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OF THE

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OF THE

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE.

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Chapter 1.

An Act to incorporate the General Conference of Free Baptists.

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

SECT. 1. Oren B. Cheney, George H. Ball, Laura A. DeMeritte, Clarence A. Bickford, Nathan C. Brackett, Emeline S. Burlingame, Amanda M. Pendleton, Ethnan W. Porter, Orin D. Patch, George F. Mosher, John T. Ward, Richard M. Lawrence, Lewis W. Anthony, Ellen A. Copp, Alpheus W. Gates, Rufus Deering, Elizabeth Colley, Arthur Given, J. Burnham Davis, Cyrus H. Latham, DeWitt C. Durgin, Eliza M. Jackson, George A. Gordon, Henry J. Brown, Emily L. Marshall, Oscar E. Baker, Charles S. Perkins, their associates and successors are hereby constituted a corporation for religious, missionary, educational and charitable purposes under the name of the General Conference of Free Baptists, and by that name shall have power to prosecute and defend suits at law, to use a common seal and to change the same at pleasure, to take and hold for the objects of said corporation by gift, grant, bequest, purchase or otherwise, any estate, real or personal or both, the annual

—corporate name.
—powers.
—income limited.

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Constitution and by-laws.

SECT. 2. The said corporation may choose all necessary officers, and adopt such a constitution, and such by-laws, the same not being repugnant to the constitution and laws of this state, as they may deem expedient for the management of their affairs from time to time; and they shall be and they are hereby invested with all the powers, privileges, rights and immunities incident to similar corporations.

Membership.

SECT. 3. The persons named in the first section of this act as members of the said General Conference of Free Baptists shall be members thereof only until the said Conference shall be duly organized under a constitution and by-laws as provided in section two of this act; and from and after the time when the said Conference shall be thus organized, the members thereof shall be such persons as may be chosen delegates by the associations, yearly meetings, and other bodies composing the said Conference and such other persons as the said Conference may designate in the constitution which they may from time to time adopt.

Conference board, and powers.

SECT. 4. The said General Conference may appoint a board, to be called the Conference Board, and to consist of as many members as the Conference may deem necessary, to whom full power may be delegated to act for and in behalf of the Conference from one meeting of the Conference to another.

Meetings, where held.

SECT. 5. The said General Conference shall hold their stated meetings for the choice of officers and for other purposes in some part of the United States of America. They may hold special meetings in any foreign country. Their officers may be residents of the United States of America or of any foreign country, with the exception of their clerk or recording secretary who shall always be a citizen of the United States of America.

—officers.

Authorized to hold the property of other societies.

SECT. 6. The Freewill Baptist Foreign Mission Society incorporated by an act approved January twenty-nine, eighteen hundred and thirty three, and amended by an act entitled "An Act additional to An Act to incorporate the Freewill Baptist Foreign Mission Society," approved February nineteen,

eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, and amended again by an act entitled "An Act to amend the charter of the Freewill Baptist Foreign Mission Society," approved January twenty-six, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, are hereby authorized and empowered to transfer and deliver to the said General Conference of Free Baptists all their real and personal property and estate, and all their powers, privileges, rights and immunities, to be held and used by the said Conference for the purposes mentioned in this act; and upon such transfer and delivery, all the powers, privileges, rights and immunities of the said society shall be vested in the said General Conference of Free Baptists.

SECT. 7. The Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society incorporated by an act approved January twenty-six, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, are hereby authorized and empowered to transfer and deliver to the said General Conference of Free Baptists all their real and personal property and estate and all their powers, privileges, rights and immunities, to be held and used by the said Conference for the purposes mentioned in this act, and upon such transfer and delivery, all the powers, privileges, rights and immunities of the said society shall be vested in the said Conference.

Authorized to hold the property of the F. W. B. Woman's Missionary Society.

SECT. 8. The said General Conference shall have the right to hold and use for the purposes mentioned in this act all the real and personal property and estate, and shall be entitled to all the powers, privileges, rights and immunities of the Freewill Baptist Home Mission Society, a corporation existing under the laws of the State of New Hampshire by an act approved June twenty-eight, eighteen hundred and thirty eight, and amended by an act approved June twenty-seven, eighteen hundred and fifty-nine, and amended again by an act approved July five, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, whenever the said society being duly authorized by the said State of New Hampshire shall transfer and deliver the same.

Authorized to hold the property of the F. W. B. M. S.

SECT. 9. The said General Conference shall have the right to hold and use for the purposes mentioned in this act, all the real and personal property and estate, and shall be entitled to all the powers, privileges, rights and immunities of the Freewill Baptist Educational Society, a corporation existing under the laws of the State of New Hampshire by an act approved July seven, eighteen hundred and forty-six, and

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amended by an act approved June twenty-nine, eighteen hundred and seventy, entitled "An Act in amendment of an act to incorporate the Freewill Baptist Educational Society," whenever the said society being duly authorized by the said State of New Hampshire shall transfer and deliver the same.

Property and bequests, how held and used.

SECT. 10. All property held by the said societies, and all gifts, bequests, devises and conveyances of property heretofore made to said societies, or which may hereafter be made to them or any of them shall be held and used by the said Conference for the purpose designated in the making of the several gifts, bequests, devises and conveyances and shall be subject to all the conditions, limitations and uses contained in the several gifts, bequests, devises and conveyances to said societies.

May hold additional property.

SECT. 11. Whenever the said societies or any one of them shall transfer their property to the said Conference, the said Conference shall have the right to hold and use for the purposes mentioned in this act, the property that may be thus transferred in addition to the sum of personal and real estate authorized to be held in section one of this act.

Property of societies, not transferable, how held.

SECT. 12. If at the time of the transfer and delivery of the real and personal property and estate of the said societies or of any one of them to the said General Conference of Free Baptists, or at any other time the said societies or any one of them, holds any property, gifts, bequests or devises, which are not transferable, said societies or any one of them shall continue to hold and use the property thus held for the purpose designated in making of the gifts, bequests, devises or conveyances of property thus held.

Quorum.

SECT. 13. It shall not be necessary for more than nine persons mentioned in the first section of this act as corporators to constitute a quorum for the acceptance of this act, and the said Conference shall have the right to fix the number to constitute their quorum from time to time, and also to fix the number to constitute the quorum of their Conference Board.

First meeting, how called.

SECT. 14. Oren B. Cheney, George H. Ball, Laura A. DeMeritte, Clarence A. Bickford and Nathan C. Brackett, or any five persons mentioned in the first section of this act may call the first meeting of this corporation by giving notice of the time and place in some paper published in this state, at

least fourteen days before the time of holding said meeting.

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SECT. 15. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved January 19, 1891.

Chapter 2.

An Act ratifying the change of name of the Penobscot Shore Line Railroad Company.

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

SECT. 1. The change of name of the Penobscot Shore Line Railroad Company to Knox and Lincoln Railway is hereby ratified and confirmed. Name changed.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved January 21, 1891.

Chapter 3.

An Act to amend the charter of the Maine Charity School.

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

Section four of the charter of the Maine Charity School is hereby amended, by striking out the word "fifteen" in said section, and inserting the word 'fifty,' so that when amended it shall read as follows: Sec. 4 of charter, amended.

'SECT. 4. Be it further enacted that said trustees, in behalf of said seminary, may receive and hold in fee simple, or otherwise, by gift, grant, demise, devise, bequest or otherwise, any lands or other estate, real or personal; provided, the annual income thereof shall not exceed the sum of fifty thousand dollars; and the said trustees may sell, demise, grant or otherwise dispose of the same, and apply the proceeds, rents, and profits thereof, in such way as they may judge will be most conducive to the general interest of said seminary, and the promotion of piety and literature; and said corporation is hereby made capable in law, to sue and be sued in all actions, real and personal, or mixed, and to prosecute and defend the same to final judgment and execution, by the name of the Maine Charity School, and said trustees may, at any time appoint an agent to prosecute or defend such suit.' Authorized to hold real and personal property.
—annual income, limited.
—may maintain actions.

Approved January 21, 1891.