

corporation; and certified copies of said votes of said corporations agreeing to the union authorized by this act, sworn to by their respective clerks, and recorded in the registry of deeds for the southern district of the county of Essex, shall be sufficient evidence of the union, and of the due creation and existence of said new corporation.

SECTION 6. The first meeting of said new corporation for organization shall be called by the clerks mentioned in section five of this act, within fifteen days from and after said vote agreeing to the union mentioned in said section five, by notices posted upon the present houses of worship of The First Baptist Church and The Central Baptist Church in Salem seven days at least before the date of the meeting. The annual meetings of said new corporation shall be held at such times as the corporation shall by by-law determine; and its officers shall consist of a moderator, clerk, treasurer, and a board of directors.

Meetings, etc.

SECTION 7. Any person aggrieved by the provisions of this act may at any time within six months after the recording of the copies of the votes as above provided apply by petition to the superior court for the county of Essex to have his or her damages determined by a jury therein, or by or under the direction of said court; and all damages so awarded, with the costs of suit allowed by statute in civil actions attending such award, shall be paid by said new corporation.

Damages.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved March 5, 1909.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF LOWELL TO APPROPRIATE MONEY TO BE EXPENDED BY TRUSTEES IN MAINTAINING AND BEAUTIFYING CERTAIN LAND IN THAT CITY.

Chap. 140

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The city of Lowell is hereby authorized to permit the mayors of said city in succession and the chairmen of the park commission in succession to accept the positions of trustees under a deed of trust made March twentieth, eighteen hundred and forty-four, by the Proprietors of the Locks and Canals on Merrimack river of a lot of land situated on the west side of Anne street in Lowell, according to which deed said lot was to be kept "as ornamental ground forever", the same being "dedi-

The city of Lowell, by certain persons as trustees, may accept land for certain purposes.

cated and set apart by the grantors for the purpose of beautifying and ventilating the city ”.

The city may appropriate money for improving said land.

SECTION 2. The city of Lowell may make appropriations of money to be used by said trustees in fencing and beautifying said land or otherwise in carrying out the provisions of said trust.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.
Approved March 5, 1909.

Chap.141 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO PAY A SUM OF MONEY TO THE WIDOW OF JOHN DEVINE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

City of Boston may pay a sum of money to Catherine Devine.

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is hereby authorized to pay to Catherine Devine, widow of John Devine late an employee of said city, the sum of two thousand dollars.

When to take effect.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the city council of the city of Boston.

Approved March 5, 1909.

Chap.142 AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE TRUSTEES OF FOOCHOW COLLEGE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Trustees of Foochow College incorporated.

SECTION 1. Charles A. Hopkins, Arthur H. Wellman, Albert P. Fitch, Henry H. Proctor, Francis O. Winslow, Arthur L. Gillett, Herbert A. Wilder, Edward M. Noyes, John H. Denison, George A. Hall, Lucius H. Thayer and Arthur Perry, members of the Prudential Committee of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and their successors in that office, are hereby made a corporation under the name of Trustees of Foochow College, with power to maintain a college for the education of young men in the city of Foochow, in the empire of China, with all the powers and privileges and with all the rights, duties and liabilities pertaining to religious and charitable corporations. The corporation may elect such officers as are necessary, and may determine their duties and tenure of office: and the clerk and treasurer of the corporation need not be members thereof.

May hold real and personal property.

SECTION 2. The corporation may acquire by purchase, gift, bequest or otherwise, real or personal property to an amount not exceeding eight hundred thousand dollars,