

Washington, D.C. February 6th. 1867. -
We the undersigned, members of The First
Congregational Society of Washington, this
day acknowledge, that we have been duly
notified of the first meeting of said Society,
to be holden, in conformity with the provisions
of an Act of Congress incorporating said Society,
on Tuesday next, the 12th day of February
inst at 3 o'clock P.M. at the office of Maj.
Gen. O. O. Howard, Commissioner of the Freed-
men's Bureau, on the cor. of I and 19th streets
in said city of Washington. D.C. -

H. A. Mowbray
B. J. Morris

L. Deane

D. L. Satter

Samuel Lytle

C. S. Mattow

C. H. Bliss

Washington D.C.
July 6th 67

Wm. H. Eaton D.D.
J. P. Taylor David
James S. Watson C.D.
Bliss B. H.

It is acknowledged the receipt of
the publication to attend
the first meeting of the
Anti-Slavery Society.

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11th Annual Course.

1870-71

LYCEUM LECTURES,

AT THE

First Congregational Church

TUESDAY EVENINGS,

At 8 O'clock.

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FEBRUARY 22.—"Personal Recollections of Gen. Grant."
MAJ.-GEN. O. O. HOWARD, U. S. A.

MARCH 1.—"Savonarola; or, The Florentine Struggle
for a Theocracy."
REV. DR. C. D. BARROWS.

MARCH 8.—"Scottish Traits."
REV. DR. ROBT. MACKENZIE.

MARCH 15.—"When I Was in Jail; or, The Bright Side
of Life in Confederate Military Prisons."
COL. HOMER B. SPRAGUE.

MARCH 22.—"The Ascent of Mont Blanc;" prelude on
"Why Men Want to Go Up Mountains."
REV. DR. J. K. McLEAN.

MARCH 29.—"Walks and Talks in Florence and Pisa."
Stereopticon.
MISS SARAH D. HAMLIN.

MUSIC—Instrumental or Vocal each
evening.

DOORS OPEN AT 7:15.

Course Tickets, \$1.00. Single Lectures, 25 cts.



Delegates' Certificate.

This is to Certify That

Wm. O. O. Horrand

_____ has been

chosen Delegate of the

First Congregational

Church of *Portland Oregon*

to attend the Association of

Cong. Churches to meet

in this City on *Thursday 15th June*

18*76*. Attest:

J. P. O. Somersdal

Clerk of Church.

Portland June 18 76

Delegates, Gentlemen,

This is to certify that

Miss O. A. Howard

has been

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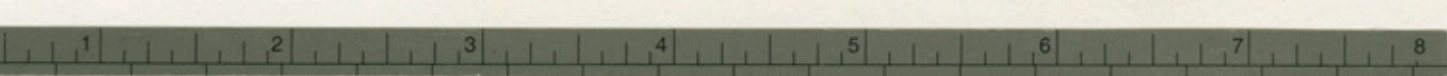
Statement of Principles

The law of Christ admits of no distinction on account of race or color. Therefore the colored man is entitled to all the rights of a proper humanity; and these include of course all the civil, political, and social rights that other men enjoy.

The black man differs from the white man, in many particulars, but he is not to be regarded on that account as an inferior type.

The whole field of human effort^{and} enjoyment should be open to him as to others, and his social rank and position must depend upon his own exertions, and upon those usages which apply to other men.

He should not be excluded from business pursuits or places of amusement nor from our schools, nor colleges, nor theological seminaries, or our churches, or benevolent associations; in a word he should be freed from every disability and hindrance, and then left free to work out his proper destiny with such assistance as



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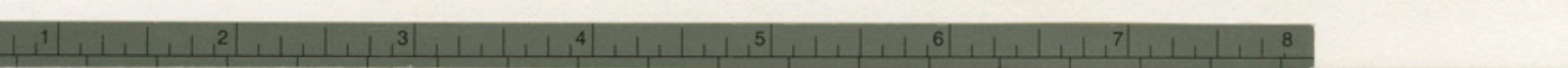
his fellow men can give.

The application of these principles requires that no persons seeking application to our church, should be rejected on account of color, because the Gospel rule admits of no such distinction. Let colored men have the same right and privileges in this respect that other men enjoy.

When colored people have no suitable church organizations of their own which they can enter, they should be advised and encouraged to come as other persons.

The same rules however of Christian courtesy and propriety which forbid us to attempt to draw Methodists, Baptists or others from their own organizations to ours, should also prevent us from making any effort to induce the colored people to leave their own churches or schools, in order to come to ours, nor would their best interests and highest happiness be promoted by such means.

But if a Methodist or a Baptist or one from any other sect, or a black person prefers nevertheless to unite with us, he should of



course be welcomed. The colored person should be treated as the white one would be in similar circumstances.

(signed) W. B. Boynton.

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Resolution of Rev.
D. Douglass for settle-
ment of church con-
ference.