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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

SIXTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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as is provided in the case of damages for lands taken in laying out highways if compensation therefor cannot be satisfactorily arranged with the owners of any lands so taken or flowed, by mutual agreement with such owners.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 8, 1883.

### Chapter 194.

An Act to authorize the sale of the Belgrade Hill Meeting House in North Belgrade, in the town of Belgrade.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

SECT. 1. The pew-holders of the Belgrade Hill meeting house, situate at North Belgrade, in the town of Belgrade, are hereby empowered to sell and convey all the interest of said pew-holders in said house and lot.

Pew-holders authorized to sell meeting house.

SECT. 2. Samuel E. Judkins, Thomas Eldred, Charles B. Crowell, or either of them, are hereby authorized and empowered to call a meeting of said pew-holders at the said meeting house. Said meeting is hereby authorized to appoint a suitable person or persons to sell and convey the property in said house and lot, at public or private sale, as said meeting shall determine. Notice of said meeting shall be posted in two public places in said town of Belgrade, and on the outer door of said meeting house, two weeks at least before said meeting.

Sale of, how conducted.

Approved February 8, 1883.

### Chapter 195.

An Act relating to the Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female College.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

That the act incorporating the trustees of the Readfield Religious and Charitable Society, passed February twenty-eight, eighteen hundred and twenty-one, with all subsequent acts additional thereto and amendatory thereof, said corpora-

Special laws of Feb. 28, 1821, and subsequent acts, amended.

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tion being now known as the Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female College, is hereby altered and amended, so that as altered and amended it shall read as follows, viz :

Trustees.

SECT. 1. Eliphalet Clark, John L. Blake, Reuben B. Dunn, Stephen Allen, Henry P. Torsey, Daniel B. Randall, Charles F. Allen, Anson P. Morrill, Thurston W. Stevens, John J. Perry, David R. Sampson, Francis A. Robinson, Joseph L. Morse, William Deering, John W. Munger, John N. Houghton, Ransom C. Pingree, John Ayer, Edwin R. French, Everett R. Drummond, Henry M. Blake, Guy C. Goss, Joseph A. Locke, Moses French, Ammi S. Ladd, Alden J. Blethen, Roscoe Sanderson and R. Wesley Dunn, being the present board of trustees, their associates and successors, are hereby continued and constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female College, and by that name shall have power to prosecute and defend suits at law, to have and use a common seal and to change the same at pleasure, to take and hold for the objects of their association by gift, grant, donation, devise, bequest, purchase or otherwise, any estate, real or personal, the net annual income of which shall not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars, and to sell and convey any estate, real or personal, which the interests of said institution may require to be exchanged, and all donations, gifts, grants, devises or bequests made to said corporation for specific purposes shall be appropriated according to the will and design of the donor, and in no other way.

Corporate name.

—powers and  
privileges.Property to be  
used for promo-  
tion of education.

SECT. 2. All property and estate, real and personal, which may at any time by gift, grant, donation, devise, bequest, purchase or otherwise, come into the possession of the said board of trustees, in their corporate capacity, shall be faithfully applied to the promotion of the cause of education by maintaining a seminary for males and females and a college for females at Kent's Hill, in Readfield, in the county of Kennebec, in this State.

Trustees may  
adopt by-laws.

SECT. 3. The board of trustees aforesaid may adopt such rules, regulations and by-laws, the same not being repugnant to the laws of this state, as they may deem expedient for the management of their affairs, for the proper discipline and order, and for the general prosperity of said seminary and college; they shall have power to establish in the said seminary and college such departments and courses of study as

—establish  
course of study.

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they may elect to establish; they shall fill by ballot all vacancies occurring in their board; they shall annually elect from their membership a president, secretary and treasurer, and the treasurer shall give bond to the satisfaction of the trustees for the faithful discharge of his duties; they shall annually elect the president of said seminary and college, and all necessary professors and teachers, and shall have power to remove the same at pleasure; but the president or any professor or teacher so elected shall not be removed during his term of office until reasonable notice shall have been given him in writing, specifying the grounds of removal, and a full hearing upon the specifications shall have taken place before the board of trustees, and a majority of the whole of said board is required to effect such removal; they shall have power to confer upon females graduating such degrees as are usually conferred by colleges or universities established for the education of youth.

Fill vacancies.

—elect officers from their membership.

—elect faculty and remove same.

—confer degrees.

SECT. 4. The number of said board of trustees shall not at any time be less than twenty nor more than twenty-five, except that the president of the faculty shall, ex-officio, be a member of the board for the time being and as hereinafter provided in section six, two-thirds of whom shall be members of the Methodist Episcopal church in regular standing, and nine shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Number of trustees fixed.

—quorum.

SECT. 5. Whenever any one person shall give to this corporation for educational purposes, as aforesaid, the sum of five thousand dollars in real or personal estate, the said person shall have the privilege of appointing one additional trustee to the existing number, four of said trustees above named having already been appointed under the provisions of this section, and also of directing how and in what way and manner his successor shall be elected and appointed forever, which shall be as valid as if the way and manner had been provided in this act.

Certain persons may appoint additional trustees.

SECT. 6. The said board of trustees shall have power to remove any trustee from their corporation whenever in the judgment of two-thirds of the remaining trustees for the time being, he shall become morally, or by age or otherwise disqualified from performing the duties of his office, and in filling any vacancy, cannot elect any person not a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in regular standing, unless

How trustees may be removed.

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after said election, two-thirds of the said board of trustees shall then be members of the Methodist Episcopal church as aforesaid.

Bequests, etc., heretofore made to trustees in another name, shall be deemed property of this college.

SECT. 7. All donations, gifts, grants, conveyances, devises, and bequests heretofore made to the trustees of the Readfield Religious and Charitable Society; to the trustees of the Maine Wesleyan Seminary; to the trustees of the Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female Collegiate Institute; to the Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female College, or that shall hereafter be made to either of said corporations or to the trustees thereof, shall be deemed good and valid and shall be and become the property of said Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female College as if made to the said seminary and college, or to the trustees thereof, and shall be held by said trustees as if made to them, and the said trustees shall have the same right to prosecute in their corporate name any action at law or in equity upon any contract or liability heretofore made or existing with the trustees of the Readfield Religious and Charitable Society; the trustees of the Maine Wesleyan Seminary; the trustees of the Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female Collegiate Institute; or with the Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female College, as the said body politic, under whatever name, might have done if the name thereof had not been changed; and also to defend any suit which may be brought against them upon any such contract or liability; and all acts of said trustees in their corporate capacity are hereby ratified.

Inconsistent acts repealed.

SECT. 8. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

SECT. 9. The legislature shall have power to alter or amend this act at any time.

SECT. 10. This act shall take effect when approved.'

Approved February 8, 1883.