

# BROOKLYN'S YOUNG REPUBLICANS.

## THE GOOD WORK DONE BY THE CLUB IN THE LAST CAMPAIGN.

The Brooklyn Young Republican Club met in the Athenæum, corner of Atlantic and Clinton streets, last evening, President Seth Low in the chair. In the absence of the Secretary, Henry Maxwell was appointed Secretary pro tem. Mr. Low, in opening the meeting, said that the last time the club met it was to adjourn to the polls to do good work for Garfield and Arthur. Since then the fight had been fought and the victory won. He congratulated the club on the part which it had taken in producing this result. He congratulated the glad club and the men who had worked at the polls, as well as the men who rode around in carriages with sandwiches on election day. But for the Republican gains in this City and Brooklyn, Mr. Low said, New-York State might have been lost to the Republicans, and with the State they would have lost the Presidency. The great gain made by the Republicans in Brooklyn was largely due to the efforts of members of the Young Republican Club, and they had a right to congratulate themselves upon the grand result which had been achieved.

At the conclusion of President Low's address, which was frequently interrupted by applause, Horace E. Deming read the report of the Executive Committee, detailing the work of the club since its organization on Sept. 14 last. It began with a membership of 25, and on the 2d of November the number of members amounted to 1,500, showing an average daily increase of over 30 since its organization. The club received in money from voluntary contributions, most of them unsolicited, \$3,836 20, and toward the last of the campaign declined still further offers of pecuniary aid. So real and unaffected was the interest of the members in the work which they had undertaken that the immense amount of detail labor incident to such an undertaking was successfully accomplished with the aid of but one paid assistant at a small salary. The members did the work themselves, and ended the campaign with all bills paid, and a surplus in the treasury of \$632 47, a fact which, if not without parallel or precedent in other political organizations, is yet sufficiently remarkable to deserve special notice. Of the 25 wards in Brooklyn, the club had men at the poles in 19. In these wards a Republican gain of 4.63 per cent. was shown in the election last November. In the six wards where the club was not represented, the Republican gain was but 3.83 per cent. Assuming that the direct effect of the work of the club can be traced in the returns, this showing would indicate that some 850 votes were gained to the Republicans in the city of Brooklyn by the efforts of the Young Republican Club. With the successful termination of the national election, the special object for which the club was organized and the special work which it had set for itself were alike accomplished, but the committee, in deference to the wishes of many members of the club and other citizens that the organization might be made a permanent power for good in future political contests, had considered the question carefully and earnestly of recommending a permanent organization. It was finally determined, in view of the magnitude of the undertaking and the numerous interests involved, to lay the whole question before a full meeting of the club for such action as it should deem advisable. Meantime, since the funds remaining in the treasury had all been contributed for the special purpose of furthering the election of Garfield and Arthur, the committee had sent a circular letter to the contributors offering to return to them a pro rata of their contributions. This letter elicited 100 replies, and in all but four instances the offer was declined and the club was requested to retain the money for such purposes as it might see fit. "The club," the report concluded, "is free from debt, and has on hand in its treasury the sum of \$620 77." After reading the report, Mr. Deming offered a resolution that the report be accepted, and the Executive Committee discharged. The resolution was passed. President Low then tendered the resignations of all the officers of the club, and they were accepted, Mr. Low being made Chairman of the meeting. Mr. Van Vleck moved that the Chairman be authorized to appoint a committee of 25 to prepare plans for a permanent organization of the club, and the motion was passed unanimously. Mr. Low said he was not prepared to appoint the committee at a moment's notice, and a motion was passed that he be given all time he required, and that the committee be empowered to fill vacancies. The club then adjourned subject to the call of the Chair.

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