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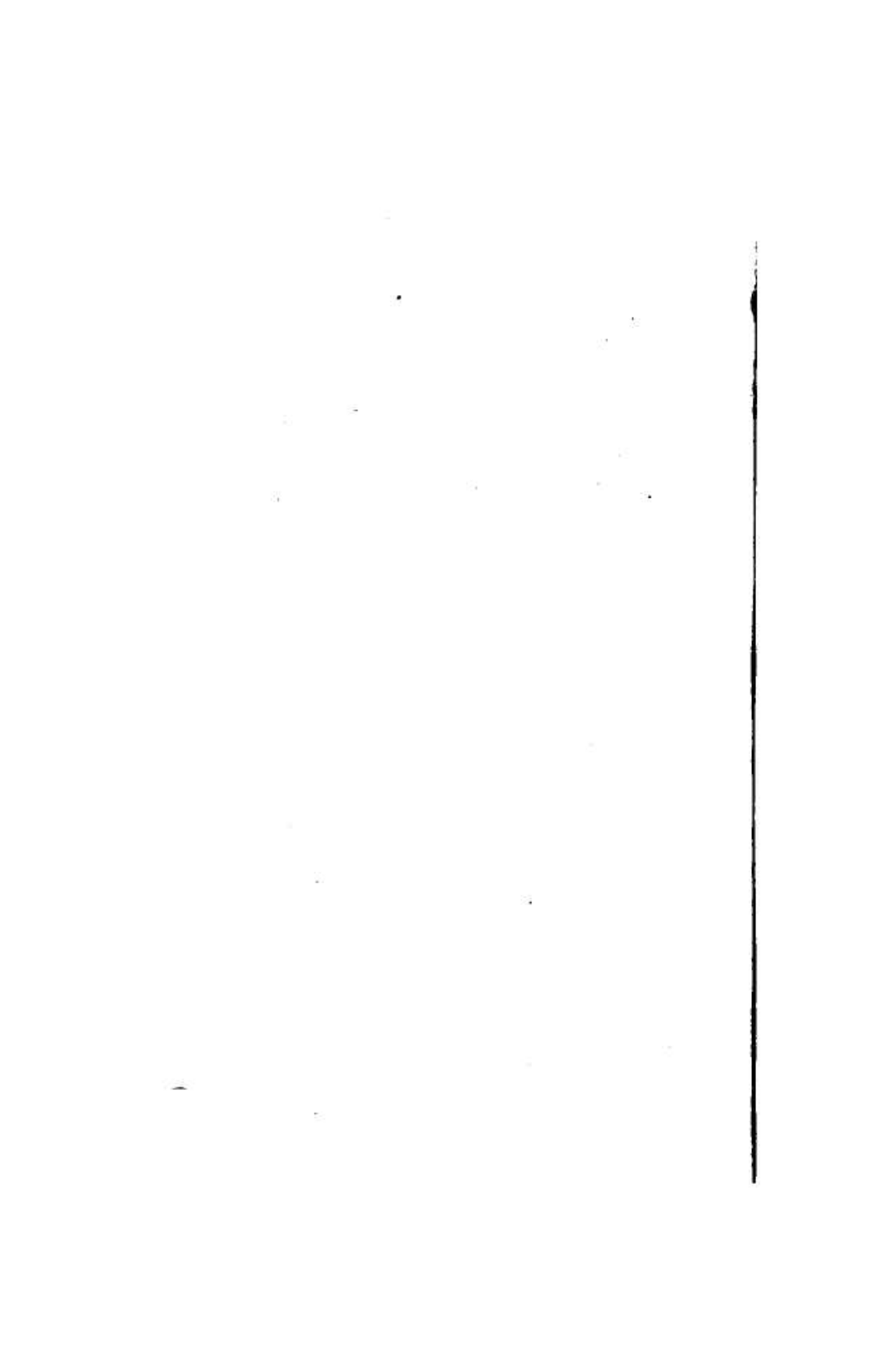
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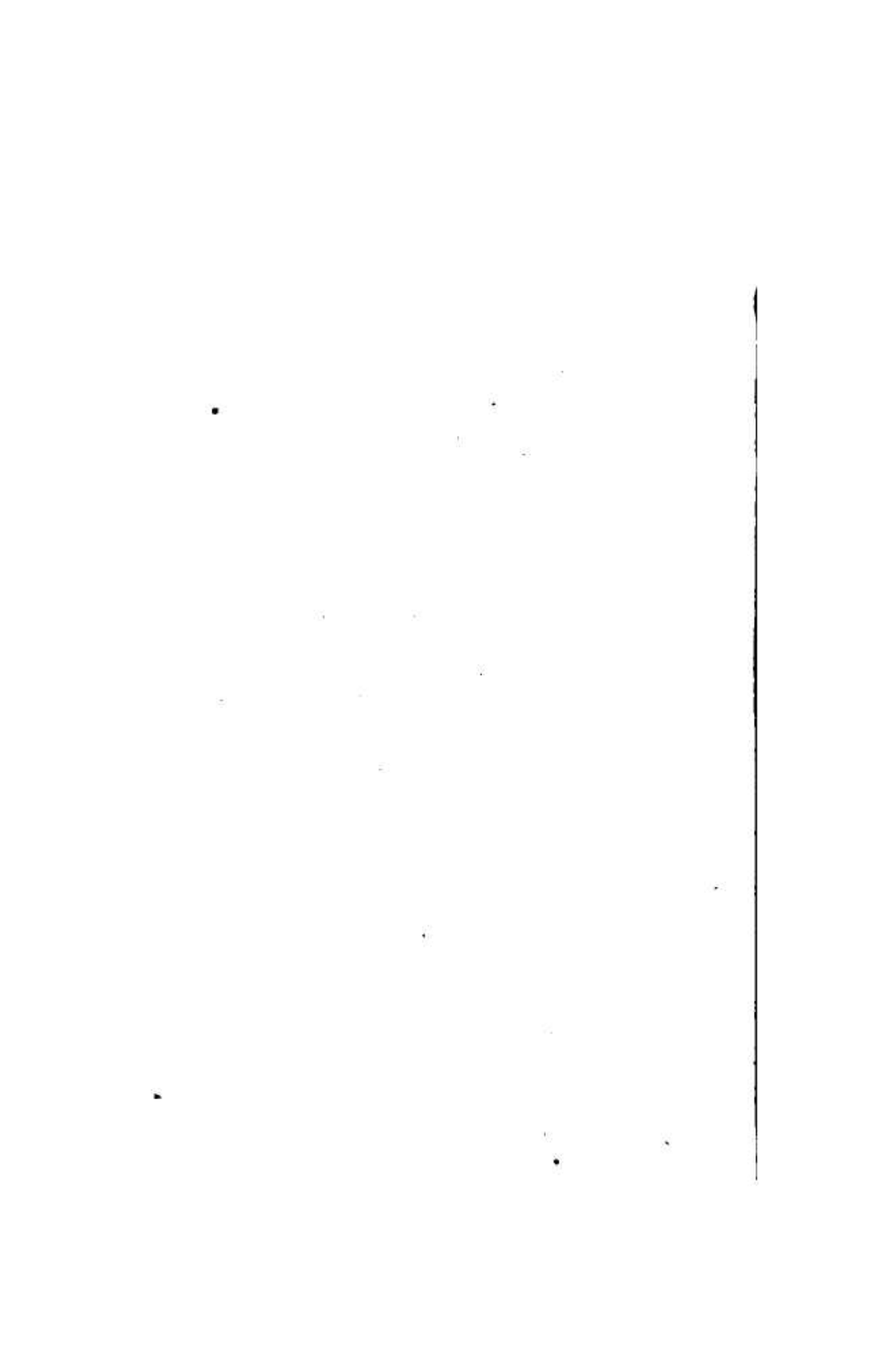
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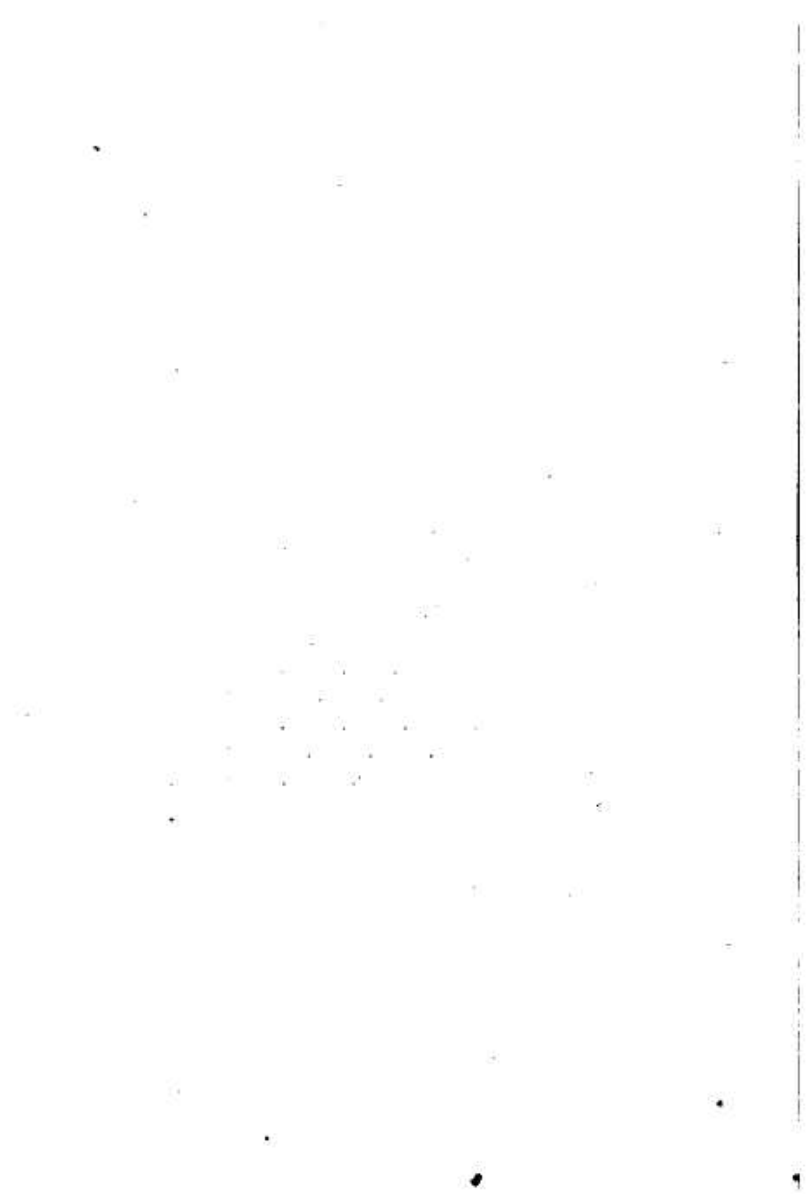


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P R E F A C E .

The MASSACHUSETTS TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION was organized in 1845. Its history is substantially embodied in the following abstract of its proceedings. In preparing this abstract, the committee to whom the work was assigned have aimed to record every important act of the Association ; to give the names of all persons who have favored it with lectures, papers, or illustrative exercises, and the subjects thereof ; to specify the topics of all the discussions and the persons who participated in them ; and to furnish a complete list of the officers of the Association and their time of service, and of the editors of the *Massachusetts Teacher*. The limits necessarily assigned to this publication are such as to forbid all attempts to present an abstract of the discussions. Such an abstract would fill several volumes.

The changes made from time to time in the Constitution of the Association have been stated in immediate connection with the original articles. Two of the changes are specially noteworthy, as having been the occasion of long-continued discussions. Ar-