

with sufficient security before the court of common pleas for the city and county of Philadelphia, that all the monies arising from the sales authorised by this act, shall, after paying the debts of the said lunatick, if any be so disposed of, as will be most for the benefit of the said lunatick and his heirs.

To whom
the proceeds
of the sale
shall des-
cend to.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the monies arising from the sale of the said estate, shall descend at the death of the said lunatick, to the same heirs, and in the same proportions as the real estate would have done, if this act had not been passed.

JAMES ENGLE, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

P. C. LANE, *Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the thirtieth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ten.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER XIII.

An ACT to incorporate the Bible Society of Philadelphia:

WHEREAS a number of the citizens of this commonwealth of different religious denominations, have formed themselves into a society under the name of "The Bible Society of Philadelphia," for the purpose of publishing and distributing gratuitously the Holy Scriptures among the poor, and such other description of persons as may be in need of these sources of Christian Comfort and Hope: And whereas the members of this society have by memorial to the legislature, prayed to be incorporated: Therefore,

Managers
and mem-
bers of the
society in-
corporated.

SECT. I. *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 William White, F. C. Helmuth, Ashbel Green, Joseph Pilmore, William Staughton, James Gray, Archibald Alexander, Thomas Ware, Philip F. Mayer, Samuel Helfenstien, Joseph Zesline, Jacob Janeway, Benjamin Rush, George W. Ports, Peter Vanpelt, Robert Ralston, George Krebs, Lawrence Seckel, William Shufflebotom, Francis Markoe, Thomas Cumpston, Joseph Zimmerman, Samuel Harvey, and Benjamin B. Hopkins, the present managers of said society, together with the other members thereof, be, and they are hereby made and constituted a corporation and body politic, in law and in fact, by the name, style and title of, "The Bible Society of Philadelphia," and shall have all the rights, powers and privileges, incident by law to a corporation.

Title of

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,*

That the estate and property of what kind soever the same may be now held, and which at any time hereafter shall be acquired by the said society, shall be vested in the said managers and their successors, duly elected, who shall by the name and title aforesaid, be able and capable in law to purchase, receive, take, and hold, for the use and benefit of said society, any land, tenements, hereditaments, and any sum or sums of money, goods and chattels, by the gift, alienation, devise or bequest of any person or persons, bodies, politic or corporate capable to make the same: *Provided*, That the clear yearly value or income of the messuages, houses, land and tenements, rents, annuities, and other hereditaments, and real estate of the said company or corporation, and the interest of the monies lent by the same shall not exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars.

Powers of the incorporation.

Interest of monies lent by &c. not to exceed 10,000 dolls.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the following articles, shall be the fundamental laws of said corporation.

First, The yearly profits, fund or income of the said society (except so much as may be necessary for contingent expences) shall be employed for procuring and distributing gratuitously, the scriptures of the old and new testament as hereinafter pointed out in such language as may, by the society be found useful, convenient or necessary, and for no other purpose.

Appropriation of the funds of.

Second. The bible selected for publication or distribution, shall contain no other additions to the text of scriptures, than the contents of the chapters, marginal references, and the tables of kindred weights and measures usually published with the bible.

Description of the bible to be distributed.

Third. Each person shall pay five dollars at the time of becoming a member of the society, and two dollars every year afterwards during his continuance therein. Persons who will subscribe fifty dollars or more, shall be members during life, without any further contribution.

Terms of subscription.

Fourth. The business of the society shall be conducted by twenty-four managers, who shall be chosen annually by ballot, by the members present at a meeting, which shall be held on the first Wednesday of May in every year, of which one month's previous notice shall be given by the secretaries of the society, in at least two newspapers published in the city; and the managers so chosen or elected, shall within three days afterwards, meet and choose a president, four vice-presidents, two secretaries and a treasurer out of their own body, and if an election shall not have been held at the time appointed, the corporation shall not for that cause be dissolved, but an election shall be held as soon afterwards as may be, and until such election, the managers in place shall continue to act.

Twenty-four managers to be chosen.

Who shall choose a president, &c.

Fifth. Seven of the managers shall be a board for the transaction of all business, except the appropriation of money above

What number of mana-

gers shall constitute a board. Powers and duties of.

the sum of three hundred dollars, when thirteen shall be necessary to constitute a board, they shall make by-laws for the government of the society, and have power to enforce the same, provided they are not inconsistent with the laws of the United States, or of this commonwealth, which now are, or hereafter may be enacted, and the managers aforesaid shall keep an account of the receipts and disbursements of money, and lay the same annually before the society, with a statement of their labours with respect to the objects of the society; and they shall lay an abstract of the transactions of the society before the legislature of this commonwealth, in the month of January in every year hereafter.

Sixth, A special meeting of the society may be called at any time by the managers.

The present managers and officers confirmed.

SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That until the election of managers aforesaid, pursuant to this act, the before named officers, and the managers of the said society, viz. William White, President; F. C. H. Helmuth, Ashbel Green, Benjamin Rush and William Staughton, vice-presidents; James Gray and Benjamin B. Hopkins, secretaries, and Robert Ralston, treasurer; shall be, and they are hereby continued and confirmed.

No misnomer, &c. to vitiate any devise or conveyance to.

SECT. V. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That no misnomer of the said corporation in any deed, will, testament, gift, grant, devise or other instrument of contract or conveyance shall vitiate or defeat the same, if the said corporation shall be sufficiently described to ascertain the intention of the party or parties, to give, devise, bequeath or assure to, or contract with the corporation hereby created by the style and title aforesaid, nor shall any non use, unless for a greater term than five years of the privileges hereby granted, create any forfeiture of the same.

JAMES ENGLE, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

P. C. LANE, *Speaker of the Senate*.

APPROVED—the thirtieth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ten.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER XIV.

An ACT to amend the Penal Laws.

SECT. I. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in*

The stealing of bank notes to be pun-

General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That from and after the passage of this act, the robbery or larceny of any bank note or bank notes of any incorporated