

This is to certify that brother Oliver Otis Howard has been spending an acceptable probation in the M. E. C. South, at Tampa Station Florida, Conference since the 12th day of July last. Dated this 17th of August 1857
D. B. Sykes, Pastor.

The bearer, Oliver Otis Howard, has liberty to exercise his gifts and graces, as Exhorter in the M. E. C. South, so long as his gifts, graces and usefulness are in accordance with the teaching of the Scriptures of Divine truth. August 17th 1857—
Dennis B. Sykes Pastor.

I take sincere pleasure in recommending brother O. O. Howard to the Christian Confidence of the lovers of the Lord Jesus Christ, of every denomination, with whom he may providentially become acquainted or associated ~~or associated~~ in church fellowship, as a sincere, humble, zealous, man of God; Should he deem it advisable at any time to unite with any other branch of the Christian Church there is nothing to hinder. He leaves us with the love of this Society; and my own prayer ^{is} that he may be useful and happy through life.
Dennis B. Sykes

