

of its members, by instructions and practice in liberal and manly arts and exercises, the reconciliation of misunderstandings and differences, and the diffusion of principles of rational freedom, and for this purpose it shall and may be lawful for said corporation to purchase, lease or acquire by gift, real estate and buildings, and to build or cause to be erected sufficient and suitable buildings, to purchase or procure and hold the proper furniture, books and apparatus, to employ suitable teachers, agents and servants, and generally to do any act or thing necessary or proper to carry into effect or promote the lawful design and object of this corporation.

“SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That every man of irreproachable character, of the age of twenty-one years, a citizen of the United States, or who has in legal form declared his intention to become a citizen, may become a member of the Union under the conditions and subject to the rules prescribed in the constitution and by-laws; and the Union in general assembly shall be competent to prescribe the boards of officers and their duties, and affix such limits to their power; to adopt and put in operation, alter or abolish such constitution, by-laws, rules and regulations as to the members shall seem most conducive to the interests of the Union, provided the same be not contrary to the Constitution of this State or of the United States.

“SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That all the property and estate of the corporation shall be held bound and answerable for all contracts and engagements made and for all liabilities incurred by said corporation and its authorized agents; but the Union shall not be dissolved as long as seven members remain; should the number be reduced to less than seven, they shall transfer the whole property of the Union to a general German hospital, or apply the same to the foundation of such a hospital in the city of Baltimore, Maryland, and no division of the property shall ever take place.

“SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to authorize or empower said corporation to issue any note, certificate, token or evidence of debt, to be used as currency.

“SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That the General Assembly reserves the right to modify, amend or repeal this act at any time.

“SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect its passage.”

Which was adopted.

The said bill was then read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.