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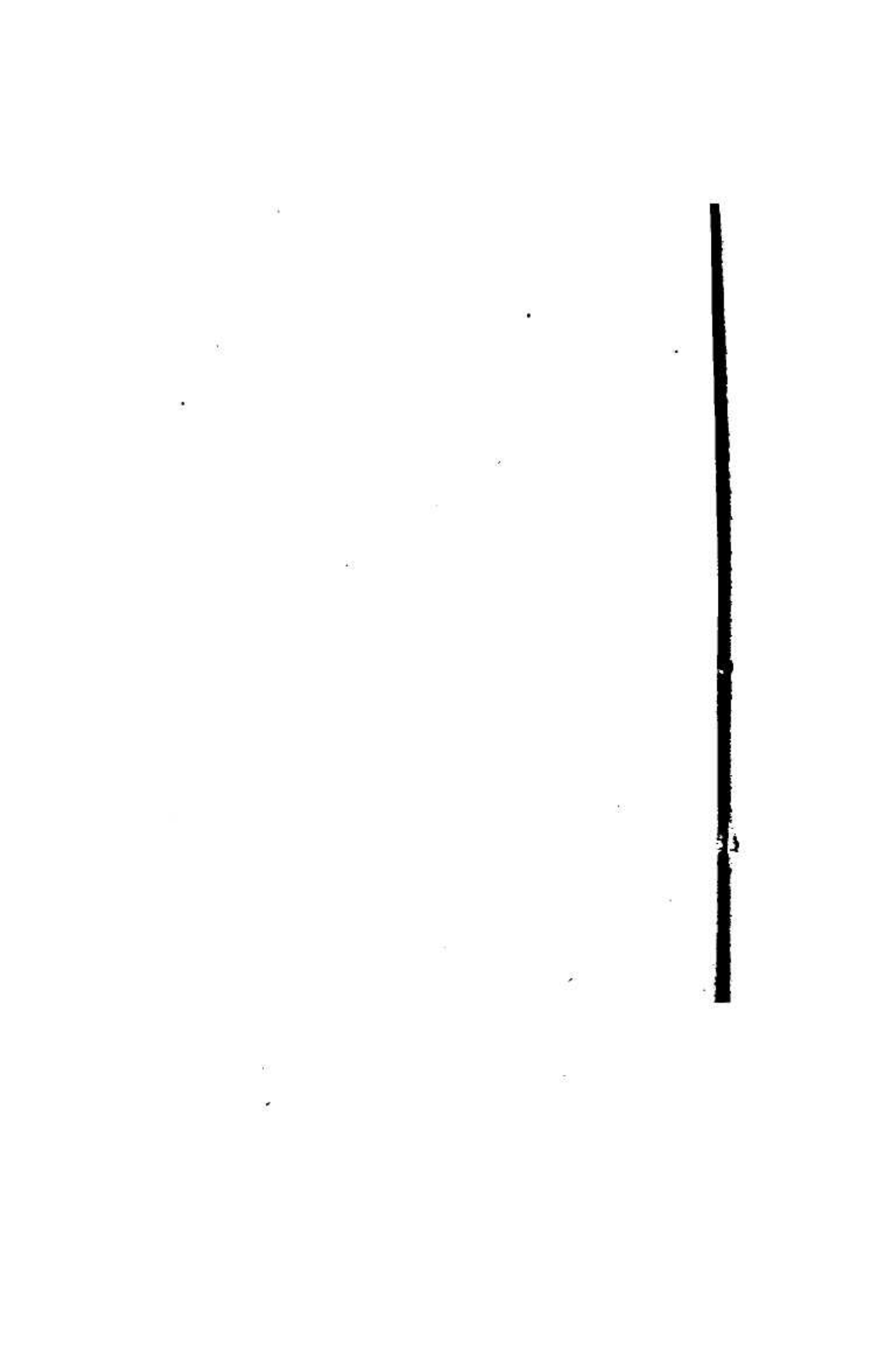
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| 5th " .....Lloyd Mudd.         | 16th " .....Fenton Jackson.  |
| 6th " .....Mich'l Long.        | 17th " ..... " " "           |
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|                               |                                    |
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| 6th " .....Dan'l Williams.    | 14th " .....Henson Davis.          |
| 7th " .....Joseph Ambush.     | 15th " .....G. H. Newman.          |
| 8th " .....Wm. H. Edinburg.   | .....Walker White.                 |

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# Report of the President.

To His Excellency H. D. COOKE,  
*Governor of the District of Columbia:*

I have the honor to present the first annual report of the Board of Health, organized under an act of Congress, approved February 21, 1871, entitled "An act to provide a government for the District of Columbia." It includes a *resume* of its proceedings from the period of its organization to the present time. In explanation of the delay attending the rendition of this report it may be proper to state that reforms have been instituted and new modes of action adopted which required time for their development, and to which, for the information of the public, it was deemed by the Board desirable to refer in this first exhibit of its transactions.

Public health early attracted the attention of the citizens of this District, and Webb's Digest contains an act passed by the Corporation of Washington, January 17, 1856, containing many wholesome provisions. The Board of Health appointed by the Mayor, by and with the consent of the Corporation, was composed of one physician and a citizen from each ward. The duty of the Board was to determine what were nuisances affecting the public health, and these nuisances, thus declared, were to be removed by the Commissioners of Improvements. The Board of Health prescribed the regulations necessary for a correct registration of births, marriages, and deaths, and the co-operative Commissioners of Improvements were required to report the statistics thus procured, to the Mayor, annually. Lots below grade, unsafe or dangerous lots, buildings and walks, paved footwalks and gutters, the accumulation of rubbish, unclean stables, goats and cattle at large, and other kin-