record or certified copy shall be presumptive evidence of the execution of any such instrument, contract, bond or agreement, without its being shown that the same was duly or properly entered upon the general index or reception book; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall affect any pending suit or proceeding or the right, title or interest of any purchaser in good faith for value without notice.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 10, 1893.

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## CHAPTER 27.

## AN ACT to amend chapter 40, of the private and local laws of 1855, being the charter of Ripon college.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

Amends sec. 7, ch. 40, private and local laws of 1855.

Board of trustees, powers of.

**SECTION 1.** Section 7, of chapter 40, of the private and local laws of 1855, is hereby amended by striking out the words "provided always, that the annual income arising from the same, shall never exceed twenty thousand dollars," where they occur in lines five, six and seven of said section, so that said section 7 when amended shall read as follows: Section 7. The board of trustees shall have full power in their corporate name to sue and be sued; to plead and be impleaded; to have a common seal, which they may alter at pl ure; to acquire, use, hold and convey property, real and personal, to see that every donation or bequest made to the institution, be applied in conformity to the condition on which the same is made; to establish and maintain such departments, male and female, as they may deem important for the qualification of teachers, or for instruction in any of the ornamental branches, arts and sciences; to make all necessary by laws

for the due ordering of their own affairs, and for the government of the institution; to fill all vacancies, whether occurring from death, expiration of office or neglect for one year to attend the meetings of the board; to confer such degrees and other honors upon those whom they deem qualified and worthy to receive the same, as are usually conferred by the colleges of the United States; to elect a president, who shall be the chief executive officer of the institution, and head of the collegiate faculty; to elect such professors, tutors, teachers and other officers, as in their opinion the interests of the institution may demand; to define the duties of all officers thus elected, and on sufficient cause to suspend or remove them from office; to determine the amount of all salaries paid or to be paid by the institution: to regulate the course of instruction and prescribe the books, authorities and apparatus to be used in the various departments, and to have such further general powers, not therein specified, and not inconsistent with the letter or spirit of this act, as are granted to corporations, under the name of general provisions, in chapter 54, of the Revised Statutes of this state.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 14, 1893.

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## CHAPTER 28.

AN ACT to amend chapter 227, of the laws of 1889, entitled, "An act to amend chapter 192, of the laws of 1887, entitled, 'An act relating to evidence of title by descent.' "

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1, of chapter 227, of the Amends sec. 1, laws of 1889, is hereby amended by striking out  $\frac{ch. 227}{18\times9}$  laws of the words "in this state," in the tenth line of