With the ultimate victory in the Anti-Lottery movement, the United States must appreciate to the full extent the faithful effort of one of our own instructors, without whose devoted work, indeed, it would be safe to say, success would have been far removed, if attained at all. We refer to one whose name during the past two years has been intimately associated with an undertaking requiring in its direction the utmost courage and the most constant labor.

Few have realized the evil influence which the lottery system has in the past exerted upon the people of our country, nor has it been generally understood what a vast stride toward a final triumph was made in the refusal of the State of Louisiana to grant a second charter—a refusal which entailed the loss of a payment by the lottery corporations of nearly thirty million dollars. The legislation of a few isolated States, however, could avail but little, and at the instigation of those most deeply interested, the matter was referred to the General Government, in whose hands it was destined to remain for an extended period with no consideration. At length, when defeat was imminent and the outcome of the measure was apparently regarded with apathy, Mr. Woodbridge, of Technology, who had taken in charge the national agitation, came forward and issued a last call, directed to those districts whose representatives held the fate of the bill in their power. He refused to give up the contest until the session was closed. His efforts were not without avail. At the last moment, through the co-operation of Mr. Hoar, the bill prohibiting in every way the working of the lottery systems in the United States, passed the House and the Senate, and was shortly afterward signed by the President.

In this undertaking, which has been so nobly carried through, at times under distressing, discouraging conditions, Mr. Woodbridge deserves unstinted praise and admiration. From the press he has received many worthy tributes, not the least of which we quote from one of the largest and ablest weekly papers in our country: “Now that the victory is won, we must remember in our thanksgiving those who have so devotedly carried on the fight. We must remember the Boston educator who, when partial victory had been won in Louisiana, put head, and heart, and conscience into the agitation for the present law, and gave to it a vigor that so astonished Congress and ended in forcing action.”