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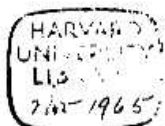
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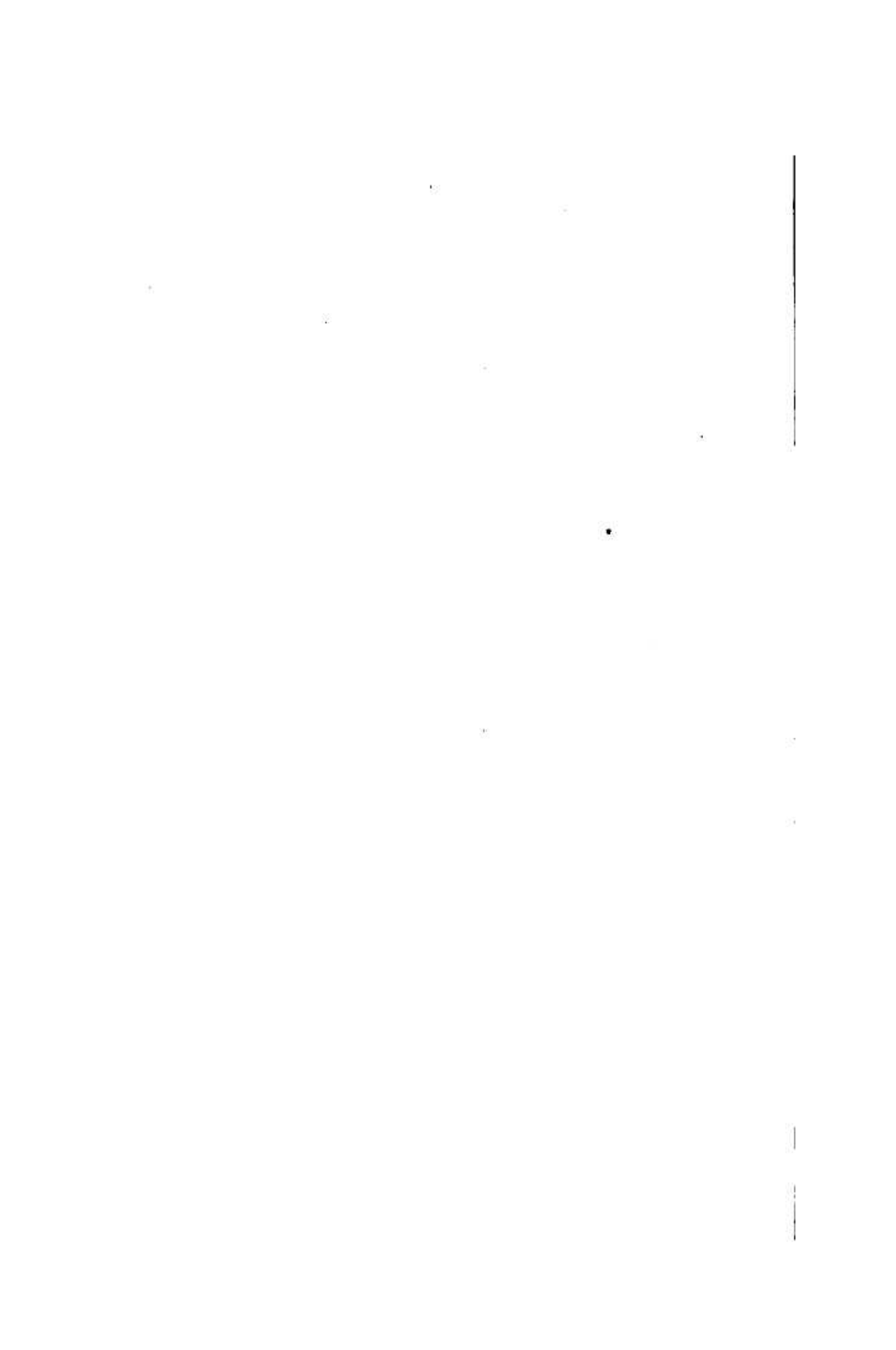
In republishing their Fifth Report, the Record Commissioners desire to renew the caution that this volume is to be regarded as a collection of valuable and interesting essays, for the correctness of which the reputation of the writer must be the guaranty. The opinions of the author were stated with the utmost frankness, the articles were printed in one of the best known journals of the day, and the authorship was acknowledged from the commencement. In reprinting them, however, neither the city nor its agents are to be considered as endorsing the opinions of the author, or as dissenting from them. In one particular case, the seventy-eighth article, the Record Commissioners have cancelled one essay, which appeared in the former edition, from a scrupulous care to respect the sensibilities of those who felt aggrieved by Mr. Bowditch's remarks.

One article, marked 2\*, of the series, which was overlooked in the first edition, has been recovered for this issue. Some errors of the press have been corrected, and the appearance of the volume has been improved by additional spacing. A few more notes are given, and the number of pages is increased from a hundred and eighty in the first edition, to two hundred and twenty-two pages in this, though the contents remain the same, with the exceptions above noted.

The Record Commissioners avail of this occasion to renew their expressed conviction of the great value of these contributions to our local history, and to record the flattering appreciation with which this volume has been received by our citizens.

WILLIAM H. WHITMORE,  
WILLIAM S. APPLETON,  
*Record Commissioners.*

CITY HALL, BOSTON, July, 1884.





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