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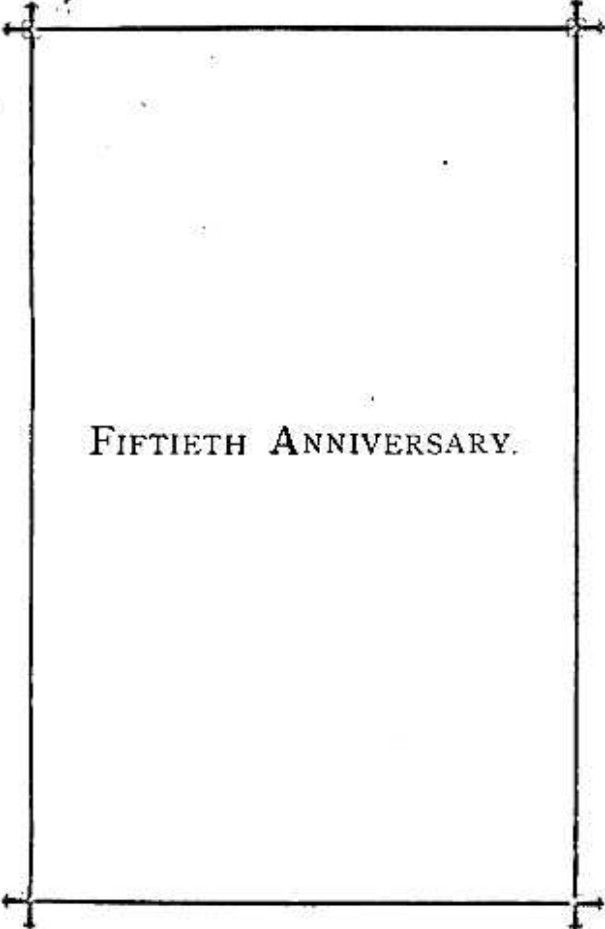
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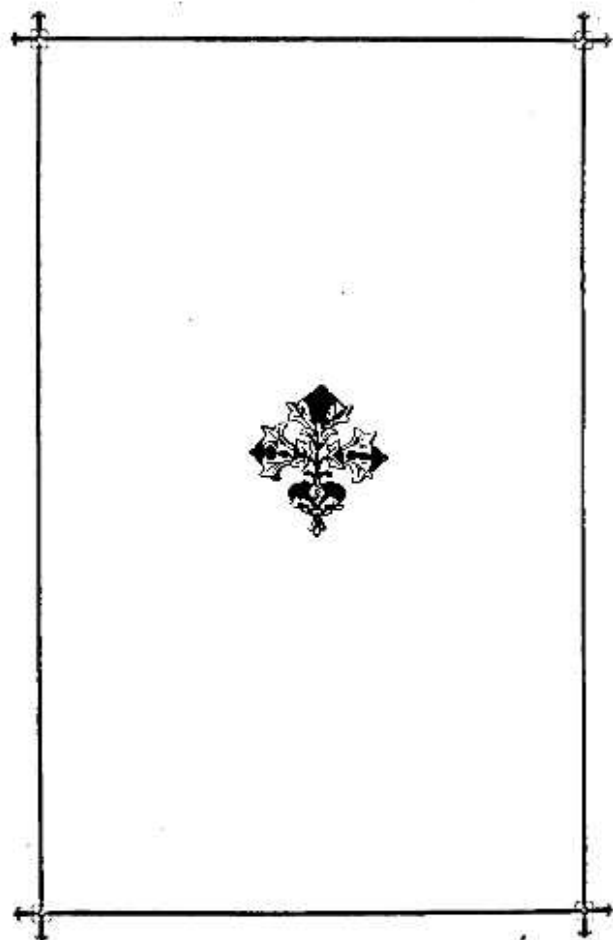
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FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

ONE of the most singularly pleasant social gatherings of which it is possible to conceive took place on Monday evening of last week, at the house of one of our citizens. It was to celebrate the anniversary of a business firm, the foundations of whose honorable and prosperous career were well laid long before Boston became a City, and when the inhabitants were contented with the name and well-earned reputation of the Town of Boston. The old publishing house of CROCKER & BREWSTER, in brief, commemorated the fiftieth anniversary of the formation of this long-respected partnership; and, considering the many interesting circumstances of its history, and especially the survivorship of

both partners after this protracted period, in good health, still carrying on the business, and with the apparent promise of years yet before them, — a case of very rare occurrence, especially in this country, — the event well deserved to be celebrated by a cheerful festival. Accordingly, multitudes of friends, old and new, as well ladies as gentlemen, were delighted to come together on the evening in question, under the hospitable roof of Mr. Uriel Crocker, the senior, though not much the senior, partner of the firm. Among the guests, of various sentiments, professions, and occupations, — printers, publishers, bank-presidents, merchants, and others, — were Hon. Samuel Hooper, member of Congress; our present mayor, Dr. Shurtleff; and his predecessors in office, Messrs. Rice, Lincoln, Wightman, and Norcross; and Hon. Charles T. Russell, who formerly served Cambridge in the same capacity. These few names, out of many, will show that representatives of all parties were present; and it was extremely pleas-

ant to observe that all diversities of opinion seemed to be forgotten, and that all present met on a common footing of friendly intercourse.

Nowhere but in New England, and perhaps in Scotland, could precisely such a party have taken place. A certain vein of what was most praiseworthy in Puritanism mingled not at all inharmoniously with the festivities of the hour. After time had been allowed for a full flow of conversation, the attention of the assembled guests was called to a ceremony peculiarly fitting the occasion. The respected partners stood together in the centre of the room; and Rev. Dr. Blagden, of the Old South Church, and long the pastor of both these gentlemen, addressed them as follows. We understand that the excellent clergyman had been informed that he would be expected to offer prayer; but a change in the arrangements was thought best after the guests came together, and Dr. Blagden's address, therefore, was quite extemporaneous. We have never