

## MIDDLETOWN WATER WORKS.

**Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars Appropriated to Increase the Supply—A Harmonious Meeting.**

The meeting of the taxable inhabitants of this village, at Empire Hall, Friday evening, to pass upon the question of issuing \$35,000 in bonds for the purpose of obtaining an additional supply of water, was the most harmonious gathering which has met to consider public affairs in Middletown for some time.

The attendance was large, and while there was manifested a considerable anxiety on the part of some to know more about the matter before discussion was made, there was no professed opposition to the appropriation, and little shown to its being granted at once. By request of the chairman, Halsted Sweet, Esq., Hon. E. M. Madden, President of the Board, stated the object of the meeting, and was listened to with marked attention. In answer to questions propounded by different citizens he gave a very clear statement of the condition of our Water Works, and of the need of increasing their capacity. A very plain exposition was made by Dr. Draper, one of the Board, wherein he showed that the Works which are now self-sustaining, would be made more so by making the additional appropriation, and that the increased revenues from the sale of water-rights would increase largely the sinking funds for the ultimate payment of the bonds themselves.

Mr. James Matthews, another of the Board, reading in the PRESS the announcement of the meeting, had come some distance to be present, and hoped no one would be found to vote against the proposed measure. He moreover offered to take the entire Water Works off the hands of the corporation, and pay for the same a handsome bonus, pledging to furnish all the water that could be needed at lower rates. No citizen manifested any desire to sell out. Ex-Senator Graham also spoke strongly in favor of the measure.

Mr. John Bell moved an appropriation of \$100, instead, for trial surveys and for estimates, in support of which he made a speech. The proposition received less than a dozen votes. The main question being finally put passed almost unanimously, there being only four or five votes cast in the negative.

Measures will be taken at once to get the work under way, and it is hoped that a large share of it will be accomplished this fall. A number of locations are talked of, and that one will of course be chosen, which proves on investigation the most desirable in regard to the cost of land, expense of construction, and quantity and quality of water to be obtained. Our Commissioners are all experienced in the business, and will do the work in hand no doubt to the satisfaction of all, except the constitutional grumblers.