

HOUSE No. 390.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 12, 1869.

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Bill to provide that women and non-residents of their territory may be members of parishes and religious societies, report the accompanying Bill.

Per order,

J. L. NEWTON,
For the Committee.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

To extend Membership of Parishes and Religious Societies to Women, and to admit to Territorial Parishes non-residents.

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

1 SECT. 1. Any parish or religious society may ad-
2 mit to membership women, who shall have all the
3 rights and privileges of men.

1 SECT. 2. Any territorial parish may admit to mem-
2 bership persons not residents of its territory.

1 SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its pas-
2 sage.