

Feb. 1, five polls were manned entirely by volunteer workers, with private sleighs, and although desperate attempts were made to pass the League's scrutineers, but five votes were telegraphed, while *thirty-three* attempts were prevented. Had the League had more time to verify its identification work, these successful attempts would also doubtless have been frustrated.

After Feb. 1, as long as there seemed any prospect of general elections, work was continued on the voters' list of St. Lawrence Ward, and had the desired legislation been granted, requisition for three prominent citizens would have been in circulation in every polling division within twenty-four hours of the bill becoming law.

So much for retrospect. The campaign, though not as far reaching as desired, has been of great value to the League. Its principles have received the endorsement of public sentiment; its methods have passed from the experimental to the accepted stage. It needs only to expand to be of great use to the community.

It now behooves this League, in general meeting assembled, to consider how it may lay foundations wide and deep against the time of general elections in 1894. Having learned where the obstacles lie, measures must be taken to overcome them in future. First and foremost is the difficulty of securing suitable candidates. Really desirable men are rarely anxious for civic honors. Great pressure needs oftentimes to be brought to bear to make them recognize their duty in this respect. This League must early set in motion the proper machinery to induce desirable men to accept nomination. It is wholly foreign to the intention of this organization to force any candidates of its own upon the citizens; only in the event of conspicuous failure on the part of citizens to bring out desirable opposition to aldermen who have flagrantly betrayed their trust or neglected the city's interests, will the League put nominations in the field.

The second matter to which careful attention must be given is the raising of a citizens' fund. With this a permanent secretary can be employed, devoting his time to check the voters' lists and preparing the work for a campaign. This fund will enable the work of identification to be properly prosecuted in all the