

CHAPTER 233.

Passed March
2, 1856.

AN ACT to make valid and effectual the devise and provisions contained in the last will and testament of Thomas Shields, deceased, for the benefit of the First Baptist Church, of Philadelphia.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, Thomas Shields, of Philadelphia, by his last will and testament, dated the seventeenth day of July, in the year eighteen hundred and thirty-two, duly admitted to probate in the Register's Office of the City of Philadelphia, on the twenty-sixth day of December, eighteen hundred and forty-five, a duly certified copy whereof was, on the eleventh of March, eighteen hundred and forty-six, filed in the office of the Register of Wills for Baltimore county, and is therein recorded in liber D. M. P., number twenty-five, folio one hundred and one, devised and bequeathed unto his brother Daniel Shields, his house and lot situated on Baltimore street, in the City of Baltimore, in trust for the First Baptist Church of Philadelphia, with the direction that he should, as soon as practicable after the decease of said Thomas Shields, execute a conveyance of said house and lot to said Church, for their own proper use and behoof, with the proviso therein, that the nett proceeds of the rent of said house and lot should be for the use and benefit of the poor members of said Church forever, and should be disposed of in the same way and manner as the income of the real estate, held by said Church, for the benefit of poor members is distributed, and for no other use whatsoever; *And whereas*, it is the object of this law to give effect to so much of the will of said testator as is set forth in the above recital; *And whereas*, said David Shields, by deed dated the twelfth day of March, eighteen hundred and forty-six, conveyed said lot to the said First Baptist Church, of Philadelphia, by its then name of the First Baptist Church, of Philadelphia, meeting for worship in Second street, between High and Mulberry streets; *And whereas*, the

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