

THE ORIGINAL RIGHTS SOCIETY

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had from any white organization to join them on equal terms, and I repeat, that for this reason if for no other, we should accept.

If we should join the Original Rights Society in large numbers here in Chicago, we would not only be organized ourselves to do effective combined work along any line needed for our benefit, but we would have the help of the white members in any fight for our rights. Who knows but it might help us to win the aldermanic victory.

I have believed so firmly in the ability and willingness of the Original Rights Society to help us, that I have undertaken to help others to see it also, and shall be very happy to enroll members therein or give further information at the address given below.

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Editor Defender: In last week's issue you spoke of the sign in the State street car which advertised a certain cemetery that sold lots exclusively to white people. Since then several persons have told me of it, and I rode out on a State street car to-day so I might see it myself. Every one seems indignant and feels that something should be done, but no one seems to know just what may be done to have the objectionable sign removed.

Two things occur to me that might be tried, but both of them require what our people have not — effective organization in the race for civic and racial purposes.

In the disorganized condition in which we stand to-day, we could not bring pressure enough to bear perhaps to have those objectionable signs removed, but if we could count on the entire race for moral and financial support unitedly, the mayor, the city council, the aldermen of the ward, would find a way to have these signs removed. Better still, every Negro in the Second ward would remember that the best way to get somebody in the city council to do the race's work, is to put a member of the race there to do it for them, and they would not rest until they did it.

And right here comes the need of organization that would take in every Negro, man, woman and child, in Chicago, especially the Second ward. If the Negroes would join the Original Rights Society, they would have their organization for themselves, and they would have the moral and active support of others in the movement. For the Original Rights Society is not composed alone of colored people. It is an organization established in New York City, and with growing branches throughout the country, composed largely of white people. They are fighting for the original rights of every American citizen, and that means us, too. They are persistent, and say the Negro is also deprived of many of his original rights, and we will make common cause with him. And so they come to us and say, if you will join us in our fight against the union of church and state in this country, against the curtailment of the poor man's liberties, we will help you in your fight against the color line in politics, civics and industry. This is the only fair and square invitation the Negro has