

### Justice to the Negro.

The Connecticut Legislature by a two-thirds vote, adopted yesterday their constitutional amendment striking out the word "white," and admitting the negro to the right of suffrage. It now goes to the people, and if ratified by a majority, the inequality which has long belied our professions, will cease to exist. Our conduct will then be in keeping with our principles.

Freedom marches on from victory to victory. Her banners, though soiled with the dust of battle, and torn by the fury of the strife, are inscribed with memorable triumphs. In this country what has been accomplished within three years! No longer ago than the summer of 1863, four millions of the inhabitants of the United States were held in bondage. To-day they are free. Then their services, property and persons were left to the arbitrary disposal of the master. To-day, with wives and children, they can move where they please, earning a livelihood in their own way, assured that no earthly power can separate them from loved ones, or drive them from chosen homes. The tyrant who cursed the negro for the weakness and improvidence which had been fostered by centuries of oppression, discovers in the former slave a spirit and hardihood that confound his theories. The baptism of the battle-field has regenerated the race. Armed with the ballot, they can hereafter maintain their rights against all assailants.

But the voters of the State must remember that the work is not yet fully accomplished. The democracy will spare no effort to defeat the measure at the polls. Let every citizen who loves justice keep this subject in mind, fully determined to give his vote and influence to the consummation of yesterday's work. We trust the matter will be placed before the people at the earliest practicable day.