

, No. 49.

An Act

Granting aid to the Pittsburg Hospital for the destitute sick and insane of Western Pennsylvania, and to incorporate the Orphans' Asylum of Lancaster, and to provide for the education of the Deaf and Dumb in this commonwealth.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in Western General Assembly met, and 'it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That the State Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and directed, to pay to the treasurer of the "Western Pennsylvania Hospital Society," the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, when it shall appear to him by the certificate, under oath of the president of said society, that the like sum of twenty-five thousand dollars shall be subscribed for and paid by the corporation of the city of Pittsburg; and also that the further sum of five thousand dollars shall be subscribed for by the corporation of the borough of Allegheny, but if the borough of Allegheny should refuse to subscribe, it shall not affect the state appropriation.

SECTION 2. Any person who shall pay to the treasurer of said society the sum of fifty dollars, shall from thenceforth become a life member of said Hospital society, and shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership therein; and any and every person who shall subscribe and pay ten dollars, shall be entitled to membership for one year, and so long thereafter as he shall continue to pay the sum of ten dollars yearly.

SECTION 3. It shall be the duty of the Western Pennsylvania Hospital society, and of the select and common councils of the city of Pittsburg, and of the town council of the borough of Allegheny, as soon after the terms of the first section of this act are complied with, each, to appoint one respectable citizen from the members of their respective bodies, who, together with three commissioners to be appointed by the Governor, shall form a board of commissioners for the Western Pennsylvania Hospital society, whose duty it shall be to fix on a suitable site for the buildings, to purchase the grounds, and who shall have the direction and superintendence of the buildings.

SECTION 4. The said Hospital shall be located in or near the city of Pittsburg, and there shall be received therein free of expense, all insane persons from the counties of

Allegheny, Washington, Fayette, Greene, Westmoreland, Huntingdon, Somerset, Bedford, Cambria, Potter, M'Kean, Clearfield Tioga, Indiana, Jefferson, Armstrong, Butler, Warren, Venango, Beaver, Mercer, Crawford and Erie.

Board of
managers.

SECTION 5. The board of managers of said Hospital society shall hereafter consist of nine persons, three to be elected by the Western Pennsylvania Hospital society, the presidents of the select and common councils, and the mayor of the city of Pittsburg, and three citizens of Allegheny county, to be appointed annually by the Governor, which said board shall elect from their members a president, secretary and treasurer, and they shall publish an annual statement of the accounts of the Hospital, appoint a steward, a resident and visiting physician, and such other officers as may be necessary to the well ordering of the affairs of the said Hospital, and to fix and allow their salaries.

Relative to
pay patients.

SECTION 6. In all cases where it appears to the board of directors that applicants for admission to the Hospital have estate sufficient to defray their expense, they shall be received therein as pay patients.

Grand juries
to visit the
Hospital.

SECTION 7. It shall be the duty of the grand juries for the city of Pittsburg and the county of Allegheny, to visit said Hospital once in every year.

The Orphan
Asylum of
Lancaster
incorporated

SECTION 8. For the purpose of establishing an Orphan Asylum in the city of Lancaster, the rector and members of the vestry of St. James' church in the said city, and their successors in office, be, and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name, style and title of "The Trustees of the Orphan Asylum of Lancaster," and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and a common seal which they may alter and renew at pleasure, and by the same name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, and be capable of taking, receiving, holding and disposing of any lands, chattels and property, real, personal and mixed, which are or hereafter may be granted, given, devised or bequeathed to them for the purpose of establishing or supporting an Orphan Asylum in the city of Lancaster, agreeably to the true intent of the donors: *Provided*, The clear yearly value of the real estate of the said trustees, held for that purpose shall not exceed six thousand dollars.

Proviso.

SECTION 9. That the said trustees of the Orphan Asylum of Lancaster may, for the purposes above mentioned and for the well ordering and conducting of the said Orphan Asylum when established, make such by-laws, rules and regulations as they may think proper, the same not being inconsistent with the laws and constitution of this commonwealth or of the United States.

By-laws.

SECTION 10. That the State Treasurer be, and he is hereby \$1000 ap- authorized and required to pay to the trustees of the Orphan Asylum for Lancaster, the sum of one thousand dollars annually for per annum for the term of ten years, from the first day of ten years. January, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight: *Provided*, That the relief afforded by this institution shall not be confined to the orphans of any particular sect or religious denomination, but shall be extended to destitute orphans in the city and county of Lancaster, without regard to the religious opinions or professions of the parents. *Proviso.*

SECTION 11. That the Governor is hereby authorized and required to draw his warrant on the State Treasurer, in favor of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, for the sum of eight thousand dollars, to enable said institution to finish the accommodations commenced under the authority of the legislature, for the education of all the deaf and dumb within this commonwealth of a suitable age, and moreover shall draw his warrant on the State Treasurer in favor of the said president, for the further sum of one hundred and sixty dollars for every indigent pupil taught in said school, one half to be paid at the expiration of the term of six months, and the remainder at the end of the year: *Pro- Penn's In-stitution for the Deaf and Dumb, \$8000 appropriated.* *Provided*, That no child shall be received into said institution, to be educated at the expense of this commonwealth, under the age of ten years nor over the age of twenty years, and that no one scholar shall be taught therein at the expense of this commonwealth more than six years: *And Provided also*, That after the pupils now in the institution from other states shall have finished their education, preference shall always be given to the children of this commonwealth when there are not accommodation for all who may apply; and that so much of the fourth section of the act of the eighth February, eighteen hundred and twenty-one, as limits the annual appropriation for tuition to eight thousand dollars, and so much of the first section of the act of twentieth of February, eighteen hundred and thirty-three, as limits the time each pupil shall receive instruction at the expense of the commonwealth to five years, be and the same are hereby repealed. *2d Proviso.*

SECTION 12. The preceding section of this act, so far as it relates to the annuity from the commonwealth, shall be annuity to and continue in force for six years from and after the first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, and no longer. *continue for 6 years.*

SECTION 13. The annual meeting of the contributors for the election of officers and directors of said institution, and to receive the report of the board of directors after the next *Annual meetings.*

annual meeting, shall take place on the third Wednesday in January in each and every succeeding year, and so much of that clause in the constitution and fundamental laws as requires the same to be held in May, from and after the next annual meeting, be and the same is hereby repealed.

LEWIS DEWART,

Speaker of the House of Representatives,

CHARLES Z. PENROSE,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The fourth day of April, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight.

JOS. RITNER.

No. 50.

An Act

For the incorporation of several Bridge companies, and for other purposes.

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 John Norris, James Milliken, David Cummings, James Parker, Findley Ellis, Abraham S. Wilson, James Dickson, Samuel Comfort, William Reed, William Mayes, Samuel Alexander and Henry Hall, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners to perform the several duties hereinafter mentioned, that is to say; they shall, on or before the first day of July next, procure one or more books for taking subscriptions of stock, and shall write therein as follows: We whose names are hereunto subscribed do promise to pay to the president, managers and company for erecting a bridge over the Juniata river, at the borough of Lewistown in the county of Mifflin, the sum of twenty dollars for every share of stock in said company set opposite to our respective names, in such manner and proportion and at such times as may be determined by the president and managers, in pursuance of an act of Assembly entitled "An act for the incorporation of several Bridge companies;"*

Witness our hands the day of one thousand eight hundred and ; and shall thereupon give notice in one or more newspapers printed in said county, for at least one month, of the time and place where the said

Lewistown & Tuscarora Bridge Co. Commiss'rs. To procure books. Form of subscription.