

officers of said corporation hereby created until the regular time for the election of officers as prescribed by the constitution and laws of the Supreme Conclave Improved Order of Heptasophs, governing the subordinate conclaves and their qualifications for office.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the said corporation shall be capable in law to have, receive and retain to it property, real, personal and mixed, also devises or bequests of any person or persons capable of making the same, and the same at its pleasure to transfer, mortgage or otherwise dispose of; provided, always, that the said corporation shall not at any time hold or possess property, not personal or mixed, exceeding in value the sum of five thousand dollars.

Capable to
have,
receive, etc.

Effective.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 2, 1898.

CHAPTER 17.

AN ACT to change the name of the Trustees of the Sheppard Asylum, incorporated by the General Assembly of Maryland by the Act of 1853, Chapter 274, as amended by the Act of 1886, Chapter 9:

Preamble.

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland by chapter 274 of the Acts passed at its January session, 1853, created a corporation under the name of "The Trustees of the Sheppard Asylum," which Act, by its second section provided, "that the object and design of the said corporation is hereby declared to be the founding and maintaining an asylum for the insane, the entire management of which shall be vested in the said trustees;" and

Preamble.

WHEREAS, During the six years of the operation of the institution, which was opened for the reception of patients in 1891, the value of this asylum to the State has been fully demonstrated; and

Preamble.

WHEREAS, The late Enoch Pratt having manifested great interest in the successful management of the institution by the trustees, with their limited resources, and with a desire to broaden its usefulness, after providing for his relatives, dedicated the residue of his fortune to the same corporation for the same work under the administration of the said trustees, without other restriction or limitation, than that his name should be associated with that of Moses Sheppard.