

SENATE....No. 48.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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IN SENATE, February 14, 1868.

The Committee on Public Charitable Institutions, to whom was referred the petition of the Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, for amendment of charter, report the accompanying Bill.

Per order,

FRANCIS B. FAY,  
*For the Committee.*

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-  
Eight.

### AN ACT

To unite the Massachusetts Sabbath School Society and  
the Congregational Board of Publication.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-  
tives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of  
the same, as follows:—*

1   SECT. 1. The corporation heretofore established  
2 by the name of the Massachusetts Sabbath School  
3 Society shall hereafter be known by the name of  
4 the Congregational Sabbath School and Publishing  
5 Society; and by that name shall have, hold and enjoy  
6 all its rights and privileges, and be subject to all its  
7 liabilities and obligations, to the same extent as if its  
8 name had not been changed.

1   SECT. 2. The Congregational Board of Publication  
2 is hereby authorized to unite and form one corpora-  
3 tion with said Massachusetts Sabbath School Society;

4 and for said purpose to assign, transfer and convey all  
5 its rights, privileges, interests and property to said  
6 Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, upon such  
7 terms as may be agreed upon between said societies ;  
8 and said Massachusetts Sabbath School Society is  
9 hereby authorized and empowered to accept and  
10 receive such transfer thereof, and take and hold the  
11 same ; and said last named society shall thereupon,  
12 under said name of the Congregational Sabbath  
13 School and Publishing Society, have all the rights,  
14 powers and privileges which either of said corpora-  
15 tions now have, and shall become and be liable for  
16 all the debts or liabilities of either of said societies,  
17 and may hold real and personal property to an amount  
18 not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars.

1     SECT. 3. Said Congregational Sabbath School and  
2 Publishing Society may publish, purchase, sell, circu-  
3 late and distribute, in such manner as they shall deem  
4 expedient, any and all publications, books, tracts,  
5 papers or periodicals calculated to promote good  
6 morals and pure Christianity and the spread and  
7 extension of the gospel of Jesus Christ ; and may  
8 take, invest, hold and disburse any and all charitable  
9 funds contributed to it for the purposes aforesaid.

1     SECT. 4. Any gift, devise, bequest or legacy which  
2 has been or may hereafter be given or made to either  
3 of said societies under the name it has heretofore had,  
4 shall be holden, enjoyed and appropriated by said  
5 Congregational Sabbath School and Publishing  
6 Society, in like manner and to the same purposes as  
7 it would have been by either of said societies if the  
8 same had not been united under this act.

1    SECT. 5. This act shall be void unless the same  
2 shall be accepted by each of said societies, at meet-  
3 ings thereof called for that purpose, or at the annual  
4 meeting thereof holden next after the passage of this  
5 act.