office for the term of three years. All vacancies occasioned by death, resignation, removal from the Territory, or otherwise, as well as the vacancies occasioned by the expiration of the term of office, shall be filled by the Board of Trustees, at any meeting called for that purpose; and the Trustees so appointed to fill vacancies shall continue in office until the term of office to which they are appointed shall regularly expire, according to the provisions of this act.

**Trustees elected annually**

**Vacancies**

**By-Laws** SEC. 6. The Trustees shall have power, and it shall be their duty to enact laws for the government of the Institute, to sell or purchase real or personal property, to appoint such officers, teachers and committees as the management of the Institute and its funds may require; to designate their duties, their term of office and their salaries respectively.

**Teachers**

**Meeting of Board** SEC. 7. Meetings of the Trustees may be called by the Secretary on application of five members, or by said members

themselves, at such time and place as they may deem expedient; and a majority of the shall, at all times, constitute a quorum to transact business, but a less number may adjourn.

SEC. 8. The officers of the Board of Trustees shall consist of a President, Secretary and Treasurer, and such other officers and committees as the Trustees may deem expedient. The President, Secretary and Treasurer shall hold their office for one year, or from the time of their election to the next annual meeting; and until their successors are appointed; all other officers shall hold their offices for such term as the Board may direct.

SEC. 9. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at meetings of the Board, but in his absence the Board may elect a President *pro tem*.

SEC. 10. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a fair record of all votes and proceedings of the meetings of the Trustees. Also to keep on file and preserve all papers belonging to said Board of Trustees.

SEC. 11. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect all moneys due the Institute, and pay the same in such manner and for such purposes as the Trustees by vote may direct; and all deeds, leases, bonds and evidences of debt, executed by the Treasurer as such, and in pursuance of a vote of the Trustees, shall be binding, and the funds and the property of the Institute shall be held for the just performance and payment of the same.

SEC. 12. The Treasurer, before entering upon the duties of his office shall give a bond satisfactory to the Trustees for the faithful performance of his duties.

SEC. 13. No religious tenets or opinions shall be required to entitle any person to be admitted as teacher or student in said Institute, and no sectarian doctrine shall be taught therein.

SEC. 14. The Legislature may at any time alter, modify, or amend this act.

SEC. 15. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

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