

## FOR HONEST ELECTIONS.

### THE KINGS COUNTY BALLOT-REFORM ASSOCIATION FORMED.

The Kings County Ballot-Reform Association was organized last evening in the rooms of the Single Tax Club, at 56 Livingston-street, Brooklyn. The constitution declares the object of the organization to be to promote the best means that can be devised in the light of past experience for accurately expressing the will of the voters through a secret ballot. To this end the electoral laws should embody and enforce the following points:

That the ballots to be voted be printed and distributed at the public expense.

That the names of all candidates for the same office be printed on the same ballot.

That the ballot be delivered to the voter within the polling place at the time of voting by sworn public officials.

That none but such ballots, so delivered, be voted; that the voters be guaranteed absolute privacy in preparing their ballots, and that the secrecy of the ballot be made compulsory.

That the candidates have the right to a place on the official ballot through nomination papers signed by a small proportion of the constituency.

That the registration of qualified voters be general throughout the State, without unnecessary inconvenience to rural constituencies.

That sworn statements of election expenses in detail be filed by all candidates and their agents.

The meeting was largely attended and the constitution embodying the above was unanimously adopted. When the election of permanent officers was reached Frederick W. Hinrich, President of the Brooklyn Young Men's Democratic Club, who had been slated for President of the new organization, said that he had laid out plans for reform work for the club of which he was President which would take all his spare time and energy. After some discussion the following officers were chosen:

David A. Boody, President; Gen. C. F. Christensen, Darwin R. James, Theodore F. Jackson, George A. Moore, Gen. John B. Woodward, and Fred W. Hinrichs, Vice Presidents; Edwin A. Curley, Secretary; William Cary Sanger, Treasurer, and William J. Combs, S. M. Griswold, A. A. Healy, W. L. Ogden, Thomas G. Shearman, Asa W. Tenny, Mark D. Wilbur, W. H. Williams, and Morris H. Smith, Executive Committee.

It was announced that Mr. Healy, President of the Brooklyn Democratic Club, was also engaged in a measure for ballot reform, which would be sent to Governor Hill for his approval before being presented to the Legislature.

The Secretary read communications from the Secretaries of the States of Tennessee, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Wisconsin, Indiana, Kentucky, and Montana, in all of which States the new system of balloting has been given a trial, showing the good results attained. L. Ratwitt, Secretary of Montana, said:

"The first trial in this State was at the election held Oct. 1, 1889. It gave excellent satisfaction, so much so that Montana will never repeal the Australian system. We found no difficulty in carrying out the law. It worked like a charm, and is considered by the upright and thinking people of this State as one of the principal pillars of our liberties."

The Young Men's Democratic Club of New-York met last night at the Hoffman House, and J. A. Beal gave notice that at the next meeting he would call up a resolution providing for the appointment of a committee to confer with committees from other organizations in relation to ballot reform. The club intends to do all in its power to secure the passage of a ballot-reform measure.