

Power to hold real estate and other property for support of Home Missionaries.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That for the purpose of sending and supporting Ministers of the Gospel as Home Missionaries, within the bounds of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant church, the Home Missionary Society of said Conference incorporated by this act, is hereby made able and capable in law, to have, hold, purchase, receive, possess, enjoy and retain to them and their successors, any estate or interest whatever in lands, chattels, annuities, rents, bank stock, registered debts, public or private securities, or other real or personal property, within or without the State, by deed, assignment, devise, bequest or other mode of conveyance, or transfer of or from any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, having legal capability to make such transfer or conveyance; and the same at their pleasure, to improve, lease, rent, incumber, dispose of or alien in such manner as they may judge most conducive to the benevolent purposes of said society; *provided*, their entire property or estate shall at no time exceed in value the sum of forty thousand dollars.

Annual meetings—election and duties of officers.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the Home Missionary Society of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant church, shall meet annually at the place, and during the time of the meeting of the Maryland Annual Conference, and shall elect a President and not exceeding twelve vice Presidents, and a board of eight Managers, a Treasurer and Secretary; said officers to hold their office for one year, and until their successors are elected, and to perform such duties as the constitution and by-laws of the society may prescribe, not inconsistent with the Constitution and Laws of the State.

Constitution and by-laws.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That said society at its first annual meeting, shall adopt a constitution and by-laws, prescribing the duties of all its officers and directing how all monies shall be invested, and prescribe the terms of membership, and may alter, amend, or change their constitution and by-laws at pleasure.

Permanent fund; disposition of interest.

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted*, That any estate or interest whatever, in lands, chattels, annuities, rents, bank stock, registered debts, public or private securities, or other real or personal property, with-