

CHAPTER LIV.

A Bill to incorporate the Gray Cloud Female Seminary.

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

SECTION 1. That there be established at Gray Cloud in the County of Washington, M. T., a literary institution by the name and style of "The Gray Cloud Female Seminary," and that Rev. J. G. Riheldaffer, Truman M. Smith, C. B. Gallagher and W. R. Noble, and all such other persons as may be elected to succeed them, their associates and successors in office, be and they are hereby created a body politic and corporate, to be called and styled "The Trustees of the Gray Cloud Female Seminary," and shall be Trustees of said Seminary for the purposes of establishing, maintaining and conducting an institution of learning for the purpose of the education of females, and by the aforesaid corporate name of such Trustees, to remain in perpetual succession, with full and complete power and authority to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in all courts of law and equity, and before all tribunals, within said Territory, with full power, authority and right to acquire, receive, have, hold, sell, grant and convey property, real, personal or mixed, in all lawful ways; and full power and authority to make, have and use a common seal and to alter the same at pleasure; to make and alter from time to time such rules, regulations and by-laws as they may deem expedient, proper and necessary for the proper government and management of said institution, its officers, agents and servants; *Provided*, Such by-laws are not inconsistent with this act and the laws of the land.

SEC. 2. That there shall at all times be the same number of Trustees of said Corporation as are mentioned in the first Section of this act, to be chosen and appointed annually by the Trustees.

SEC. 3. That the said Trustees are hereby authorized and empowered to expend such portion of the funds as may come

under their control at any time, in the erection of suitable buildings, and in purchasing a site for the same, in the town of Gray Cloud, Washington County, and for the purchase of a library, mathematical, philosophical and chemical apparatus, as they may deem expedient and necessary and the control and disbursement of all funds given or granted to said Seminary, are hereby vested in said Trustees.

First meeting **Sec. 4.** The board of Trustees aforesaid shall hold their first meeting at Gray Cloud, in said County, within ten months after the passage of this act; *Provided*, That if a quorum fail of meeting, the members present shall have the right and authority to organize and adjourn to such place and time as they may deem meet and proper to secure a quorum of the board. At the first regular meeting, when a quorum is in attendance, the said Trustees shall fix and designate the time of their first and future annual meetings, which shall in no case be altered, except by a vote of two-thirds of the Trustees; they may also choose all necessary officers, whose term of office shall expire at the first annual meeting. The Trustees shall at said first meeting, when a quorum is present, be divided into two classes

Classes

Vacancies of one-half of the whole number in each class; class number one shall hold their office one year; class number two shall hold their office two years from the first meeting, and then thereafter alternately in each year the classes of Trustees aforesaid shall be elected, as provided by law. All vacancies occasioned by death, resignation or 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; and all vacancies, except those occasioned by the expiration of the term of office may be supplied by any meeting called for that specific purpose, and all officers shall hold over until their successors are duly chosen.

By-Laws **Sec. 5.** That the said Trustees shall have full power and authority and are hereby vested with the same, to enact laws for the government of the Seminary, to appoint a requisite number of teachers, to appoint such officers and committees as the management of the said Seminary and its funds may require, to designate their duties and determine and fix the amount of their respective salaries.

Quorum **Sec. 6.** A majority of the said Trustees shall at all times constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business, but a less number may adjourn.

Officers **Sec. 7.** That 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 necessary and expedient. The President, Secretary and Treasurer shall hold their offices for one year, or from the time of their election until the next regular annual meeting and until their successors shall be elected. All other officers and committees shall hold their offices for such term as the board of Trustees may deem proper.

Sec. 8. Meetings of the Trustees may be called by the

Secretary on application of five members, at such time and place as they may deem expedient.

Meetings

Sec. 9. That it shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the board of Trustees, but in his absence the said board may elect a President *pro tem*.

President

Sec. 10. That it shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a fair and correct record of all the votes and proceedings of the meetings of said Trustees, and also to keep on file and preserve all papers belonging to said board of Trustees, and said institution, and to discharge faithfully such other duties pertaining to his office as said board shall direct.

Secretary

Sec. 11. That it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect and receive all moneys due to said Gray Cloud Female Seminary, or which may be given or granted to the same, and to pay out such moneys as the said board of Trustees shall direct, and to discharge such other duties pertaining to his office as said Trustees shall direct; and that the said Treasurer, before entering upon the duties of his office, shall give bonds satisfactory to the said Trustees for the faithful discharge of his duties.

Treasurer

Sec. 12. The corporators in this act named, shall constitute the full board of Trustees, and any three of them may call the first meeting of the Trustees, by giving two weeks' public notice of the time and place in some newspaper printed in this Territory.

First Board, of Trustees

Sec. 13. The Legislature may at any time modify or amend this Act.

Amend

Sec. 14. This act shall be in force from and after its passage.

J. W. FURBER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JOHN B. BRISBIN,

President of the Council.

APPROVED—May twenty-fifth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.

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SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Minnesota, }

SAINT PAUL, July 22, 1857. }

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

CHAS. L. CHASE,

Secretary of Minnesota Territory.