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Frederick Douglass recruits in Syracuse for Union soldiers

The Onondaga Historical Association is celebrating its 150th anniversary. Here's what was going on in 1863: Gerrit Smith gave \$500 for the raising of a colored regiment in Massachusetts and \$3000 for the raising of one in New York state. Frederick Douglass spoke at Zion's Church in the Eighth Ward in Syracuse to appeal for recruits and 10 men signed up on the spot. Also that week: A Stereoscopticon exhibition was held at Wieting Hall. The Onondaga Historical Association has its own Stereoscopic images in the "Sight Unseen" exhibition. - Daniel Connors of the Onondaga Historical Association

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