

And so we might go on through the whole city and find in every precinct, conclusive evidence of fraud from the figures of the returns of the two elections, but the example above given will, doubtless, suffice to satisfy every reasonable mind as to the fraudulent character of the election.

If, however, there be any still in doubt, the following facts will be, to what has gone before, "confirmation strong as proof of Holy Writ." Summing up, and comparing the total vote of the 3rd Legislative District we find that the vote returned at the State election exceeds that of the Municipal election by 2,787, which excess is divided between Carroll and Harris in the proportion of 2,414 to Carroll and 373 to Harris.

But this gain of 2,787 is only an apparent and deceptive gain, as we have 4,087 ballots in excess of names on the poll books. Thus there is really a loss of 1,300, and the legal vote at the State election fell behind that at the Municipal election by this number.

Again it further appears, that the total vote at the Municipal election was 15,527, and the total number of actual votes as shown by the poll books at the State election, (the Democratic and Reform clerks' books agreeing with each other,) to be 15,435, making a difference between the vote at the Municipal election, and the total legal vote as shown by the clerks' book, at the State election of only 92; thus showing how nearly the bona fide legal vote at the two elections agree.

Nevertheless, it appears that Mr. Carroll in the official vote returned, (and upon which he and these respondents now hold their seats,) has a clear gain of 4,087 votes, which is precisely the number of ballots in the excess of names of voters, appearing upon the poll books for the State election.

We have dwelt thus particularly upon the contrasts and discrepancies disclosed by the election returns in the various precincts, because figures rightly understood and interpreted can never mislead, and because the results of their study in this connection is extremely striking.

Men may speak falsely, or forget, but when one is able to demonstrate the existence of any fact by the rules of arithmetic, the conclusions come to the mind clothed with absolute verity.

But the contestants produce also masses of parol testimony, positive, direct and reputable which not only successfully bears the test of the most extended cross examination, but is very frequently strengthened thereby. More especially, however, is it strengthened and confirmed by its concurrence with the proofs and deductions drawn from the elec-