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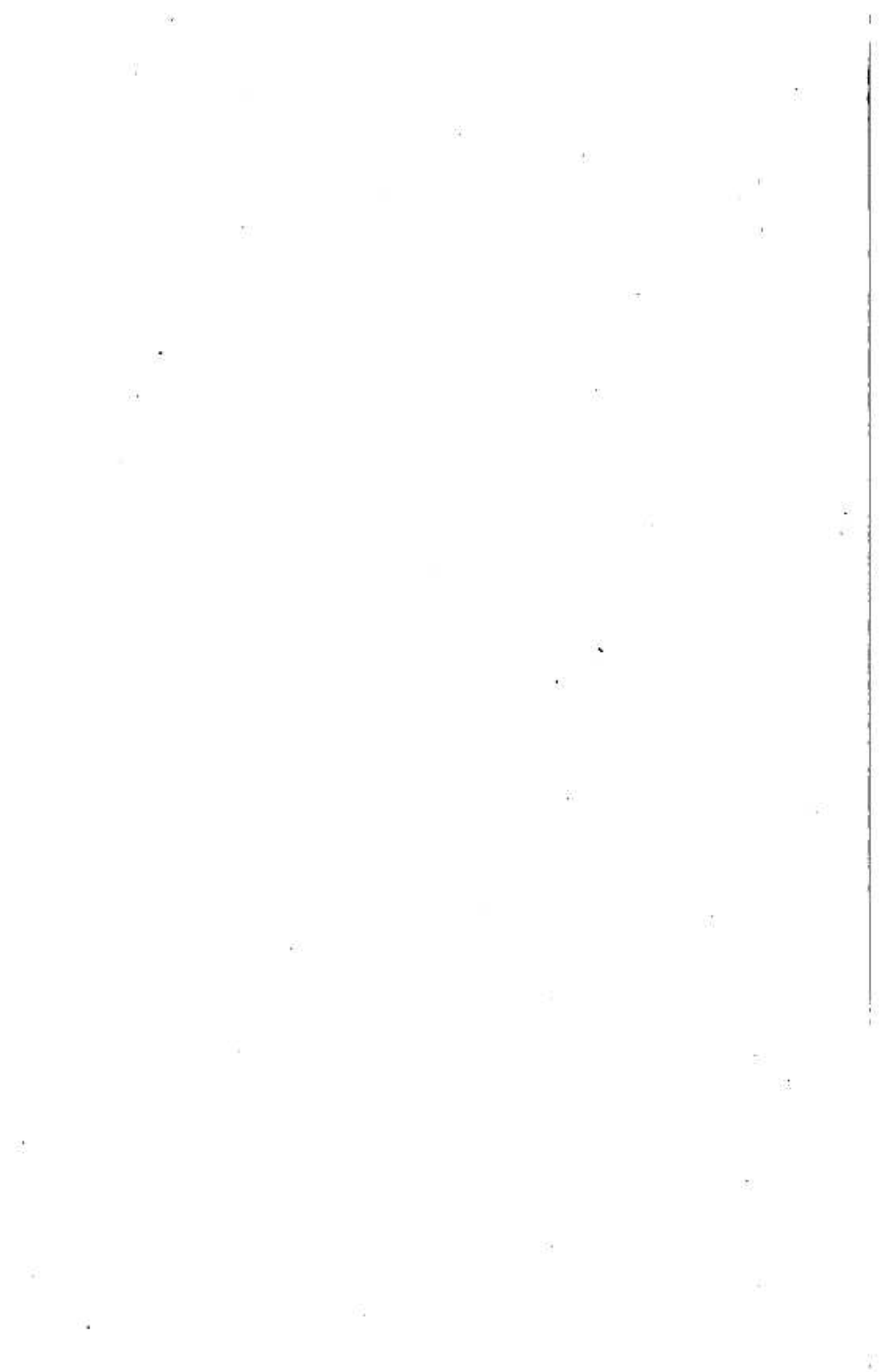
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1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that proper record-keeping is essential for the success of any business and for the protection of the interests of all parties involved.

2. The second part of the document outlines the various methods and techniques used to collect and analyze data. It describes how to design surveys, conduct interviews, and use statistical tools to interpret the results.

3. The third part of the document focuses on the ethical considerations that must be taken into account when conducting research. It discusses the need for informed consent, the protection of privacy, and the avoidance of bias and conflict of interest.

4. The fourth part of the document provides a detailed overview of the different types of research designs, including experimental, quasi-experimental, and observational studies. It explains the strengths and limitations of each design and how to choose the most appropriate one for a given research question.

5. The fifth part of the document discusses the importance of clear and concise communication of research findings. It provides guidelines for writing research papers, reports, and presentations, and offers tips for effectively presenting data and conclusions.

6. The sixth part of the document addresses the challenges of conducting research in a complex and rapidly changing environment. It discusses the need for flexibility, adaptability, and ongoing communication with stakeholders throughout the research process.

7. The seventh part of the document provides a summary of the key points discussed in the previous sections and offers some final thoughts on the future of research. It emphasizes the importance of continued learning and the pursuit of knowledge to advance our understanding of the world.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

REPORT.

The Metropolitan Park Commission presents herewith its twenty-fifth annual report.

The year 1916-17 covered by this report has been one of unusual quiet if measured by new acquisitions of land and new construction, but a very busy one in other ways, and marked by events which make it a notable one in the history of the Board.

After a busy life of accomplishment for eighteen years in offices in the Congregational Building, 14 Beacon Street, the Board found itself obliged to seek new offices because its former quarters were required for their own use by those having charge of the many activities of the American Congregational Association. No offices were available in the State House, but after a thorough canvass of available locations, a suite of offices reasonably adapted to its work was secured in the Kimball Building, at 18 Tremont Street, and the Board removed to them just before the 1st of January. The change was accomplished with practically no interruption of business.

Very few acquisitions of land have been made. Slight changes have been made by exchange and acquirement in the southwesterly boundary of Middlesex Fells Division, which makes it possible to connect the South Border Road with the West Border Road by a new piece of road 1,400 feet in length, and so have a continuous border driveway connecting the westerly branch of Middlesex Fells Parkway with Mystic Valley Parkway. Land has also been acquired in Arlington at the point where the highway between Medford and Arlington crosses Mystic Valley Parkway. This acquirement, though small, is very important, as it makes it possible to preserve an