AN ACT to establish a State Seminary, and for other purposes.

APPROVED, January 20, 1820.

Sec. 1. BE it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, That Charles Dewey, Jonathan Lindley, David H. Maxwell, John M. Jenkins, Jonathan Nichols, and William Lowe, be, and they are hereby appointed trustees of the state seminary, for the state of Indiana, and shall be known by the name and style of the trustees of the state seminary, of the state of Indiana, and they, and their successors in office, shall have perpetual succession, and by the name and style aforesaid, shall be capable in law, to sue, and be sued, plead, and be impeached, answer, and be answered unto, as a body corporate and politic, in any court of justice: and the trustees hereby appointed, shall continue in office, until the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one, and until their successors are chosen and qualified.

Sec. 2. The trustees aforesaid, or a majority of them, shall meet at Bloomington, in the county of Monroe, on the first Monday in June next, or as soon thereafter, as may be convenient, and qualified, to the duties of their office, and proceed to select an eligible and convenient site for a state seminary.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the agent aforesaid, first to expose to sale, such lots as may be selected most contiguous to the site which may be selected for the seminary aforesaid, and take the purchasers of any lots or lands which he may sell, under the provisions of this act, such payments and security therefor, as he may sell, under the provisions of this act, such payments and security therefor, as may be directed by the trustees aforesaid.

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the agent aforesaid, to proceed to the erection of a suitable building for the state seminary, as also a suitable and commodious house for a Professor, on the site which may be selected for that purpose.

Sec. 5. The trustees aforesaid, shall, so soon as they deem it expedient, proceed to the erection of a suitable building for a state seminary, and erect "a suitable building for a state seminary, as also a suitable and commodious house for a Professor, as the trustees spent more than five years complying with the terms of the law, for it was April 1825 before the seminary opened for instruction. The State Seminary had as assets when chartered a township of land in Gibson County and a township in Monroe County. The sale and rental of these lands was to provide the building projects and operating expenses for the seminary, supplemented by a small student fee. It was 1867 before the Indiana General Assembly made its first appropriation, $8,000, in support of the university.