

An Act to incorporate the "Lane Seminary"

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the general assembly of the state of Ohio, that there shall be established

in the vicinity of Cincinnati a Seminary of learning the primary object of which shall be to educate pious young men for the gospel ministry under the style & title of the "Lane Seminary" —

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, that the fundamental principle of this Seminary shall be that every student be required to spend not less than three nor more than four hours each day in an average in agricultural or mechanical labor the avails of which shall be applied towards defraying the expenses of the institution including the board &c of the students —

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, that Joshua S. Wilson, David Root, James Challen, William Schilling, Robert Deal Jr, Sady C. Fung, John F. Keys, Isaac J. Dornel, Ephraim Robbins, James Manaw, John H. Grousbek, Robert Wallace, William W. Greene, John Thompson, Daniel Hayden, Benjamin Gray, Ludwell J. Gains, Jacob Lindly, Caleb Kemper, James Thompson, Daniel Warty, Samuel Sauray & Abraham A. Haley and their associates & successors known by the name of the "Ohio Board of Education" be & they hereby are enacted to make a body Corporate & politic with perpetual succession who shall be known & distinguished by the name & style of the "Trustees of the Lane Seminary" & by that name & style they & their associates & successors shall be a body in law capable of contracting & being contractet with, suing & being sued, pleading & being impleaded, answering &

- being authorized suits, defending & being defended as natural persons as a may be in all courts & places, & in all manner of Suits, Complaints, bills, Causes, & matters what-soever - They may have & use a common Seal - They shall be capable of purchasing, receiving, holding, & enjoying, and of granting, selling, & conveying any estate or property real or personal necessary for promoting the object of this act of incorporation, which object is also declared -
- Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That the Trustees aforesaid & their Associates & Successors shall have power to perpetuate their Board by filling their own vacancies occasioned by death, resignation, unreasonableness or otherwise - provided that the said Board shall always consist of not less than twenty three nor more than thirty five Trustees -
- Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That they shall annually be elected by the said Board of Trustees from their own body a President, three Vice Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer & such other Officers as the said Trustees their Associates & Successors may find it necessary from time to time to appoint -
- Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, That the Board shall annually elect an Executive Committee consisting of thirteen Trustees, including the Officers, who shall conduct the affairs of the Board under its direction, seven of whom shall constitute a quorum -
- Sec. 7. And be it further enacted, That the Officers & members of the Executive Committee shall reside in the city of Cincinnati or its vicinity and shall be elected by ballot -

Sec. 8. And be it further enacted, that a majority of the members of the Board of the Executive Committee as well as all the instructors employed in the Theological Department of the Seminary, shall be members of the Presbyterian Church under the care of the General Assembly of the United States in good standing -

Sec. 9. And be it further enacted, that the first officers of the Board shall be Rev. John S. Wilson President, Rev. David Root, Rev. Jacob Lindley & Isaac G. Bennett Esq. Vice Presidents - Abraham A. Halsey Recording Secretary, James Warren Corresponding Secretary & John A. Groesbeck Treasurer who together with John F. Keys, Sabin C. Finis, William W. Green, Robert Boal Jr. Calist Kimpfer, & William Schillingen shall compose the first Executive Committee to serve in their respective offices until the annual meeting in the year 1829 -

Sec. 10. And be it further enacted, that the Board of Trustees of said Seminary may grant & confer on any candidate in such form as they may direct all or any of the degrees that are usually conferred in any college or University within the United States -

Sec. 11. And be it further enacted, that the Board of Trustees may appoint such professors & tutors as they shall think necessary & remove them at their pleasure - they may from time to time make & enforce such rules regulations and bye-laws for the government & well being of the Seminary as may seem to them proper - provided they be consistent with the laws of the United States & of this State - they may bestow in the faculty or professors such powers as they may think expedient for the preservation of good order & for enforcing obedience

to the rules, regulations & bye laws of the
institution - they may hold their meetings at such
times & places as they may designate & appoint - The
President may call special meetings at any time &
such meetings shall always be called by the President or
Recording Secretary at the written request of three of the
members of the Board of which meetings notice shall
be given - And generally the Board shall have power to
perform all such matters & things as they may judge
necessary for the benefit of said institution -

Sec. 12. And be it further enacted, that the annual meeting
of the Board of Trustees shall be holden on the last
Wednesday in October at 10 o'clock A.M. when the
Officers & Executive Committee shall be chosen, the
proceedings of the past year reported, the accounts
audited & such other business transacted as may occur -

This Act shall be subject to such
alterations as the General Assembly may from time
to time see proper to make -