

of inspection as are used in the state of New Jersey or in the city of New York.

20. SEC. 2. The inspectors may charge the same fees as are now charged in New York; the said merchandise while the same is in bulk on the wharves, docks, piers, stores and warehouses for exportation or importation shall be exempted from the attachment laws of the state of New Jersey.

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P. L. 1853, p. 355.
" 1866, p. 770.
" 1872, p. 81.

Revision—Approved April 9, 1875.

1. That every association of persons not exceeding one thousand in number associated for benevolent and charitable purposes, be and they are hereby authorized, at any regular meeting of such association, by a majority of votes, to elect by ballot, or otherwise, according to the constitution or by-laws of such association, to appoint one or as many officers of such association as shall be deemed necessary, which said association and such other persons as may be associated with them, are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate in law, by whatever name they shall assume, and by such name shall have succession and continuance, and be capable in law of suing and being sued, defending and being defended, in all courts and places whatever, and may have and use a common seal, and alter and renew the same at pleasure, and by their name as aforesaid, and under their common seal, may make and enter into, execute and enforce any contracts or agreements relating to, touching or concerning the objects of said corporation.

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2. The said officer or officers of such association, elected as aforesaid, shall immediately certify such corporate name, under his or their hands, and file such certificate in the office of the clerk of the court of common pleas of the county in which such association shall have holden the said meeting, whose duty it shall be to record the same, and for which he shall be entitled to receive twenty-five cents.

Certificate of corporate name to be filed and recorded.

3. The estate and property, of what kind soever the same may be, of such association, shall be vested in them as a corporation, and by their corporate name such association shall be able to purchase, receive, take hold and convey, for the use and benefit of such corporation, and for the purpose of effecting the objects of its incorporation, any lands tenements and hereditaments, and any sum or sums of money, rights, securities, goods and chattels, by gift, alienation, devise, bequest or otherwise, of any person or persons, bodies politic and corporate.

Power to hold lands.

4. Incorporations under this act shall be authorized to make, adopt, and use, and from time to time to alter, amend, or change such general form of a constitution, and such by-laws for their government, as to them shall seem right and proper; *provided*, that nothing in said constitution or by-laws be repugnant to the constitution or laws of the United States or of this state.

May make a constitution and by-laws.

5. The sole and exclusive object of incorporations under this act, shall be the relief or support of such of the members thereof as shall by sickness, casualty, or other cause, be rendered incapable of attending to

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their usual occupation or calling,^(a) as well as to discourage intemperance and diffuse the principles of benevolence and charity, and also to promote the decent interment of deceased members, or the widows of deceased members, or to promote religion by local missions or Sunday schools, and other charitable purposes, as may be provided for in the constitution and by-laws of such incorporation, and to provide such necessary expenses as shall accrue by carrying into effect the objects herein set forth; and no part of the funds of such corporation shall be used for banking purpose, or in any manner, except as provided for in this act.

Officers, how elected.

6. The officers of any such incorporation shall be elected or appointed in such manner, at such times, and in such place, as the said corporation shall by their constitution or by-laws provide; and the officer or officers to whom shall be entrusted the custody of the funds of any such corporation shall give bond for the faithful discharge of the duties of his or their office, in such sum and with such sureties as the association may determine.

What officers to give bond.

Charitable associations heretofore incorporated authorized to organize under this act.
P. L. 1853, p. 355.

7. Any association of persons heretofore incorporated under the provisions of the act entitled "An act to incorporate benevolent and charitable associations," passed March twelfth, eighteen hundred and forty-four, or under the act having the same title, approved March ninth, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, are hereby authorized to organize under this act in the manner provided in the first section; and upon filing a certificate of the corporate name of such association, as required by the second section, all the right, title and interest of any association heretofore incorporated, in any estate, real or personal, shall be vested in the said body corporate and politic so created, and the original incorporation of such association shall be null and void.

Grand lodge or other legislative head of benevolent societies, &c. may select trustees of its corporation for college or home.
P. L. 1872, p. 31.

8. Whenever any benevolent or fraternal organization or society having a grand lodge, or other legislative head, duly organized and existing in this state, shall determine to establish a college for the education of orphans and others, or a home for widows, orphans and aged members of such society in this state, they may become incorporated under this act, and such organization or society shall have and may retain the right, through its grand lodge or other legislative head, to select and name the persons who shall form such corporation, and be the first trustees thereof, and to prescribe the terms of office of such trustees, and provide for their classification, so that a portion thereof shall go out of office, and their successors be elected at each annual session, and by the members present of such grand lodge or society; the said grand lodge or society may also provide that no person shall be a trustee of such corporation, unless he be a member of such order, organization or society, in good standing; and may also require said board of trustees to report annually to the grand lodge or society founding the same, the condition of affairs of such corporation, and the amount and manner of its receipts and expenditures.

Restriction as to numbers, &c., when to apply.

9. The restriction as to numbers in section one, and as to the amount of income in section three of this act, shall not apply to corporations formed for the purpose of establishing a college and home as above provided.

Power of alteration, &c.

10. The legislature may at any time alter, modify, or repeal this act, and may also annul or repeal the charter of any association incorporated under and by virtue of the provisions of this act; and the same shall take effect immediately.

(a) In an action to recover the amount due a member during sickness, &c., he must show what the rules and regulations in regard to the beneficiaries are, and that he

has complied with them, *Beneficial Society of Burlington v. White*, 1 Vr. 313.

By supplement approved March 24, 1875, (P. L. 40), the provisions of the above act are extended to the subordinate councils of the Junior Order of American Mechanics.

By supplement approved March 31, 1875, (P. L. 46), extended to all associations of persons whose object is to promote social intercourse, or to provide a library, &c., or a place and the means for engaging in lawful amusements and physical exercise.