

and three laymen elected by the general conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, and the said board of governors, as such, shall constitute the said corporation.

Term of office. SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the board of governors, so constituted, shall hold office for the period of four years, or until their successors are elected as hereinafter provided.

First board. SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That all the persons first herein named shall be and act as the first board of governors of said corporation until their successors shall be elected as hereinafter provided.

Board—how elected. SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That the Maryland annual conference of the Methodist Protestant Church shall, at its session next succeeding the passage of this act of incorporation, and every four years thereafter elect three ministers and two laymen to fill the vacancy occasioned by the expiration of the term of office of said board of governors as aforesaid; provided that at least three of those persons previously elected members of said board of governors, from the said Maryland annual conference, shall be among the members so elected, and that the general conference of the Methodist Protestant church shall, at its session next succeeding the passage of this act of incorporation, and at each quadrennial session thereafter, elect two ministers and three laymen to fill the vacancy occasioned by the expiration of the term of office of those members of said board of governors previously elected by said general conference; and the members of said board of governors thus elected shall succeed to all the rights, powers and privileges, and perform all the duties herein conferred and imposed upon their immediate predecessor in office, and shall at the expiration of their term of office surrender all their rights, powers, privileges and prerogatives as said corporation, as well as said board of governors, to their successors; and any vacancy occurring in said board of governors by death, resignation or otherwise, shall be filled by said board until the ensuing meeting of the said Maryland conference or the said general conference, as the case may be, where an election shall be held to fill such vacancy; but failure to elect members of said board of governors shall not work a forfeiture of this charter or the dissolution of the corpo-

Succeed to rights, &c.

Vacancy—how filled.