

[No. 65.]

## A N A C T

To incorporate the Edgeworth Ladies Seminary, in the township of Ohio in the county of Allegheny.

**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 the Female School, in the township of Ohio, in the county of Allegheny, be and hereby is erected into a seminary, for the education of female youth in the arts, sciences, and useful literature.

Seminary created.

**SECTION 2.** The said seminary shall be under the management, direction and government of a number of trustees, not exceeding twelve, five of whom shall be a quorum or a board for the transaction of business.

Number of trustees.

**SECTION 3.** The trustees of the said seminary shall consist of the following named persons, to wit: H. Denny, J. Kerr, Herron, the reverend Doctor Bruce, Thomas Henry, David Shields, R. Christy, S. F. Snowden, R. Peebles, William Nevin, Doctor Dixon, James Oliver, which said trustees and successors to be elected as hereinafter mentioned, (from among the holders of stock in said seminary) shall be, and they are hereby erected, established, and declared to be a body politic and corporate, with perpetual succession, and with all the incidents of a corporation, in deed and in law to all intents and purposes whatsoever, by the name, style, and title of "The Trustees of the Edgeworth Ladies Seminary," by which name and title, the said trustees and their successors shall be able and capable at law and in equity, to take to themselves and their successors, for the use of said seminary, any estate in any messuages, lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods, chattels, monies or other effects, by gift, grant, bargain, sale, conveyance, assurance, will, devise or bequest, of any person or persons whatsoever: *Provided*, The same does not exceed in the whole the yearly value of three thousand dollars, and the same messuages, lands, tenements, hereditaments and estates, real and personal, to grant, bargain, sell, convey, assure, demise, and to farm, let and place out on interest or otherwise dispose of, or invest for the use of the stockholders in said seminary, in such manner as to them or at least a quorum of them shall seem most beneficial to the institution, and to receive the rents, issues, profits, income and interest of the

First trustees.

Name and style.

Powers and franchises.

Proviso.

Income limited.

How invested

same, and to apply the same to the proper use of said seminary, and by the same name to sue, prosecute and defend, implead and be impleaded in any courts of law or equity, and in all manner of suits and actions whatsoever, and generally by and in the same name, to do and transact all and every the business touching or concerning the premises, or which shall be incidentally necessary thereto, as fully and effectually as any natural person, or body politic or corporate have power to manage their own concerns.

SECTION 4. The said trustees shall cause to be made for their use one common seal, with such devices and inscriptions thereon as they shall think proper, and by and with which all deeds, certificates and acts of the said corporation shall pass, and be authenticated, and the same seal at their pleasure may break and alter, and devise a new one. <sup>Seal.</sup>

SECTION 5. There shall be a meeting of said trustees held once in every year at least, at Sewickly, at such time as the said trustees or a quorum of them shall appoint, of which meeting due and timely notice shall be given, and if less than a quorum attend at such meeting, those present shall have the power to adjourn to another day; said trustees shall have the power of making and enacting ordinances for the government of the said seminary, of electing trustees from among the holders of stock in the seminary as aforesaid, in the place and stead of those who shall resign or die; of electing and appointing the teachers of the said seminary, of agreeing with them for their salaries and stipends, and of removing them for misconduct, breaches of the ordinances of the institution or other causes, which shall be deemed sufficient; of appointing committees of their own body, to carry into execution all and every the resolutions of the board; of appointing a president, secretary and treasurer, and other officers, whom they may find necessary for managing the corporation, or providing for the punishment of all violations of the rules, regulations or ordinances of the seminary, or other misconduct committed by the pupils, or other persons thereat, and generally at any annual adjourned or extra meetings shall determine all matters and things, although the same are not herein particularly mentioned, which shall occasionally arise and be incidentally necessary to be determined by said trustees: *Provided*, That no ordinances or regulations shall be of any force, which are repugnant to the constitution and laws of the United States, or of this commonwealth. <sup>Annual meeting.</sup> <sup>Notice of,</sup> <sup>Ordinances.</sup> <sup>Trustees, &c.</sup> <sup>Teachers.</sup> <sup>Salaries.</sup> <sup>Committees.</sup> <sup>President,</sup> <sup>secretary and</sup> <sup>treasurer.</sup> <sup>General powers.</sup> <sup>Proviso.</sup>

SECTION 6. That the teachers of said seminary, or a majority of them, shall have the power of enforcing the rules and regulations adopted by the trustees for the government of the pupils, and to grant and confirm, by the order and direction of a quorum of the board of trustees, such degrees in the arts, sciences or other branches thereof, to such pupils of the semi- <sup>Power of teachers.</sup>

Degrees: how may be conferred. nary, and others who by their proficiency in learning or other distinction they think shall be entitled to them, as have been usually granted in other similar seminaries, or which the said trustees or a quorum thereof shall think right and proper, and to grant to such graduates certificates under their common seal.

Who may be a trustee, teacher or pupil. SECTION 7. Persons of every religious denomination shall be capable of being elected trustees, nor shall any person, either as principal, teacher or pupil be refused admittance into said seminary, or denied any of the privileges, immunities or advantages thereof, for or on account of his sentiments in matters of religion:

Misnomer.

Proviso.

SECTION 8. No misnomer of the said corporation shall defeat or annul any gift, grant, devise or bequest, to or from said corporation: *Provided*, That the intent of the parties shall sufficiently appear upon the face of the gift, grant, will or other writing, whereby any estate or interest was intended to pass to or from said corporation.

Repealing clause.

SECTION 9. The legislature reserves the right to revoke, alter or annul the charter hereby granted, at any time they may think proper.

WM. HOPKINS,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

W. T. ROGERS,

*Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—The eighteenth day of March, eighteen hundred and forty.

DAVID R. PORTER.

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## A N A C T

To incorporate an academy in West Alexander, in the county of Washington.

Academy established.

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 there shall be and hereby is established at West Alexander, in the county of Washington, an academy or public school for the education of youth in the