and their successors forever, for the use and benefit of the congregation, according to the rules and regulations of the discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and the deeds or other conveyances made to the trustees hereby incorporated, or any of their predecessors, shall be for the benefit of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and they are hereby made legal and valid to all intents and purposes, as much so as if the said trustees had been incorporated before receiving such deeds and conveyances.

Vacancy how filled. SEC. 4. And be it enacted, That whenever any vacancy shall occur in the board of trustees, in consequence of death, removal, resignation, or ceasing to be members of said church or congregation, worshipping at their regular place of worship, said vacancy shall be filled in pursuance to the discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and all elections of trustees hereafter shall be according to the discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In force.

SEC. 5. And be it enacted, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 5, 1878.