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Chapter 4.

An Act to Enable Forest Hill Cemetery Association to Convey its Real Estate and Personal Property to the Inhabitants of Bridgton as Body Corporate and to Dissolve said Association.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. May convey its property to town of Bridgton. That Forest Hill Cemetery Association, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Maine, as and for a public burying ground association located at Bridgton in the County of Cumberland, is authorized and empowered to give without compensation and convey by deed to the inhabitants of Bridgton as a body corporate all the right, title and interest of said association at the time of such conveyance in and to any and all real estate and all money by it then owned to be held and owned by said body corporate as and for a town public burying ground with the right to sell and convey unsold burial lots therein with such privileges and appurtenances as appertain and attach to such lots.

Sec. 2. Town may accept. And said body corporate is authorized and empowered to take and receive by deed said right, title and interest of said association in said real estate and in said money for the purpose and object of converting said burial ground into a town public burying ground to be held, managed and controlled by said body corporate as town burial grounds are required to be held, managed and controlled by law. Any action by said body corporate in the premises may be taken at a meeting of the voters thereof duly called therefor.

Sec. 3. Dissolution of association. Upon acceptance of said real estate and money by said body corporate as aforesaid said association is hereby dissolved.

Approved February 16, 1917.

Chapter 5.

An Act to Make Valid the Organization and Records of the Fourth Congregational (Abyssinian) Church of Portland, and to Authorize said Corporation to Convey Certain Real Estate.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. Organization declared valid; officers and members. The organization of the Fourth Congregational (Abyssinian) Church of Portland as a corporation under the laws of said state, is hereby declared to be valid, and Joseph C. Fisher of the city of Portland is declared to be the clerk of said corporation, and Ruth Eastman is declared to be the treasurer thereof; and Lucy A. Heuston, Caroline Spencer, Louise Palmer, Ruth Eastman and Joseph C. Fisher are declared to be the present members of said corporation.

Sec. 2. Former acts validated. The record of all votes passed prior to the passage of this act, are hereby made valid and legal records, and the same shall be evidence of the votes therein recorded.

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Sec. 3. Meeting may be called; property may be conveyed. Said Joseph C. Fisher as the clerk of said corporation, is hereby authorized to call a meeting of the members thereof to be held in the city of Portland on such date after the approval of this act as he may designate, of which meeting seven days' public notice shall be given, by publishing such notice in one of the daily newspapers published in said city. At such meeting the members of said corporation are authorized and empowered to pass the necessary votes to authorize the sale and conveyance of the real estate now belonging to said Fourth Congregational (Abyssinian) Church of Portland. The deed to be executed by said corporation shall refer to this act, and before its delivery shall be approved by some officer duly authorized by The Congregational Conference and Missionary Society of Maine; and such deed when so approved and executed by said Fourth Congregational (Abyssinian) Church, shall be legal and valid, and operate to convey the interest of said corporation in said real estate.

Sec. 4. Disposition of proceeds of sale. The consideration received from the sale of such real estate, shall be paid to The Congregational Conference and Missionary Society of Maine, and after repaying itself for the moneys hereto advanced on behalf of said Fourth Congregational (Abyssinian) Church of Portland, the balance thereof shall be held by said The Congregational Conference and Missionary Society of Maine, and known as the "Abyssinian Fund," and the same shall be so invested that it will always be subject to identification. The income of such fund may be used by said The Congregational Conference and Missionary Society of Maine in carrying out its general work; but accurate accounts of such income shall be kept, so that the amount thereof may, at any time, be definitely determined; and in the event that said Fourth Congregational (Abyssinian) Church shall, at any time hereafter, become so far revived, as in the judgment of said The Congregational Conference and Missionary Society of Maine to be capable of receiving and using said fund, for the purposes for which it was originally donated to said church, then said The Congregational Conference and Missionary Society of Maine shall be authorized to pay such part of the principal, or the income of said fund, over to said church, as it deems proper at said time. Said The Congregational Conference and Missionary Society of Maine is also authorized to pay the whole or any part of the income or principal of said fund, toward the erection, repair or alteration of any church building for colored people in the City of Portland, or for the support of any church, or for religious work among the people of that race in said city, if, in the judgment of the directors of said The Congregational Conference and Missionary Society of Maine, such course shall, at any time, be deemed wise and proper.

Approved February 24, 1917.