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Annual Meeting at the  
Fabian Hall  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 1920.

1. H. T. Muggidge was elected Chairman
2. The minutes of a members meeting held on May 20<sup>th</sup> 1919 were read and confirmed.
3. The Annual Report and accounts were submitted paragraph by paragraph by W. Stephen Sanders. Sidney Webb amplified the paragraphs relating to Finance and the Summer School, and Miss L. Dawson there referring to the Women's fund. Brief discussions on various other points ensued but no amendments were moved. Finally the Report and accounts were put and agreed to unanimously and the meeting adjourned.

E. F. Grayington  
May 24<sup>th</sup> 1921



Members Meeting at Essex Hall  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 1920.

1. Sir Sydney Olivier took the Chair.
2. Minutes of the meeting held 28<sup>th</sup> April last were read & confirmed.
3. The Chairman announced that as the meeting was a private one for members only, it was understood that no report of its proceedings should be published.
4. L. Haden Guest-LCC delivered his lecture on Russia under the Bolsheviks. At its conclusion the Chairman called on Arthur Waugh to speak. This was followed by questions which continued until the Chairman closed the meeting somewhat after an usual hour.

15/10/20

G. R. Girdle

Meeting at Essex Hall, on  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 1920

1. D. G. B. Clark took the Chair
2. The minutes of the meeting held on 16 July last were read and confirmed.
3. The general secretary made some formal announcements of forthcoming lectures &c.
4. Ramsden Dalrymple of Cambridge delivered his lecture on "African and South African Problems". It was followed by questions and discussion in which Miss Werner, S. Plautze, J. Bernard Shaw & the Chairman took part. The meeting then terminated.

Surrey Webb

Meeting at Essex Hall  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 1921

1. Sidney Webb took the chair.
2. The minutes of meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> October last were read and confirmed.
3. Mrs. Philip Snowden delivered a lecture on "Impressions of a visit to Georgia". It was followed by questions and discussion in which Mrs. Melton, Messrs. Edwards, Ervington, Guest, Lees, Dallas, Owen and Bernard Shaw and others took part.
4. Mrs. Snowden replied to the various speakers and the meeting then adjourned.

Geo H Barnes



Meeting at Essex Hall  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January 1921

1. The Chair was taken by the Rt-Hon.  
G. N. Barnes M.P.
2. The minutes of meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup>  
last were read and confirmed.
3. Capt. W. Stephen Sanders delivered  
a lecture on 'The International Labour  
Organisation of the League of Nations'.  
It was followed by many questions  
and a brief discussion in which  
G. Bernard Shaw, Sidney Webb, Mr  
Boyd Dawson, F. P. Elkington, Robertson  
Scott, the Secretary & others took  
part.
4. Capt. Sanders replied to the questions  
and speakers and the meeting  
then adjourned.

W. S. Sanders

Meeting at Essex Hall  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Feby 1921.

1. The Chair was taken by Mrs Sidney Webb.
2. Minutes of meeting held June 28 last were read and confirmed.
3. The Secretary made some announcements as to further meetings, publications &c.
4. Professor Harold J. Laski, delivered his lecture on "The future in America". It was followed by questions from the Chairman, Sir Sydney Olivier, Rev B. Martin, Bernard Shaw, J. Katz, & others; and a discussion ensued in which Prof. Bordin, Rev. Basil Martin, Mrs Butler, J. Katz and H. Smell took part.
5. Prof. Laski replied to the discussion and the meeting then terminated.

Sidney Webb

Meeting at Essex Hall  
 Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 1921

1. The Chair was taken by Sidney Webb.
2. Minutes of meeting held on Feb 11<sup>th</sup> were read and confirmed.
3. The Chairman made some announcements as to future meetings, publications &c.
4. Mr. Ben Sprou M.P. delivered his lecture on "Some impressions of a visit to India" which was followed by questions and discussion in which Messrs S. J. Lee Arnold Stephens, G. B. Shaw, G. P. Blignault the Chairman and others took part.
5. Mr. Sprou replied to the discussion and the meeting then terminated.

A. C. D. Willis



Meeting at Essex Hall  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 1921

1. The Chair was taken by Ald. G. E. Davis LCC
2. Minutes of meeting held Feby 25<sup>th</sup> last were read and confirmed
3. The Secretary made some announcements of future meetings, publications etc
4. Arthur Greenwood delivered his lecture on "The Cost of Living". It was followed by questions and discussion in which the Chairman, D. G. B. Clark, G. Bernard Shaw, G. F. Errington, Mrs Stevenson, J. Macrae Gibson, E. G. Bayles, S. L. Salcedo, the Secretary and others took part
5. Mr. Greenwood replied to the discussion and the meeting then terminated.

Joseph P. [unclear]  
15.4.21

Meeting at Essex Hall  
 Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> April 1921

1. The Chair was taken by Col. J. Wedgwood. M.P.
2. Minutes of meeting held March 11<sup>th</sup> last were read and confirmed.
3. The Secretary made announcements as to annual meeting, publications &c.
4. Arthur Ponsbury delivered his lecture on "The alternative to the Coalition Government". It was followed by questions and discussion in which the Chairman, Messrs Salcedo, C.F. Wright, H. Smeel, J. Fowler Shore, the Secretary, J. Macrae Gibson, J. L. Cohen, J. Katy and others took part.
5. Mr. Ponsbury replied to the discussion and the meeting terminated.

J. Macrae Gibson

15. 4. 21

Annual Meeting at Fabian Hall  
Friday 27 May 1921.

1. E. F. Errington was elected Chairman
2. The Annual Report and accounts were submitted paraphable & paraphable by the general secretary. Discussion took place on the paraphables relating to Literature, Finance, Local Fabian Societies, and the Women's Group Report, in which Hubert Humphreys, J. H. Macrae Gibson, H. Smeel, Sidney Webb, Mrs Webb, C. R. Muden, Capt E. P. Wrenkenson, Mrs Comer Mrs Greenwood and Mrs L Dawson and others took part. No amendment was moved however, and eventually the motion to adopt the Report and Accounts was agreed to unanimously.
3. Alderman A. Emil Davies LCC then moved the resolution of which he had given notice. It was seconded by Mrs Lippatt, and after discussion in which some

amendments were suggested and accepted by the mover and seconder the resolution was put and agreed to unanimously as follows:

Resolved "That a Social Activities Committee be formed, consisting of three members of the Executive, and two each from the Women's Club and the Summer School Committee, with power to add to their number for the purpose of arranging social functions in connection with the Society.

The meeting then terminated.

Hazel Kimball  
May 26. 22.

Handwritten notes at the bottom of the page, including the word "Monday" and some illegible scribbles.



Meeting at Essex Hall.  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 1922.

1. The Chair was taken by J. H. Macrae-Gibson.
2. Minutes of meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> April 1921 were read and confirmed.
3. The Secretary made some announcements of forthcoming meetings &c.
4. Alderman A. Ernie Davies &c delivered his lecture on "The Limits to Public Ownership". It was followed by questions and discussions in which J. Selous Whybrow, J. W. Graham Pease, Miss D. Evans, J. Edwards, Capt. Basil Hall the Chairman and secretary and others took part.
5. Alderman Davies replied to the discussion and the meeting terminated.

J. H. Macrae-Gibson

27. 1. 22

Meeting at Essex Hall.  
 Friday 27 January 1922.

1. The Chair was taken by J. H. Macrae Gilson.
2. Minutes of meeting held Jan 13<sup>th</sup> 1922 were read and confirmed.
3. The Secretary announced that owing to illness Col. Schuster was unable to give his lecture on International credits. His place had been taken at very short notice by Mr. Hubert Morrison. Some announcements of meetings & publications were also made.
4. Mr. Hubert Morrison gave his lecture on "The issues of the LCC election". Questions and discussion followed in which Messrs. Blanco, Graham-Pearce, Kays, Saleedo, Simkoon, Capt. D. Price, Finlay, the Secretary and others took part.
5. Mr. Morrison replied to the discussion and the meeting terminated.

Hammond 10.2.22

Meeting at Essex Hall  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 1922. 8pm.

1. The Chair was taken by D. Lawson Dodd.
2. The Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
3. The Secretary made some announcements of publications, forthcoming meetings &c.
4. The Chairman then introduced Mrs J. H. Butler who gave her lecture on "Some aspects of Prohibition in America". It was followed by questions and discussion in which Messrs. Simson, Macrae-Gibson, Sir Arthur Newsham, Arthur Waide, J. Katz, Salcedo, E. Bernard Shaw, the Chairman and others took part.
5. Mrs Butler replied to the discussion and the meeting terminated.

S. W. J. P. O. B.

Meeting at Essex Hall  
 Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 1922.

1. The Chair was taken by Sidney Webb.
2. The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
3. The Secretary made some announcements of forthcoming meetings &c.
4. The Chairman then introduced Mr G. P. Gooch who gave his lecture on "The European Situation". It was followed by questions and discussion in which Mr Webb, Dr R. Pease, W. Reade, Bernard Shaw, the Chairman and others took part.
5. Mr. Gooch replied to the discussion and the meeting terminated.

A. E. Davies



Meeting at Essex Hall  
Friday March 10<sup>th</sup> 1922.

1. The Chair was taken by Alderman  
A. Emil Davis, L.C.C.
2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were  
read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman
3. The Secretary made some announcements  
as to forthcoming meetings &c.
4. Alderman Davis then introduced Mr. E. S.  
Shrapnell-Smith who gave his lecture on  
"The Relations between Road and Rail Transport".  
It was followed by questions and discussion  
in which Messrs. Emington, Bernard Ward,  
Sidney Webb, Embson, Katz, the Chairman  
and Secretary, <sup>and others</sup> ~~took part~~ took part.
5. Mr. Shrapnell-Smith replied to the discussion  
and the meeting terminated.

W. Pelluk Lawrence  
March 24, 1922.

Meeting at Essex Hall  
Friday March 24<sup>th</sup> 1922

1. The Chair was taken by F.W. Petrick Lawrence.
2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
3. The Secretary made some announcements re forthcoming meetings, publications &c.
4. On behalf of the Executive Committee and with the assent of the Chairman, the Secretary moved that urgency be granted for a motion to appoint scrutineers for the Executive Election. This was agreed to.
5. The Secretary formally moved on behalf of the Committee that Col T.S.B. Williams & Mr Ernest A Davis be appointed scrutineers for the Executive Election. This was agreed to unanimously.

6. ~~Hugh Dalton~~ The Chairman then introduced Dr. Hugh Dalton who gave his lecture on 'The Colonial Levy'. It was followed by questions and discussion in which Dr. G. B. Clark, Messrs. Erington, Simkins, Toussaint Davis, G. Bernard Shaw, Sidney Webb and others took part.
7. Dr Dalton replied to the discussion and the meeting terminated.

Ch. Lloyd

28/4/22

Meeting at Essex Hall  
Friday 28 April 1922

1. The Chair was taken by C. M. Lloyd.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
3. The Secretary made some announcements of forthcoming meetings, publications &c.
4. The Chairman then called on S. K. Ratchliffe who gave his lecture on "Labor and Socialism in America". It was followed by questions and discussion in which the Chairman, Messrs. Simpson, Lasker, Vogt, Macrea, Wilson, D. J. B. Clark the Secretary and others took part.
5. S. K. Ratchliffe replied to the discussion and the meeting terminated.

Charles Simpson  
to see



## Annual Meeting.

Tuburn Hall Friday 26 May 1922.

1. Hubert Humphreys was elected Chairman.
2. Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and confirmed.
3. The Annual Report and Accounts were submitted ~~paraphrased~~ <sup>by the financial secretary on behalf of the Executive Committee.</sup> ~~paraphrased~~ Discussion took place on the paraphrases relating to Publications, membership, Book boxes & Library, Social Activities, the Common Room, the Tuburn Nursery and finance in which S. K. Ratchoff, E. R. Pease, Mrs L. Dawson, Miss V. Acheson, Sidney Webb, Mrs Wilson, E. F. Brumpton, Mrs. Corner, A. Emil Davis, Lt. Col. T. S. B. Williams, F. B. Stevens, Ernest Davis, Capt. E. Wilkinson, J. R. Blance and others took part. No amendment was moved however and eventually the motion to adopt the Report and accounts was carried unanimously.

4. The General Secretary finally moved on behalf of the Executive Committee the amendments to the Summer School Bye laws of which notice had been given. viz

Summer School Bye laws

NO. 1. Second line, delete "January" and insert "December"

Fifth line: delete "Education Centre" and insert "Suburban Nursery"

The items were put separately and discussed and carried without objection.

The meeting then terminated.

John H. Macrae-Gibson.

8. 6. 23

The first thing I did was to  
go to the bank and  
get some money out of  
my pocket book. I  
found it was all gone.  
I was very surprised  
and I went to the  
police station to  
report it. They  
said they would  
investigate it.  
I was very  
thankful for  
their help.  
I was very  
happy to  
hear that.  
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Meeting at Essex Hall.

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 1923

1. The Chair was taken by Philip Snowden. M.P.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed
3. The Secretary made some announcements of forthcoming meetings, publications &c.
4. The Chairman in a brief speech introduced the lecturer and called on J. L. Cohen who gave his lecture on Social Insurance. It was followed by questions and discussion in which W. J. Read, Alban Lindsay, R. B. Ken, S. Bamard, Sam Acheson, the Secretary and others took part.
5. J. L. Cohen replied to the discussion and the meeting terminated.

Dickson



Meeting at Essex Hall  
Friday 26 January 1923

1. The Chair was taken by Mrs Sidney Webb
2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
3. The Secretary made some announcements of forthcoming meetings, publications &c.
4. The Chairman briefly introduced the lecture and called on Lt Col. Williams who gave his lecture on "The Problem of India". It was followed by questions and discussion in which Messrs Barnard, Cubitt Hall, the Chairman, Sidney Webb, A. Emil Davis, W. J. Read, G. Chambers, & others took part.
5. Lt Col Williams replied to the discussion and the meeting terminated.

A. E. Davis

## Meeting at Essex Hall

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 1923

1. The Chan was taken by Ald. G. Emil Davis &c
2. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed
3. The Secretary made some announcements of forthcoming meetings &c.
4. The Chairman introduced the lecturer and called on St John Ewine who gave his lecture on 'Some impressions of America'. It was followed by discussion in which A. L. Simpson, Mrs L. Simpson, J. H. Macrae-John, D. L. Haden Guest, Mrs Ewine Mrs Butler and Miss Beckham took part.
5. St John Ewine replied to the discussion and the meeting terminated.

S. W. Webb

23/2/23

Meeting at Essex Hall  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1923.

1. The Chair was taken by Sidney Webb, M.P.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
3. The Secretary made some announcements of forthcoming meetings, publications &c.
4. The Chairman briefly introduced the lecturer and called on Mr. H. Finer M.Sc. to give his lecture on "Germany's experiment in an Industrial Parliament." It was followed by questions and discussion in which the Chairman, Messrs. G. Bamard, J. R. Pease, W. J. Read, F. P. Elkington, H. Hilditch, G. Bernard Shaw, H. Sherrin and others took part.
5. Mr. Finer replied to the discussion and the meeting terminated.

A. S. B. Hillman  
W.W.

Meeting at Essex Hall.  
 Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 1923

1. The Chan was taken by Lt. Col. T.S.B. Williams
2. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
3. The Secretary made some announcements of forthcoming meetings etc.
4. The Chairman briefly introduced the lecturer and called on Mr. Hammett Tye to give his lecture on "The Manufacture of Public Opinion by the Press". It was followed by questions and discussion in which Messrs. Redbelle, Macrae Ibbot, Read, Mr. Boyd Dawson, D. L. Haden Guest, Bamard, Simburm, Mrs. Moore, J. L. Katz and others took part.
5. Mr. Hammett Tye replied to the discussion and the meeting terminated

L. Haden Guest 23/3/23



Meeting at Essex Hall.  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1923

1. The Chair was taken by D. L. Haden Guest.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
3. The Secretary made some announcements of forthcoming meetings, publications &c.
4. The Chairman briefly introduced the lecturer and called on H. N. Brailsford to give his lecture on 'The International Scene and the Class Struggle'. It was followed by questions and discussion in which Messrs. Redfeth, Everington, D. L. Fairfield, Read, Sumner, Kutty, Bernard Shaw, the Chairman and others took part.
5. H. N. Brailsford replied to the discussion and the meeting terminated.

H. J. Larkin

Meeting at Essex Hall.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April 1923.

1. The Chair was taken by H. J. Laski.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
3. The Secretary made some announcements of forthcoming meetings &c.
4. The Chairman briefly introduced the lecture and called on G. F. Gooch to give his lecture on "The New situation in Turkey and the Near East". It was followed by questions and discussion in which Messrs. Barnard, Saleeds, Hays, Tully, D. G. B. Clark and others took part.
5. Mr. Gooch replied to the discussion and the meeting terminated.

J. W. Little  
 Lawrence  
 April 27. 1923.

Meeting at Essex Hall  
Friday 27 April 1923.

1. The Chair was taken by F.W. Pettuck Lawrence.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
3. The Secretary made some announcements of forthcoming meetings etc.
4. The Chairman briefly introduced the lecturer and called on Mr. Robert Nichol M.P. to give his lecture on The Manufacture of unemployment by the control of credit facilities: It was followed by questions and discussion in which D. G. B. Clark, Messrs. Barnard, Vogt Bulet, Read, Graham Pean, the Chairman and others took part.
5. Mr. Nichol replied to the discussion and the meeting terminated.

# Annual Meeting.

Fabran Hall Friday 8 June 1923

1. J. H. Macrae-Gibson was elected Chairman.
2. The minutes of the last Annual meeting were read and confirmed.
3. The Annual Report and accounts were submitted paragraph by paragraph by the General Secretary on behalf of the Executive Committee. Discussion took place on the paragraphs relating to Finance, Meetings, Publications, Local and University Societies, Book boxes, Summer schools and Common Room and Hall in which F. Lawson Dodd, E. R. Pease, Mrs Corner, Mrs Acheson, J. G. Sargent, A. Emil Davis, W. J. Read, Hubert Humphreys, V. Cohen, C. M. Lloyd, Dr. L. D. Fairfield, Mrs L. Dawson, Mrs Hadley, J. Burgneary, the Chairman and Secretary took part.



No amendment was moved however and eventually the motion to adopt the Annual Report and accounts was carried. nem. Con.

4. Arising out of the discrepancy in publications, it was moved, seconded and unanimously resolved that a cordial vote of thanks be ~~expressly~~ <sup>expressly</sup> rendered to Mr & Mrs Sidney Webb for their generous gift <sup>to the Society</sup> of the rights of publication in this country of their book "The decay of Capitalist Civilisation".

5. The Secretary made some announcements of forthcoming meetings &c, and the meeting then terminated.

Hugh Thayer.

20/6/24

# Annual Meeting

Fabian Hall, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 1924

1. Hugh Shaylor was elected Chairman.
2. The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and confirmed.
3. The Annual Report and Accounts were submitted paragraph by paragraph by the General Secretary in behalf of the Executive Committee. Discussion took place on the paragraphs relating to Lectures and Meetings, Publications and Tracts, Book Boxes and Library and Finance in which Montague Furber, Bernard Shaw, David Freeman, W. B. Clapham, A. West, A. J. Edwards, W. Sydney Webb, D. F. Hanson Dodd, Capt. Basil Hall 12 N. W. Hall, D. G. Robson, E. R. Pease, F. R. Blanco, Miss S. Acheson, A. Sanders and the Chairman and

Secretary took part.

No <sup>other</sup> motion or amendment was moved however and eventually the motion to adopt the Annual Report and accounts was carried unanimously.

6. The meeting then terminated and an informal reception of those present was held afterwards in the Common Room.

Joe Hughes

11.6.25.

Annual Meeting  
Jakob Hall, Thursday 11 June 1925.

1. Fred Hughes was elected Chairman.
2. Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and confirmed.
3. The Annual Report and accounts were submitted, paraphrased by paraphrased, by the General Secretary on behalf of the Executive Committee. Discussion took place on the paraphrased relating to lectures & meetings, Publications, membership, Provincial & other Societies, International Socialist organization, Book box, the Summer School, the library and Finance, in which Messrs. Wroughton, Sargeant, Clapke, Shaw, Lovat Fraser, Humphrey, Mrs Webb Mrs Lawrence, Pease, Blanco, Sanders, van der Shrubel, & others took part. No other motion or



Amendment was moved, however, and eventually the motion to adopt the Report and Accounts was carried *unanimously*.

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\* Amendment to the Society's Rules.  
Motion by the Executive Committee:  
That the Society's Rules be amended as follows:—  
Rule 3 (Annual meeting to be held in May).  
First line: delete "in May," and insert "not later than June in each year."

The motion was carried *unanimously* without discussion.

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\* Notice of Motion.  
By Montague Fordham.  
"That it be an instruction to the newly-elected Executive to concentrate attention on the investigating and making known amongst members of the Society and the public the immediate Socialist solutions of the practical problems of the day, with special reference to the reconstruction of rural England, the building of houses for working people, the provision of employment, and the reduction of food prices."

Fordham moved his motion. An amendment was moved by Blaves, seconded by <sup>John H. M. Keynes</sup> ~~James H. M. Keynes~~ and after discussion, withdrawn. A further amendment was moved by Clabbe and seconded <sup>by W. Strickling</sup> and after discussion defeated. After a general discussion in which Mr. Webb, Blaves,



## Annual Meeting.

Fabrum Hall. Wednesday 16 June 1926

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1. A. MacCallum Scott was elected Chairman of the meeting.
2. The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
3. The Annual Report and accounts were submitted, paragraph by paragraph, by the financial secretary on behalf of the Executive Committee. Discussion arose on the paragraphs relating to Membership, Provincial & other Societies, The Summer School, Local Government Bureau and News, ~~and Finance~~, the Common Room, and Finance and on the Accounts and Balance Sheet; in which Messrs. Sargent, Robson, Lord Olivier, Mr. van Raalte, G. van Raalte, Laska, Pease, Blanco White

and Emmington, and others took part. Many suggestions were made and voted for the Committee but no motion or amendment was moved. The motion to adopt the Report and accounts was moved by Lt. Col. T. S. B. Williams, seconded by E. F. Emmington and carried unanimously.

Amendment of the Society's Rules. Motion by the Executive Committee that the Summer School By-Laws be amended as follows:—  
 By-Law I., line 5, delete " and " after the words " Women's Group," and add the words " and the New Fabian Group " after " the Fabian Nursery."

moved by the General Secretary in behalf of the Committee and seconded by J. Spence Hill and agreed to nem. con.

5. At this stage Professor H. J. Laeki moved and Ed. Oliver seconded a motion for urgency for a resolution dealing with the present position of the lockout in the Coal Mining industry.

The Chairman having satisfied himself that more than 25 members were present, put the motion



for urgency and declared it carried by more than the requisite three fourths of those present. The Chairman ruled that the motion should be taken at the conclusion of the business on the agenda.

6 Notice of motion. By W. A. Robson:—

That the present rate of subscription which the Society recommends that its members should pay is in effect a degressive and inequitable system, which is opposed to all Socialist principles, and should accordingly be revised on sound Fabian lines.

Robson moved his resolution and it was seconded formally by Col Williams. A discussion ensued in which Blasco White, Emil Davies, and Oliver, G. Marshall Denton, J. S. Bradford and Sherrin Hill took part. Robson withdrew from the discussion, and the motion was put by the Chairman and declared lost by 30 votes against to 9 for.

7 Notice of motion. By Geo. Crosoer:—

LABOUR PARTY POLICY AT PARLIAMENTARY  
BY-ELECTIONS.

That the Fabian Society is of opinion that the only reasonable policy for the Labour Party to adopt is to withdraw Labour candidates at by-elections where it is more probable that the Liberal candidate would be successful, on condition that the Liberal candidate be withdrawn at by-elections where the Labour candidate would more probably win the seat.

Crozer then moved his motion, which was seconded by G. W. Shepley. Laska replied in behalf of the Executive Committee and a brief discussion followed in which Lud Oliver and A. Marshall Dixon took part. Crozer replied to the discussion and the Chairman then put the motion which was lost, only 2 voting in favour and the rest of the meeting against.

8. Laska then moved the motion for which urgency had been voted earlier, as follows: -

That the Fabian Society condemns without qualification the latest proposals of the Government for the settlement of the coal dispute, and offers its warmest sympathy and support to the miners' federation of Great Britain.

Col Williams seconded

the motion which was met with  
cries of 'ayes' and on being  
put from the Chair was  
declared carried unanimously.

The meeting then terminated.

Kingsley Park  
16.6.27

Forty-fourth Annual Meeting.  
Thursday 16 June 1927, in  
Fulham Hall.

1. Kingsley Martin was elected  
Chairman of the meeting.
2. The minutes of the previous annual  
meeting were read and  
confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
3. Apologies for absence were received  
from Mr & Mrs Sidney Webb,  
and from Edward R. Pease  
who was prevented from attending  
by indisposition. Dr. F. Lawson Doxey  
thereupon moved a resolution  
expressing regret at Pease's absence  
for the first time in forty years,  
and cordial good wishes for  
his speedy recovery, and  
this was unannimously  
agreed to.



4. The Annual Report and accounts were submitted by the General Secretary on behalf of the Executive Committee, and the report was considered paragraph by paragraph. Discussion arose in the paragraphs relating to membership, the Kingsway Halls lectures, Books and Publications, the Summer School, the Royal Government News and Bureau, the Common Room and Finance, in which Miss Stella Brown, Theodore Westerman, Miss S. A. Chern, J. Leman Dodd, E. R. Blanco White, W. L. Robson, W. H. McKenna, Herbert Humphreys, Mrs. Blanco White, A. Emil Davies, Mrs. van Raalte, F. G. Radcliffe, Hugh Shaylor, the Chairman and others took part. Many suggestions were made, but no motion or amendment was proposed and the resolution that the Report and accounts be adopted, was moved by the General Secretary, seconded by

Dr. Col. T. S. B. Williams and carried  
unanimously.

5. W. A. Robson then moved on behalf  
of the Executive Committee the motion  
referring to the Trade Unions Bill  
of which notice had been given  
as follows: -

"That this meeting of the Fabian Society protests energetically against the Trade Disputes and Trade Unions Bill as reactionary and repressive. It records its considered opinion that the Bill is conceived in malice and directed to ends that are hostile to the best tendencies of social legislation since 1875. It pledges its members to co-operate heartily in all efforts of the Labour Party to secure its repeal at the earliest possible date."

A brief discussion followed and  
the resolution was carried  
unanimously.

6. The General Secretary reported  
the result of an appeal from  
the Independent Labour Party for  
financial assistance to the  
Labour candidate in the  
By-election now taking place  
at Brixton, and stated that  
the Executive Committee had

opened a subscription list and  
urged further subscriptions.  
Hubert Morrison and G. R. Blumco which  
reported the actual and a  
number of members present  
subscribed.

6. This concluded the business  
and the meeting terminated.

H. C. Lander.  
June 14<sup>th</sup> 1928.

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Forty-fifth Annual Meeting  
Thursday 14 June 1928  
in Fabian Hall

The 45th Annual Meeting of the Society was held in Fabian Hall on Thursday June 14th 1928, Owing to the inclement weather the attendance of members was smaller than usual. H. Clapham Lander was elected Chairman of the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from a number of members, including Miss Helen M. Keynes who was engaged as Labour Candidate in the Epsom By-election, Capt. Basil Hall, R.N., Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Webb and others.

The Annual Report and accounts were presented by the General Secretary on behalf of the Executive Committee, and the report was considered paragraph by paragraph. Discussion arose on the paragraphs relating to Membership, the Labour and Socialist International, Meetings and Lectures, Publications, the Summer School, the Local Government News and Bureau, Book Boxes and Library, and Finance, in which E.R.Pease, F.Lawson Dodd, Hubert Humphreys, W.A.Robson, H.Samuels, E.F.Errington, Percy Arnold, Miss Stella Browne, Miss S.Acheson, F.G.Radcliffe and others took part. The General Secretary agreed to make slight corrections to the paragraphs relating to the L.C.C. election and to the Book Box circulation. No motion or amendment was formally proposed however and the resolution to adopt the Report as a whole was put by the Chairman and carried unanimously.

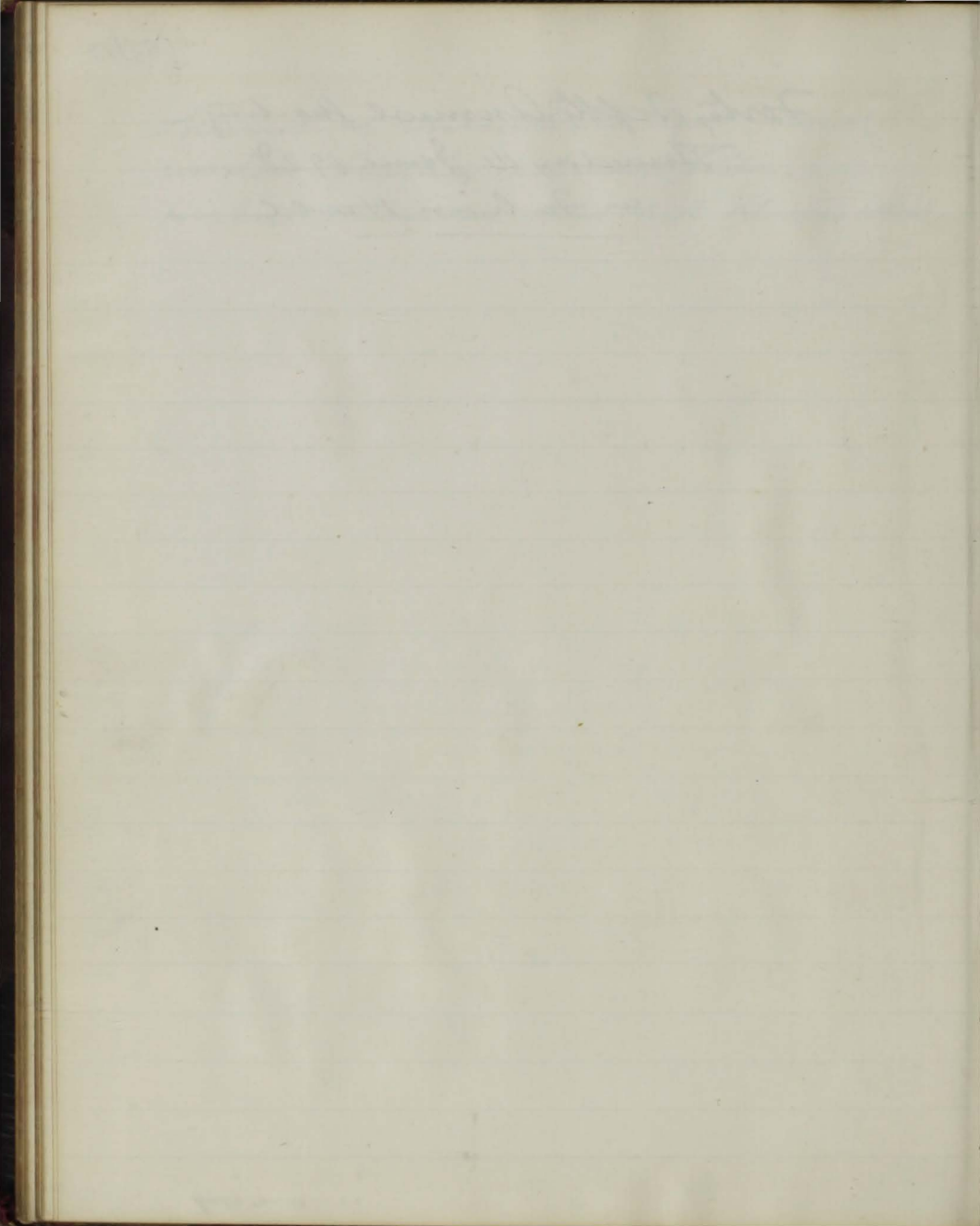
F.Lawson Dodd, the Hon.Treasurer then briefly explained the items in the Accounts and Balance Sheet and moved that they be adopted. The motion was seconded by W.A.Robson and carried nem con.

At the conclusion of the business on the Agenda for the meeting the General Secretary, by direction of the Executive and with the consent of the Chairman, made a statement as to the pending removal of the Society's offices.

This concluded the business of the meeting and an informal reception of those present was held afterwards in the Common Room as usual.

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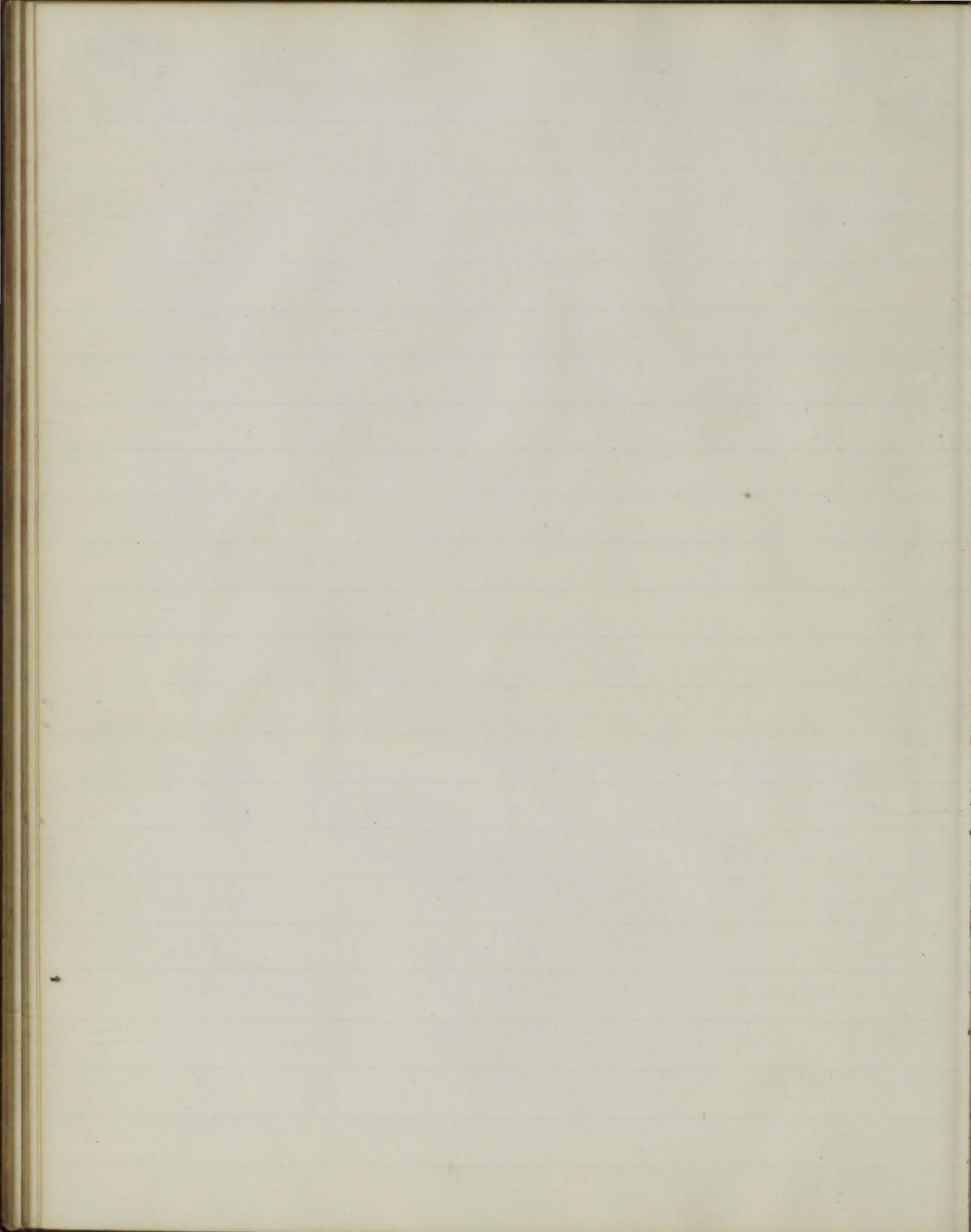
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The 46th Annual Meeting was held in the Livingstone Hall, Broadway, Westminster on Thursday 13th June 1929 at 8.p.m. There was a fair attendance of members, and A. E. Appelbe was elected Chairman of the meeting.

The minutes of the previous annual meeting were read and confirmed. Some apologies were mentioned.

The Annual Report and accounts were presented by the General Secretary on behalf of the Executive Committee and the report was considered paragraph by paragraph. Discussion arose on the paragraphs relating to Meetings and Kingsway Hall Lectures, Publications, the Summer School, the Local Government News and Inquiry Bureau, The Common Room and Library, and Finance in which Messrs. T. Ridpeth, D. Freeman, F. Lawson Dodd, E. F. Errington, J. Lloyd-Davies, Percy Arnold, Ald. A. Emil Davies, L.C.C., J. H. Ramage, A. <sup>Wilson,</sup> ~~Nelson,~~ W. A. Robson, Dr. W. H. Brend, J. A. Sargent, Mrs. Garle and others took part. The General Secretary and other members of the Executive Committee replied to the various questions raised, but no motion or amendment was formally moved. The resolution to adopt the Report as a whole was then put by the Chairman and carried unanimously.



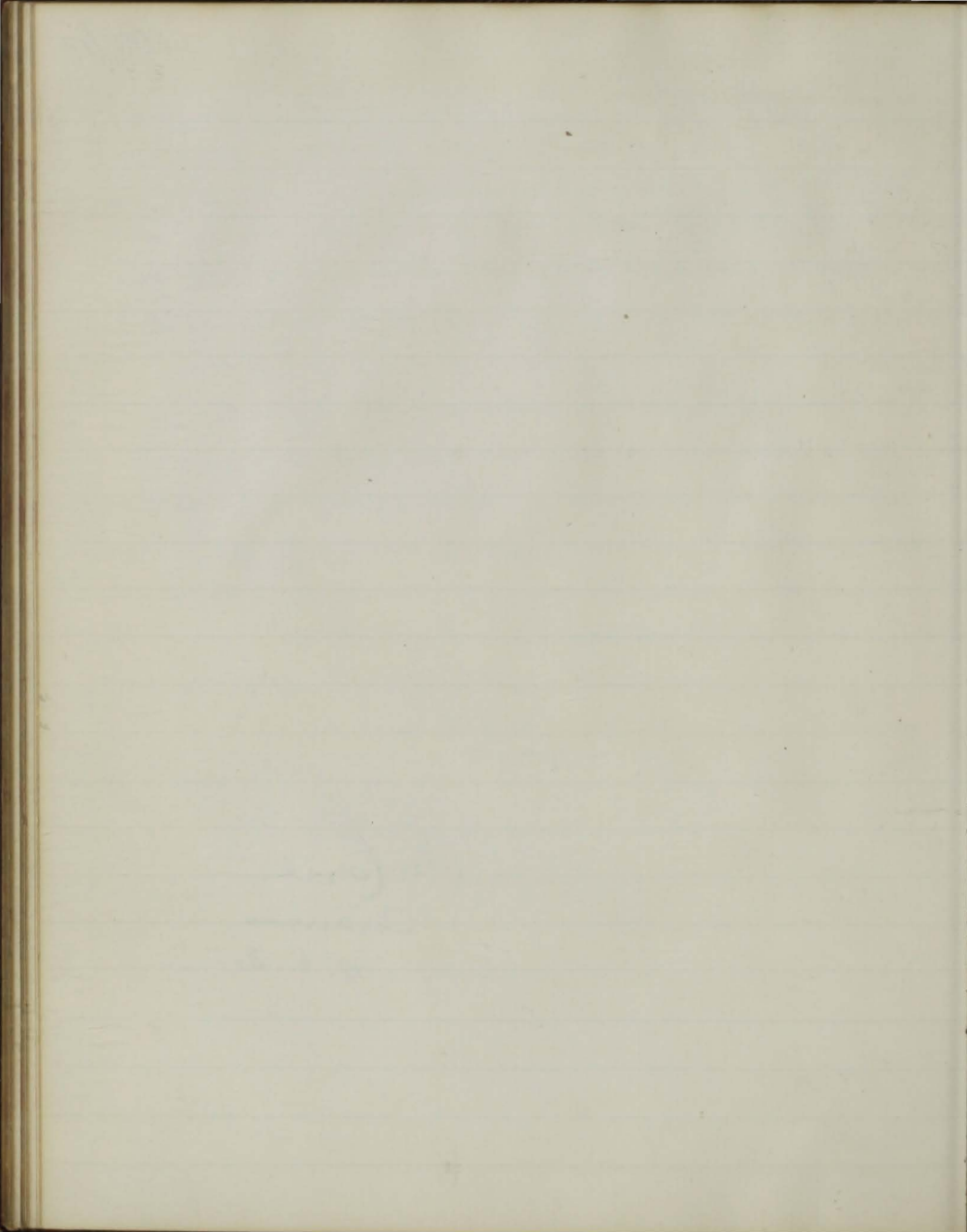
F. Lawson Dodd, the Hon. Treasurer, then briefly explained the items in the Accounts and Balance Sheet and moved that they be adopted. Some questions arising thereon were asked by Miss Stella Browne, Mrs. Garle, Mrs. Van Raalte, Messrs. Humphreys, Ramage, Ridpeth, Robson and others and the motion was agreed to nem con.

At the conclusion of the business on the Agenda for the Meeting, Mr. Harry Snell, M.P., by direction of the Executive Committee and with the consent of the Chairman made a statement as to the results of the recent General Election so far as the Fabian Society is concerned, and as to the Society's representation in the new Labour Government.

An informal reception of those present at the meeting was held afterwards in the Fabian Common Room as usual.

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Chairman  
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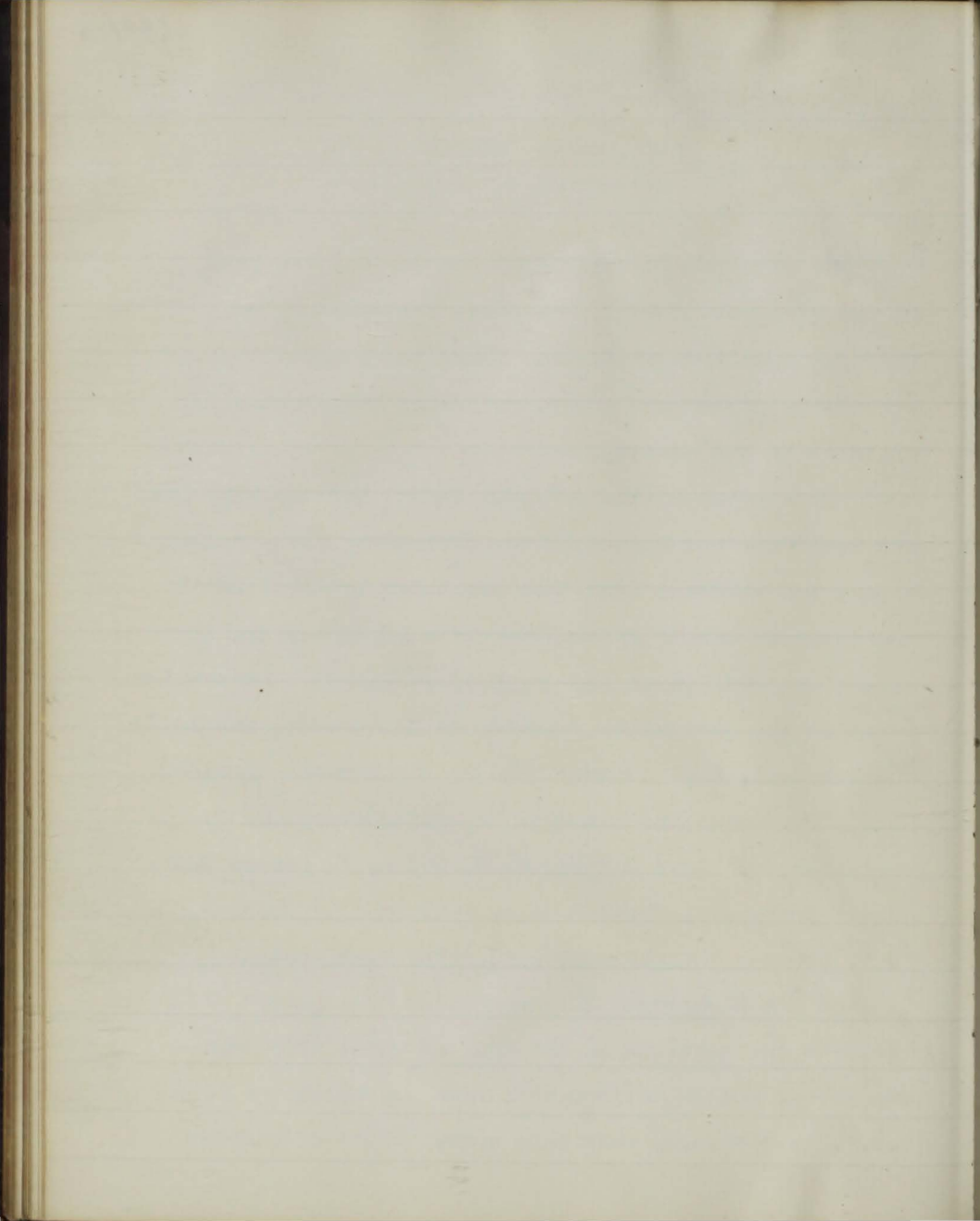
THE ANNUAL MEETING 1930.

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The 47th Annual Meeting of the Society was held in the Livingstone Hall, Broadway, Westminster, on Thursday June 19th at 8.p.m. There was a small attendance of members and H. C. Corner was elected Chairman of the meeting.

The minutes of the previous annual meeting were read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman. The Annual Report and accounts were then presented by the General Secretary on behalf of the Executive Committee and the report was considered paragraph by paragraph. Discussion arose on the paragraphs relating to Membership, Meetings, Publications, the Summer School, the General Election, Local Government and Finance, in which Messrs. E. F. Errington, W. Lloyd Davies, C. H. Bates, F. Lawson Dodd, Hubert Humphreys, Percy Arnold, Col. Maurice Spencer, C.M.G. W. A. Robson, the Chairman and others took part.

On the paragraph relating to the Livingstone Hall Lectures the question of the hour at which they begin was raised and objections were made to the change from 8.p.m. to 8-30.p.m. made this year. After discussion



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it was agreed nem con to recommend the Executive to reconsider this question with a view to reverting to the former practice of beginning the meetings at 8.p.m. No other motion or ammendment was proposed and the resolution to adopt the Report as a whole was carried unanimously.

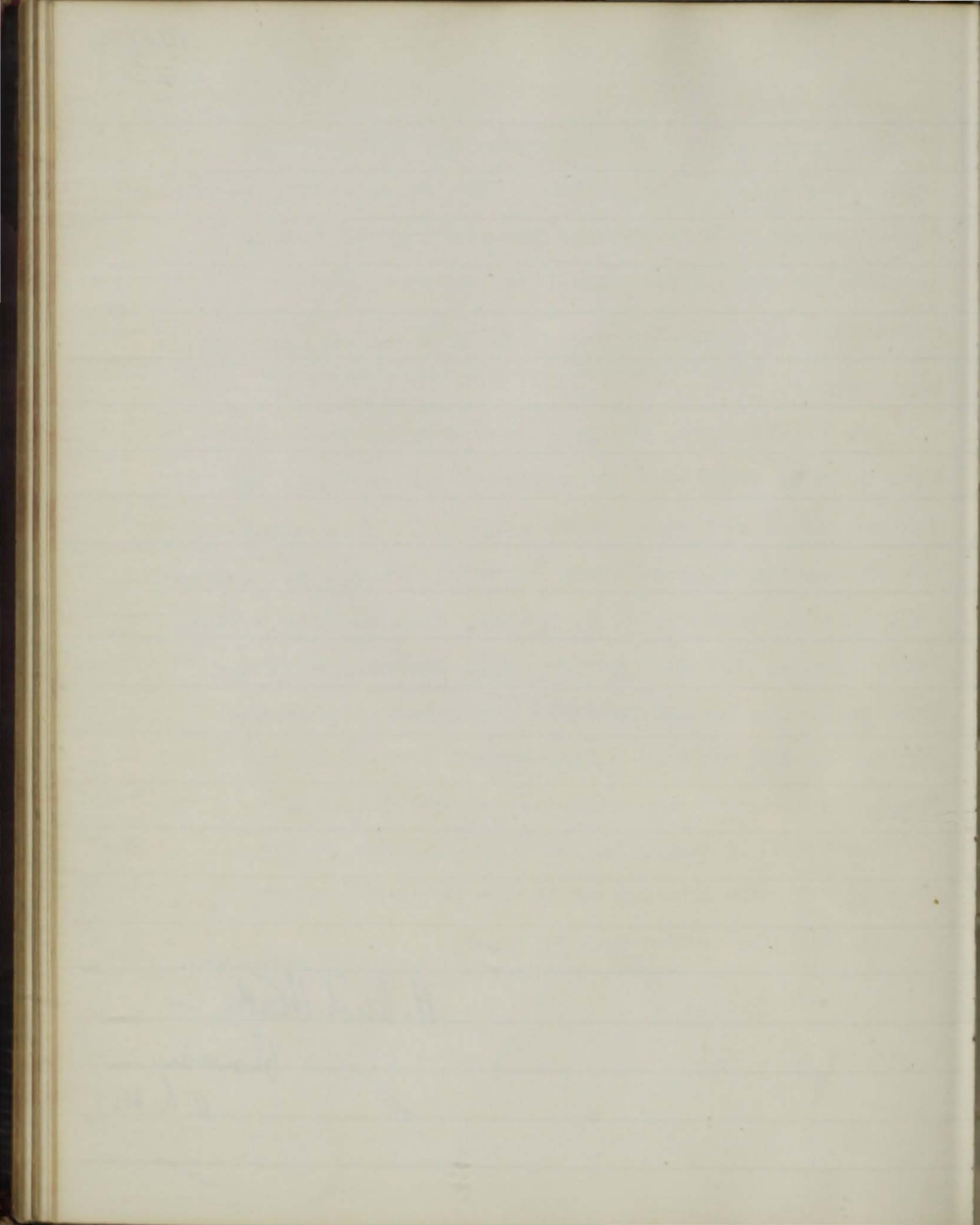
F. Lawson Dodd, the Hon. Treasurer of the Society then briefly explained the items in the Accounts and Balance Sheet and moved their adoption. Some questions and discussion thereon arose in which Messrs. W. A. Robson, Col. Maurice Spencer, C. U. Reakes, Ald. A. Emil Davies, Percy Arnold, W. Lloyd Davies, Mrs. Corner and others took part. F. Lawson Dodd and the General Secretary replied to the various points raised and the motion to adopt the accounts was then carried unanimously.

An informal reception of those present at the meeting was held afterwards in the Fabian Society's Offices and the Common Room as usual.

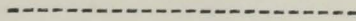
H. Cecil Heath  
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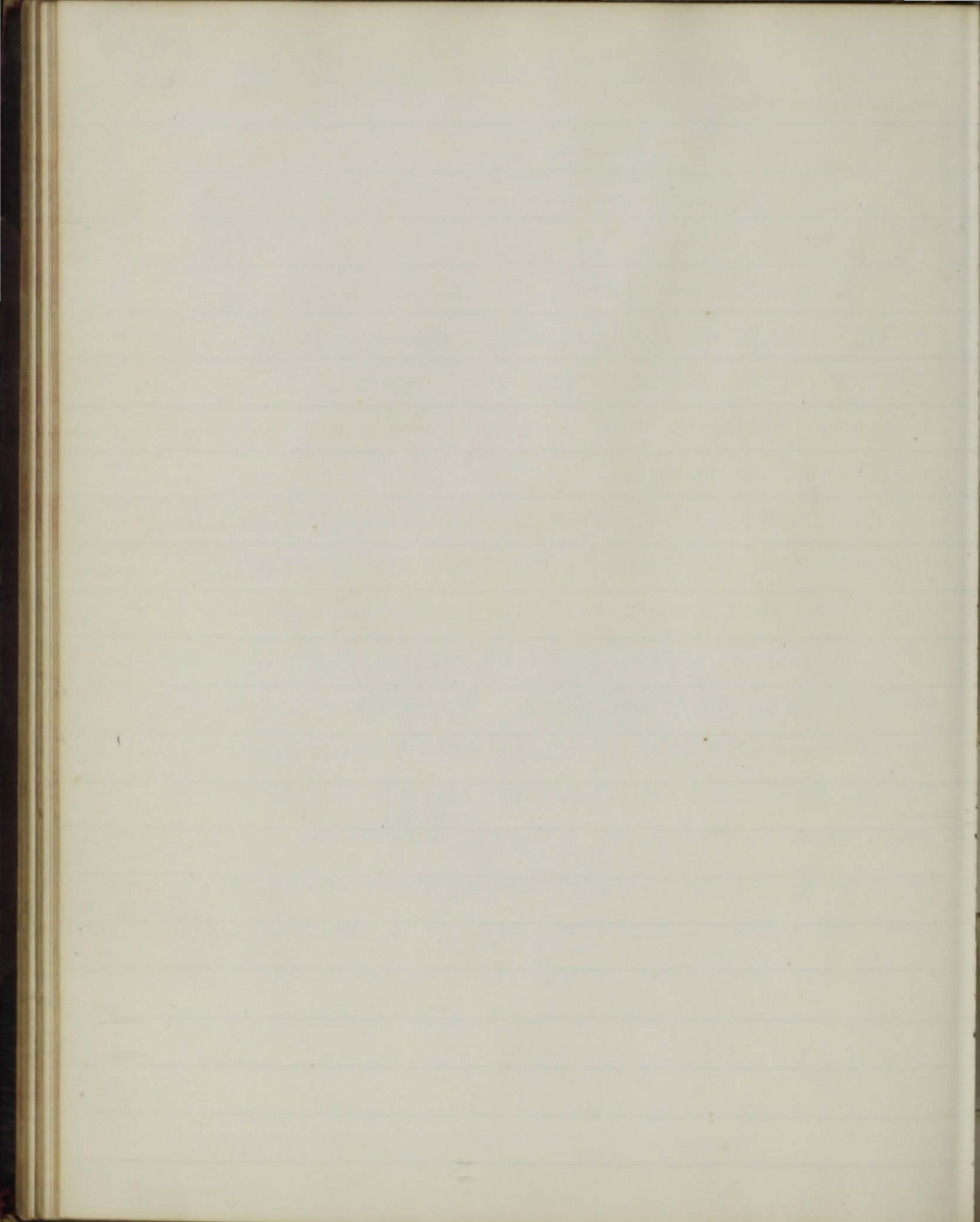


THE ANNUAL MEETING 1931.



The 48th Annual Meeting of the Society was held in the Livingstone Hall, Broadway, Westminster on Thursday, June 11th at 8 p.m. There was a small attendance of members and H. Cecil Heath was elected Chairman of the meeting.

The minutes of the previous annual meeting were read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman. The Annual Report was then presented by the General Secretary on behalf of the Executive Committee and the report was considered paragraph by paragraph. Discussion arose on the paragraphs relating to Meetings, Publications, the Summer School, Book Boxes and Travelling Library and the Common Room, in which Messrs. C. H. Bates, <sup>7. In</sup> ~~S.~~ Overy, F. Lawson Dpdd, E. <sup>ly</sup> ~~X~~ Reakes, E. F. Errington, Percy Arnold, Capt. Basil Hall, Hubert Humphreys, Capt. J. E. Drummond and others took part. The general Secretary and other members of the Executive replied to the various questions raised. No motion or amendment was proposed and the Resolution to adopt the Report as a whole was carried ~~unanimously~~.



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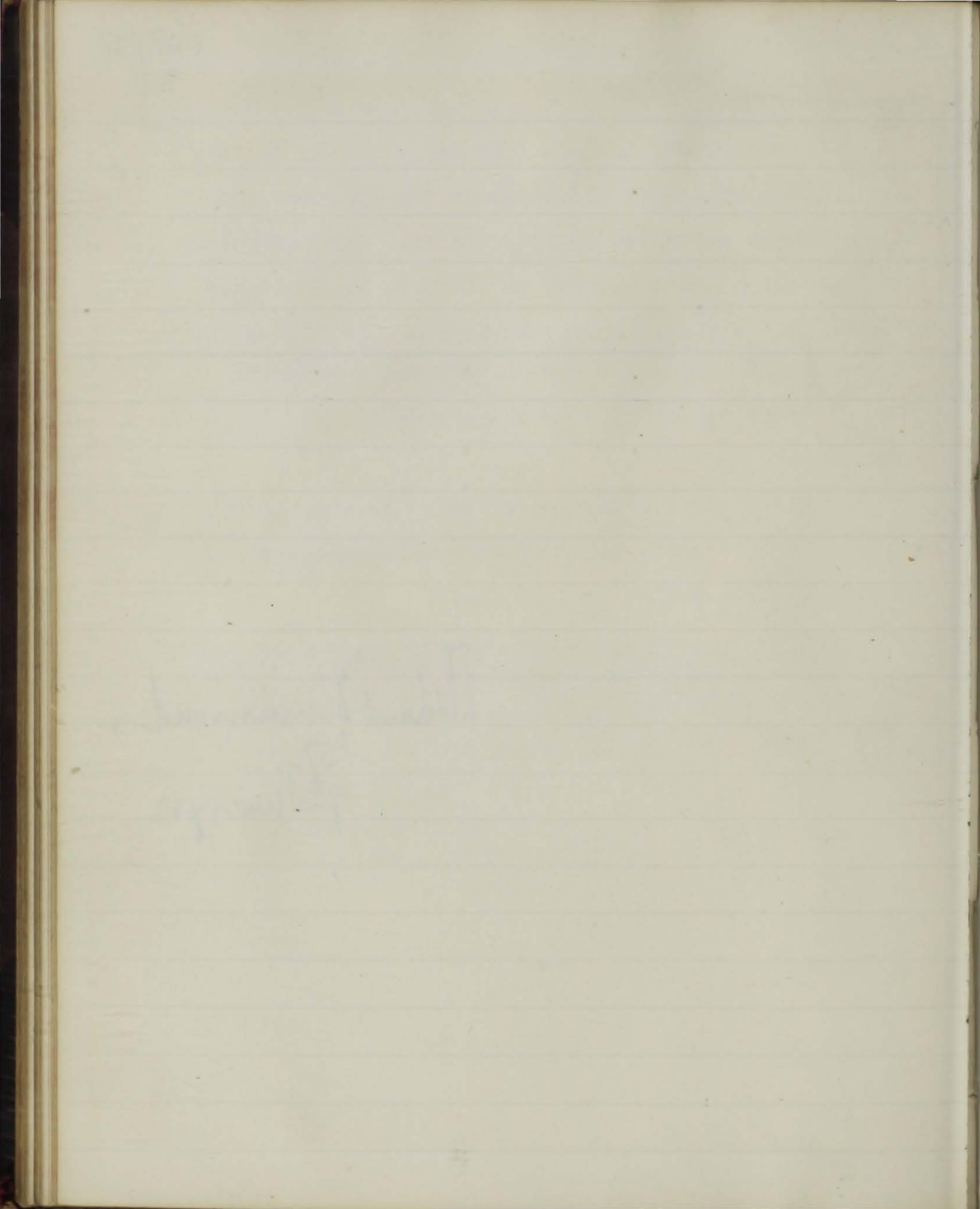
F. Lawson Dodd, the Hon. Treasurer of the Society then briefly explained the items in the accounts and Balance Sheet and moved their adoption. Some questions and discussion arose thereon in which E. F. Errington, Ald. A. Emil Davies, L.C.C. and John Ramage took part.

F. Lawson Dodd and the General Secretary replied to the points raised and the motion was then carried unanimously.

An informal reception of those present at the meeting was held afterwards in the Fabian Society's offices and the Common Room as usual.

Richard Stammers  
9th June 1932.





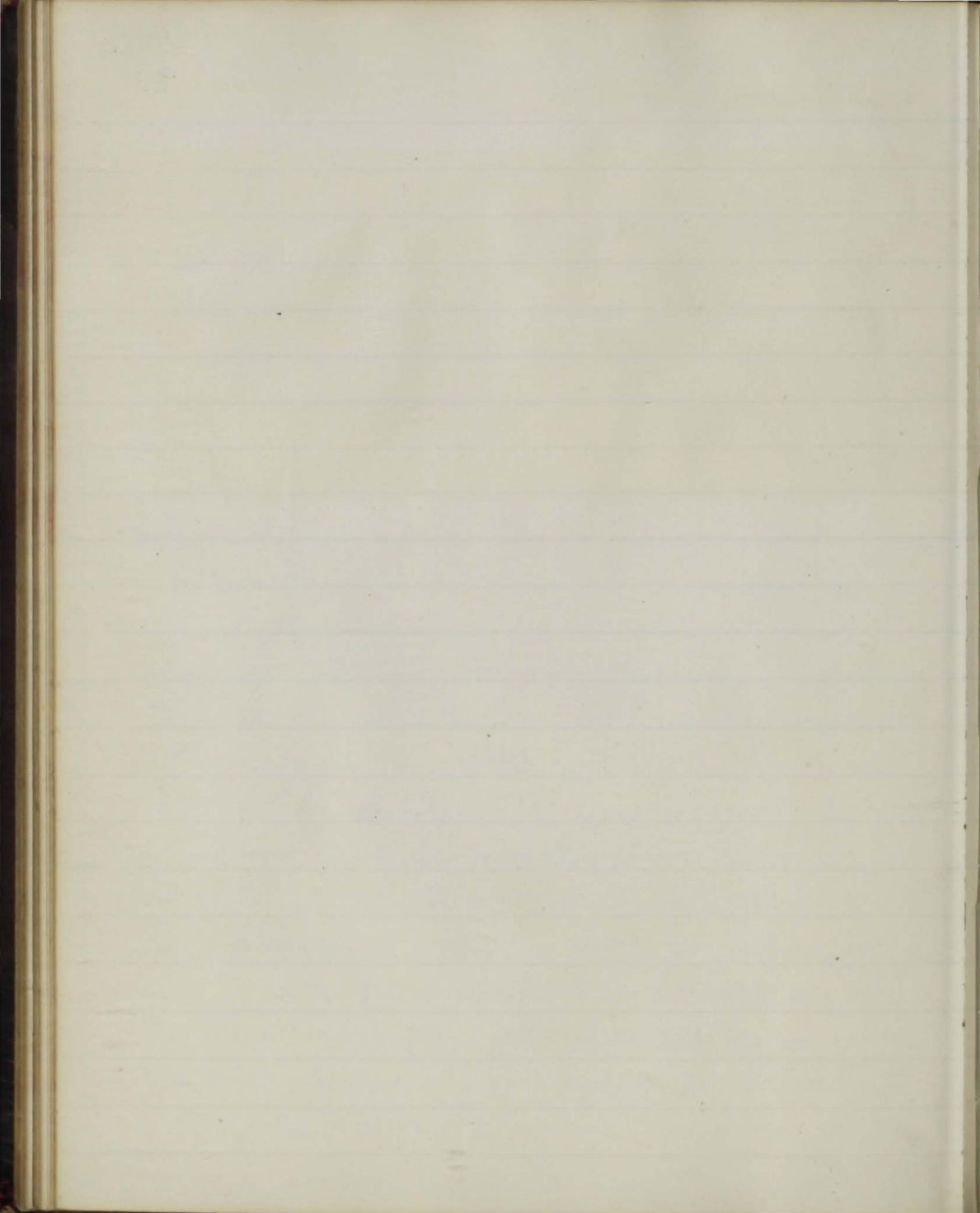
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The Annual Meeting, 1932.

The 49th Annual Meeting of the Society was held in the Livingstone Hall, Broadway, Westminster on Thursday, 9th June, 1932 at 8 p.m. There was a small attendance of members and Capt. J. E. Drummond was unanimously elected Chairman of the meeting.

The minutes of the previous Annual meeting were read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman. The Annual Report was then presented by the General Secretary on behalf of the Executive Committee and was considered paragraph by paragraph. Discussion arose on the paragraphs relating to Membership, Provincial and other Societies, Meetings, the General election, Book Boxes and Library, and Finance, in which John Edbrooke, A.C. Tomkins, E.R. Pease, W. Lloyd Davies, Miss Judson, Dr. Caroline Maule, Miss Stella Browne, W.A. Wilson, John Ramage, F.A. Rowe, W.S. Sanders, H. Humphreys, J.A. Sargent, A. Creech-Jones, and others took part. No amendment to the report was moved and the General Secretary undertook to convey the various suggestions made to the Executive Committee.

A motion to adopt the report as a whole was moved by Mrs. Sanders, seconded by W.A. Wilson and carried unanimously.



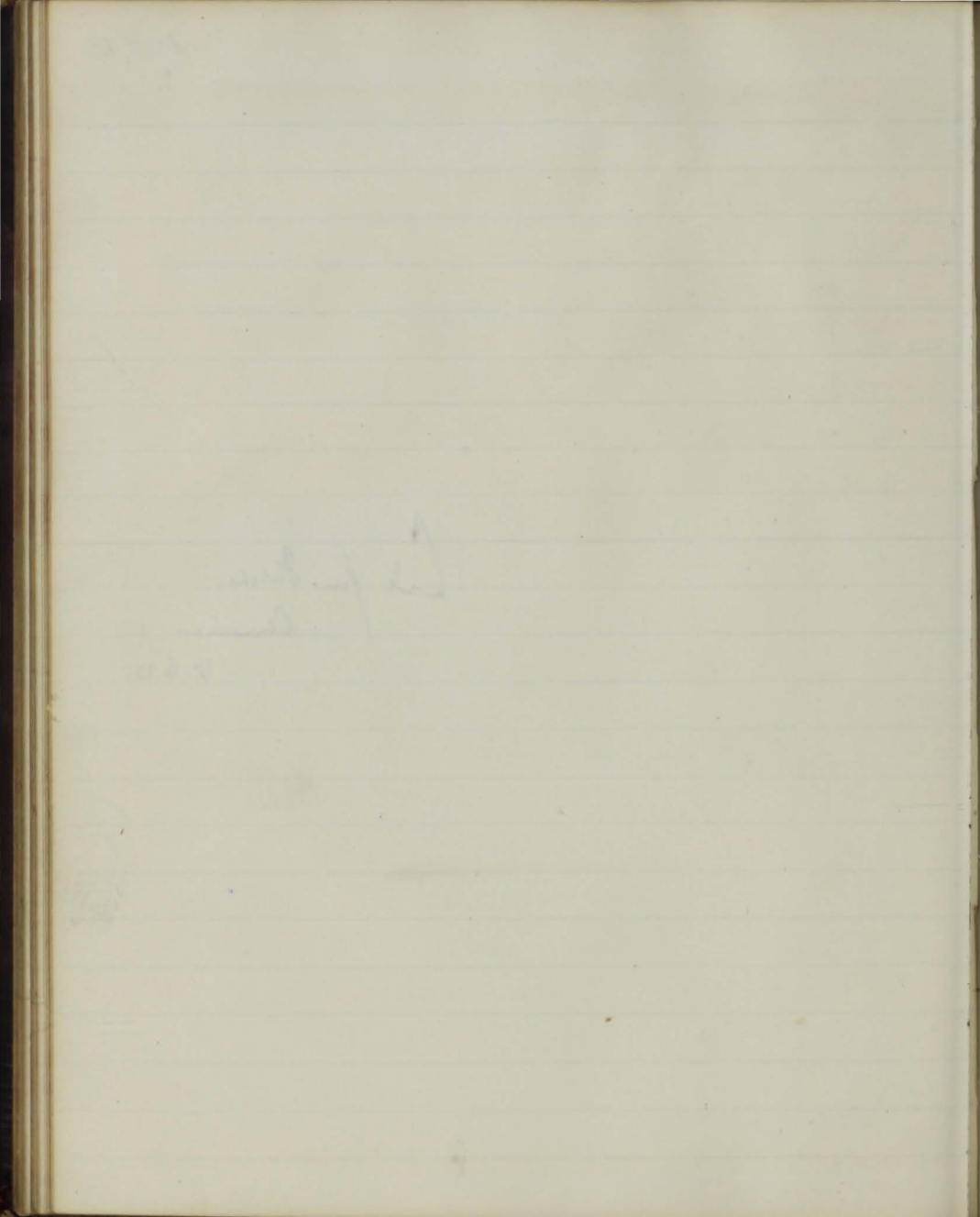
In the absence of the Hon. Treasurer the General Secretary then explained the items in the Accounts and Balance Sheet and after a brief discussion a motion that they be adopted was moved by Dr. Caroline Maule, seconded by A. Creech-Jones and carried unanimously.

This concluded the business of the meeting and an informal reception of those present was held afterwards in the Fabian Common Room as usual.

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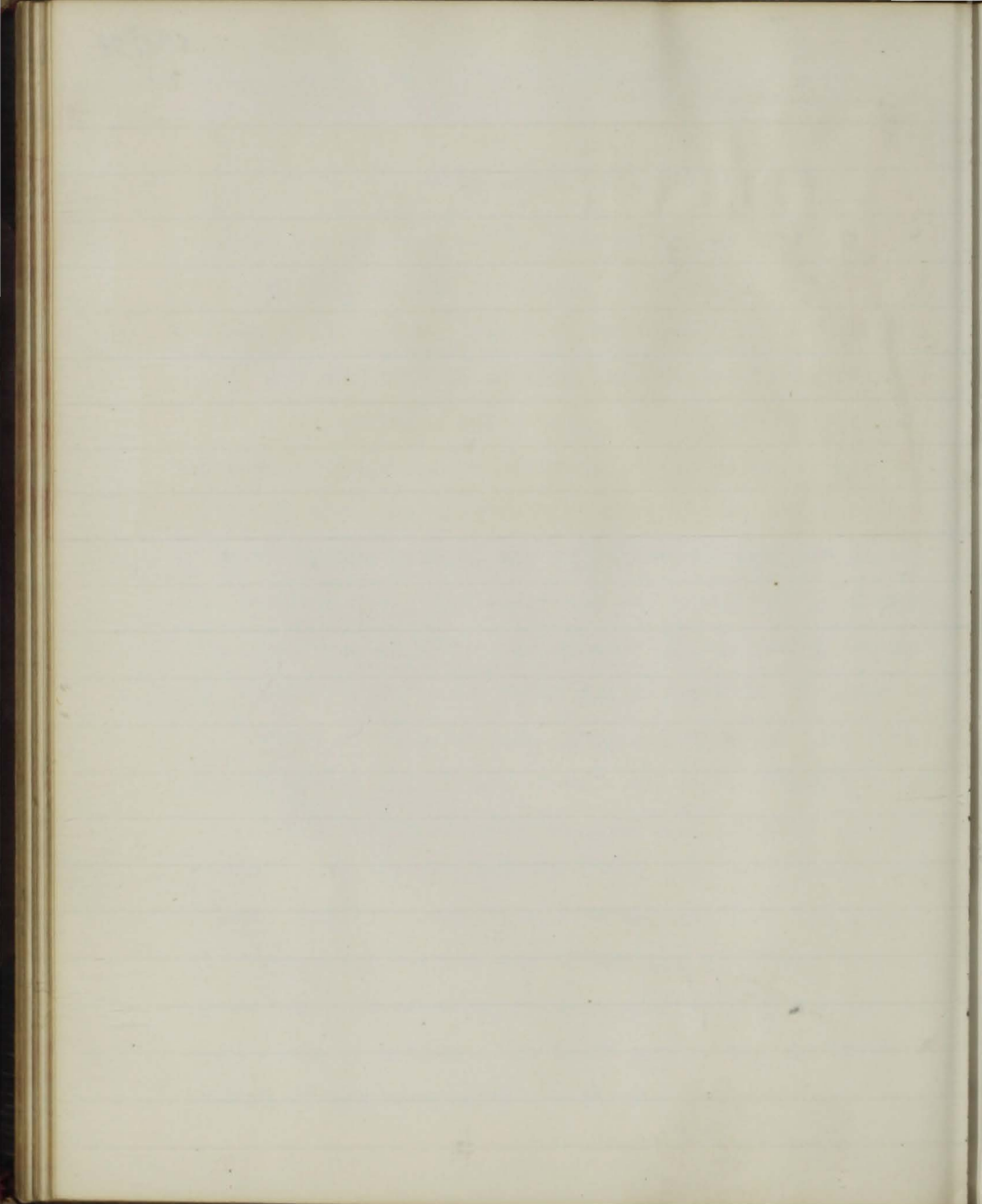




THE ANNUAL MEETING, 1933.

The 50th Annual Meeting of the Society was held in the Livingstone Hall, Broadway, Westminster on Thursday, 15th June, 1933 at 8 p.m. There was a small attendance of members and Eric G. M. Fletcher was unanimously elected chairman of the meeting.

The minutes of the previous Annual meeting were read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman. The Annual Report was then presented by the General Secretary on behalf of the Executive Committee and was considered paragraph by paragraph. Discussion arose on the paragraphs relating to Provincial and other Societies, lectures and meetings, the Summer School, and Finance, in which F. J. Bellenger, Dr. F. Lawson Dodd, Miss Stella Browne, Miss S. Acheson, J.A.Sargent, A.Emil Davies, L.C.C., Dr. Drummond Shiels, David Freeman, W.S.Sanders, Hubert Humphries, Mrs. Van Raalte and others took part. The General Secretary replied to the various questions raised and gave explanations where necessary. No amendment to the report was moved and a motion to adopt it as a whole was moved by John Ramage, Seconded by David Freeman and carried unanimously.

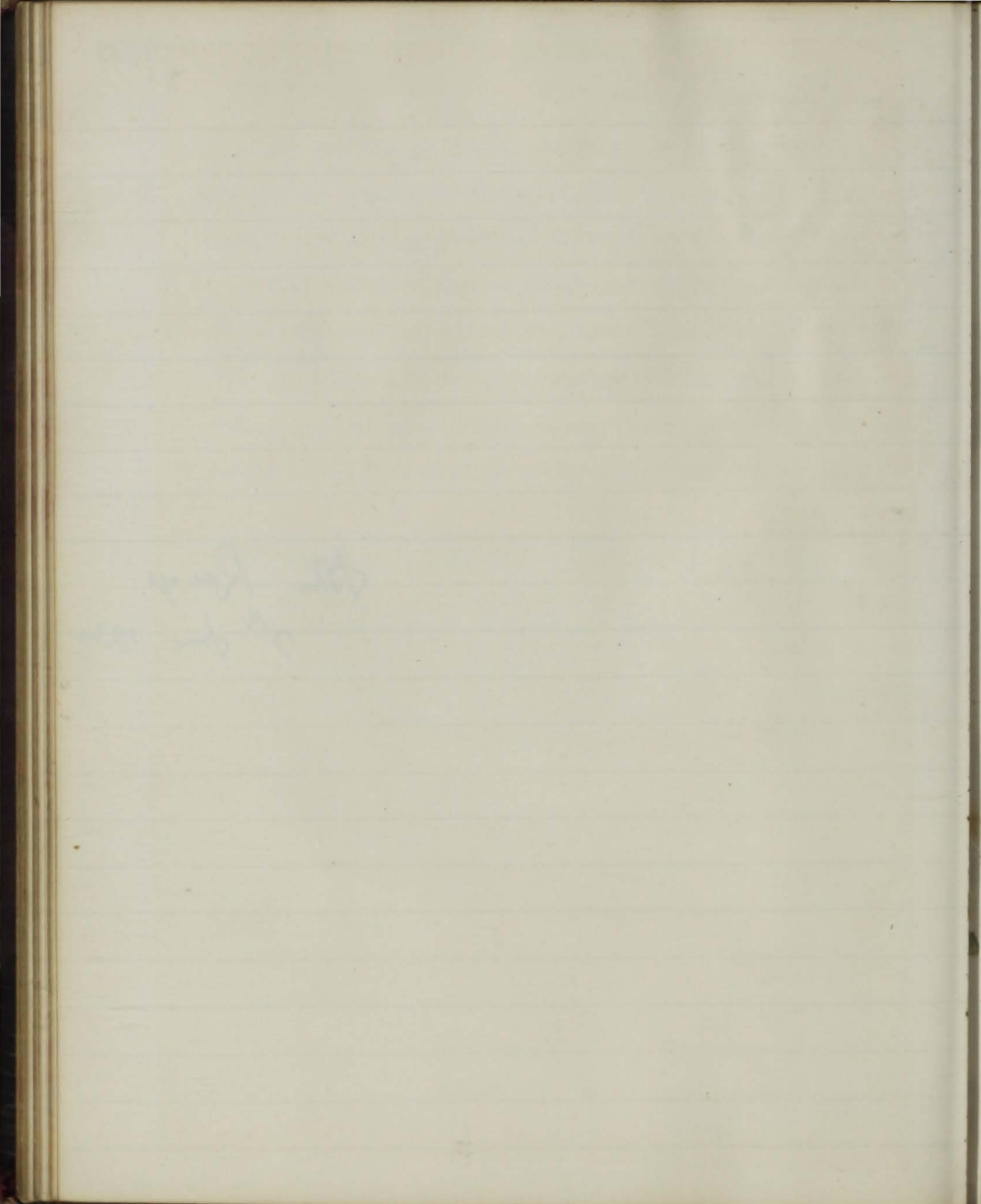


The accounts and Balance Sheet were then explained by the Hon. Treasurer, Dr.F.Lawson Dodd and he and the General Secretary replied to various questions, etc. The motion that they be approved and adopted was seconded by F. J. Bellenger and carried unanimously.

This concluded the business of the meeting and an informal reception of those present was held afterwards in the Fabian Common Room at 11, Dartmouth Street.

John Ramsay  
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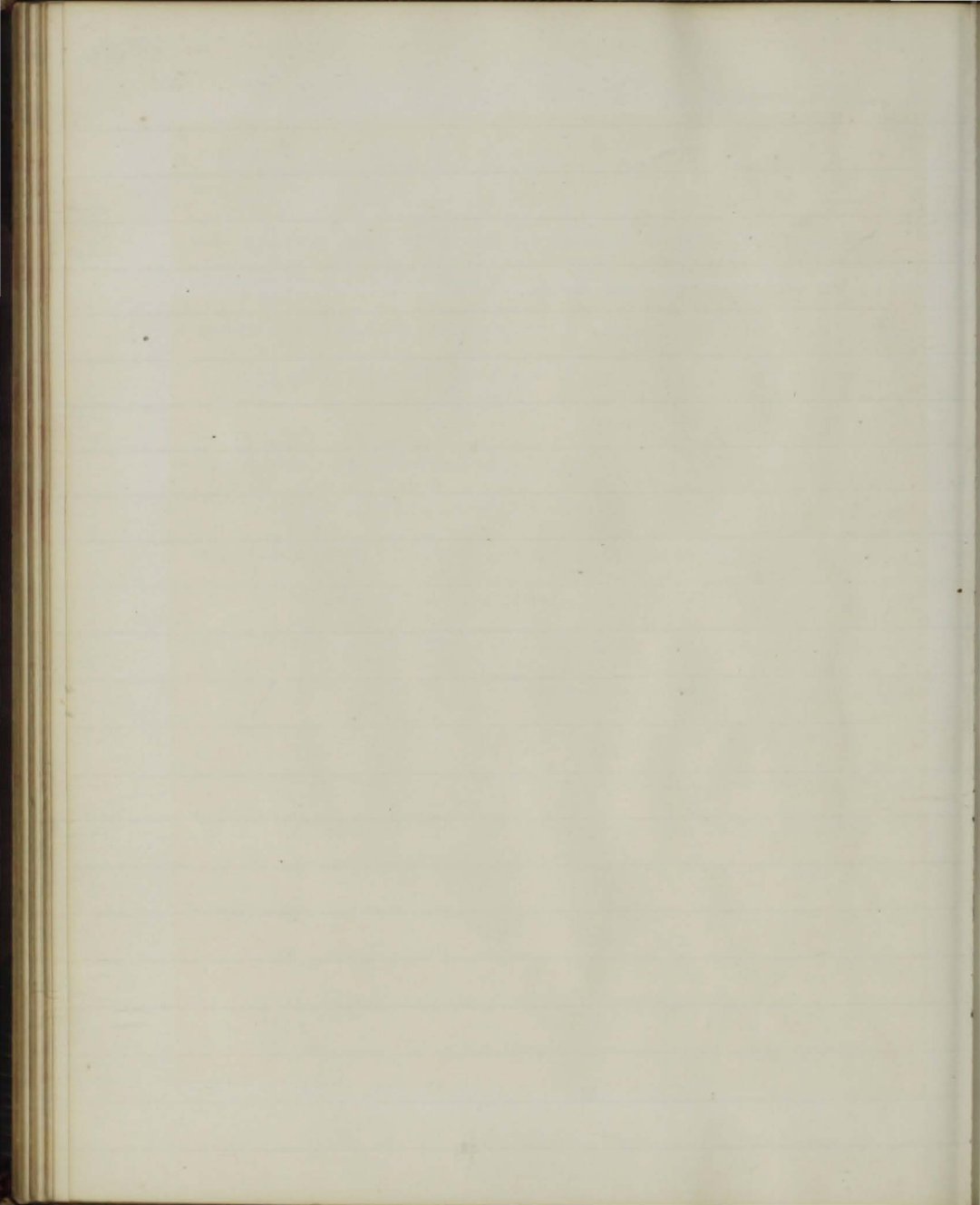




THE ANNUAL MEETING, 1934.

The fifty-first Annual Meeting of the Society was held in the Livingstone Hall, Westminster on Thursday, 7th June, 1934 at 8 p.m. There was a small attendance of members and John Ramage was unanimously elected chairman of the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman. The Annual Report was then presented by the General Secretary on behalf of the Executive Committee, and considered section by section. Discussion arose on the section relating to publications and David Freeman moved the reference back of the paragraph relating to the new booklet published during the year on the Nationalisation of Banking by Mrs. Blanco White. After discussion in which Mrs. Blanco White, the General Secretary, G. R. Blanco White and others took part the motion was withdrawn. Further discussion arose on the sections about Publications, the Parliamentary By-Election Fund, and the Local Government work of the Society and other itens, in which David Freeman, Mrs. Blanco White, F. J. Bellfnger, Hubert Humphreys, F. R. West, M.P.,

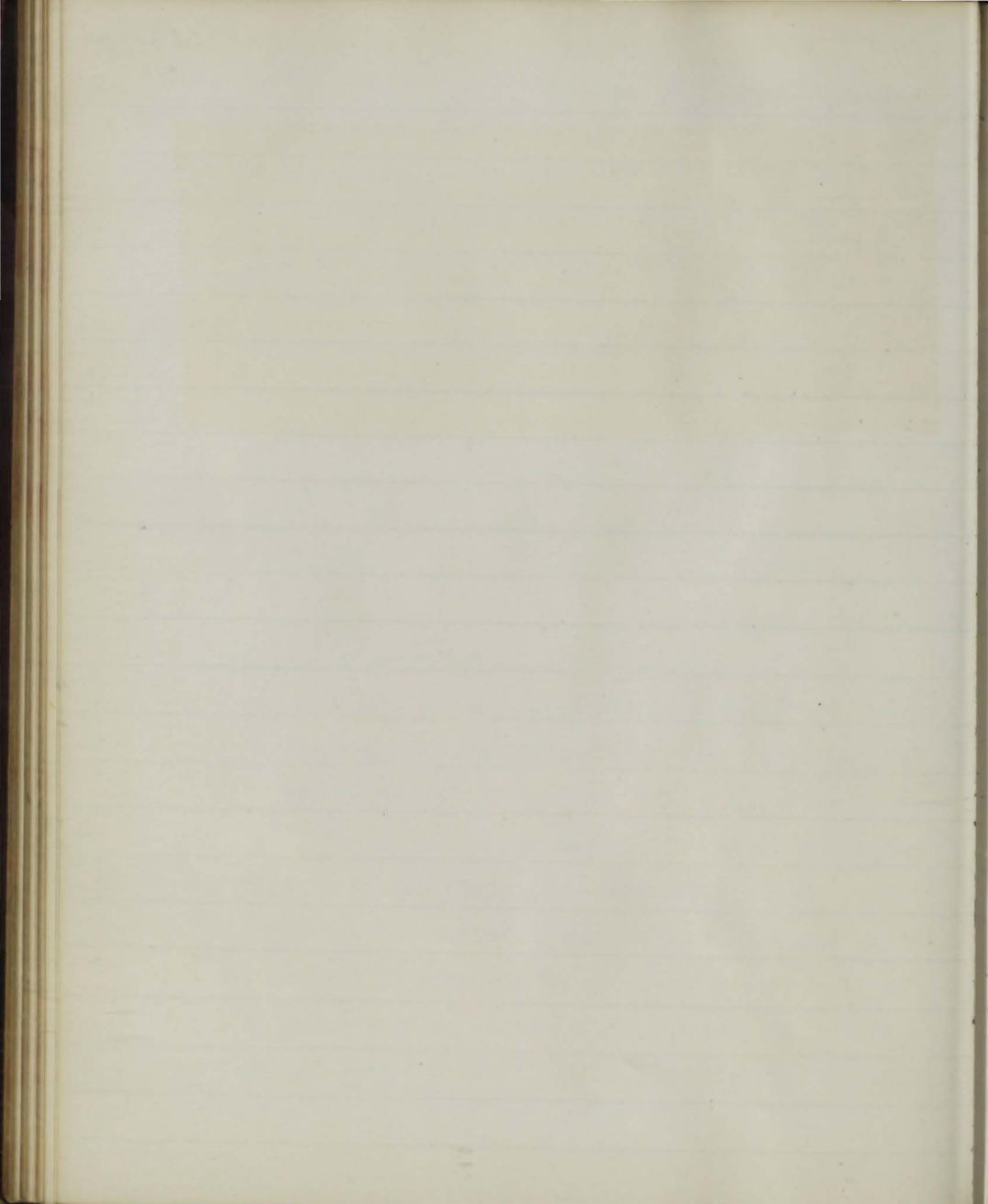


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and others took part. A motion that the Report be approved and adopted was moved by T. Reid, seconded by Hubert Humphreys, and carried unanimously.

F. Lawson Dodd, the Hon. Treasurer of the Society then moved the adoption of the accounts and balance sheet and explained the various items shown therein. After discussion in which E. F. Errington, F. R. West, M.P., Percy Arnold, E. C. H. Smith, F. W. Bacon, J. S. Edbrooke, Dr. Drummond Shiels, Jesse Hawkes, and others took part, the motion was seconded by G. R. Blanco White and carried unanimously.

The proposal to alter Rule 3 by substituting "May" for "April" as the date for the election of the Committee, of which notice had been given was moved formally by the Chairman on behalf of the Executive and agreed to nem con

Hubert Humphreys had given notice of a motion "That the Secretary in future before the election of the Executive publish the attendances of members for the previous year." The Chairman pointed out that this was not in order as it stood, and with the consent



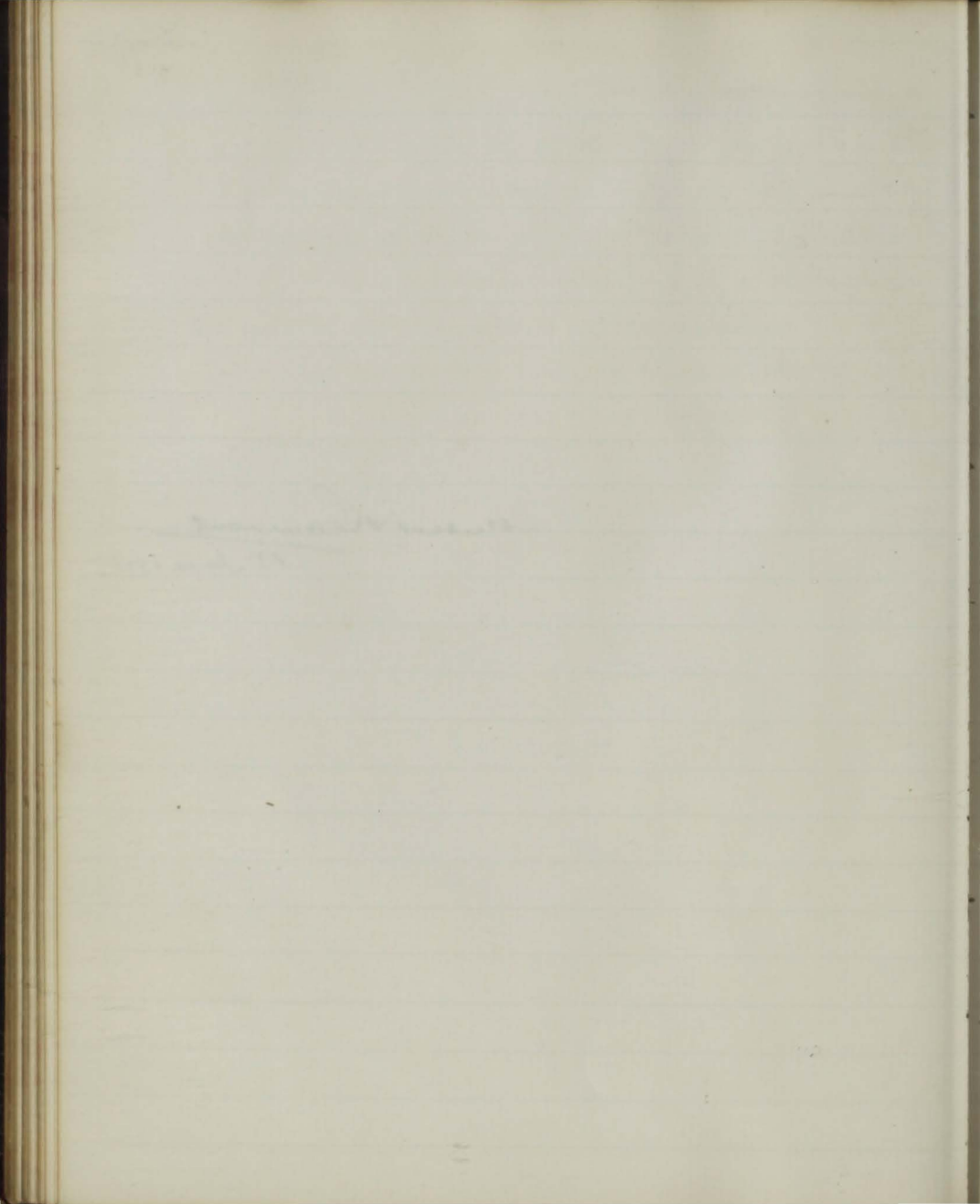


of the meeting, Hubert Humphreys altered the opening words to "That this meeting instructs the Executive Committee in future," etc". The motion as amended was seconded by E. F. Errington and agreed to.

This concluded the business of the meeting and an informal reception of those present was held afterwards in the Fabian Common Room as usual.

Hubert Beaumont

13. June 1935.



The Annual Meeting, 1935.  
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The fifty-second Annual Meeting of the Society was held at the Livingstone Hall, Westminster, on Thursday, 13th June, 1935 at 8 p.m. There was a small attendance of members and Hubert Beaumont was unanimously elected Chairman of the Meeting.

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman. The General Secretary then moved the adoption of the Annual Report on behalf of the Executive Committee and it was considered section by section. Discussion arose on the sections relating to Provincial Societies, the Common Room, Various Activities, and Finance, in which Miss Stella Browne, David Freeman, John Ramage, Miss H. Burgess, E. F. Errington, and others took part. The motion that the Report be adopted was seconded and carried unanimously.

In the absence of the Hon. Treasurer, Dr. F. Lawson Dodd, who sent an apology for inability to be present, the General Secretary moved the adoption of the Accounts and Balance Sheet for 1934-35. E. F. Errington asked a question about the mortgage on our office premises but no other matter arose and the motion was seconded and agreed to unanimously.

*These are the resolutions Nos 1 and 2  
referred to on opposite page.*

5. Notice of motions by F. W. Bacon. Seconded by  
H. J. Laski.

I.

"THAT this Society, realising the greatly increased danger of war resulting from the present armaments race, does not trust any capitalist government to use the machinery of the League of Nations wholeheartedly for the maintenance of peace rather than as an instrument of its own national policy. It therefore believes that the Labour Movement should oppose by every possible means any war entered into by a capitalist government in this country. It further instructs the Executive Committee to send a resolution and/or amendments to resolutions in this sense to the next Labour Party Annual Conference."

II.

"THAT this Society, believing that the fullest freedom of speech and liberty of individual conscience should be allowed to members of the Labour Party, holds that no such member should be deprived of membership of the Party simply by reason of his having spoken on the same platform as members of the Communist Party or its affiliated or ancillary organisations. It further instructs the Executive Committee to send a resolution and/or amendments to resolutions in this sense to the next Labour Party Annual Conference."

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Miss W. Judson had given notice of a motion to alter the Rules of the Society, but was unable to be present and sent an apology for absence. The motion accordingly dropped.

F. W. Bacon then moved the Resolution No. 1 of which he had given notice, and it was seconded by Professor H. J. Laski. Jesse Hawkes proposed an amendment which the Chairman ruled out of order as it raised an entirely new point and required a separate resolution of which notice should be given. The discussion on the resolution which followed was animated and over a dozen members took part. Professor G. E. Catlin moved as an amendment "That the Resolution lie on the table". This was seconded by Miss H. Burgess and after further lively discussion F. W. Bacon replied to the debate.

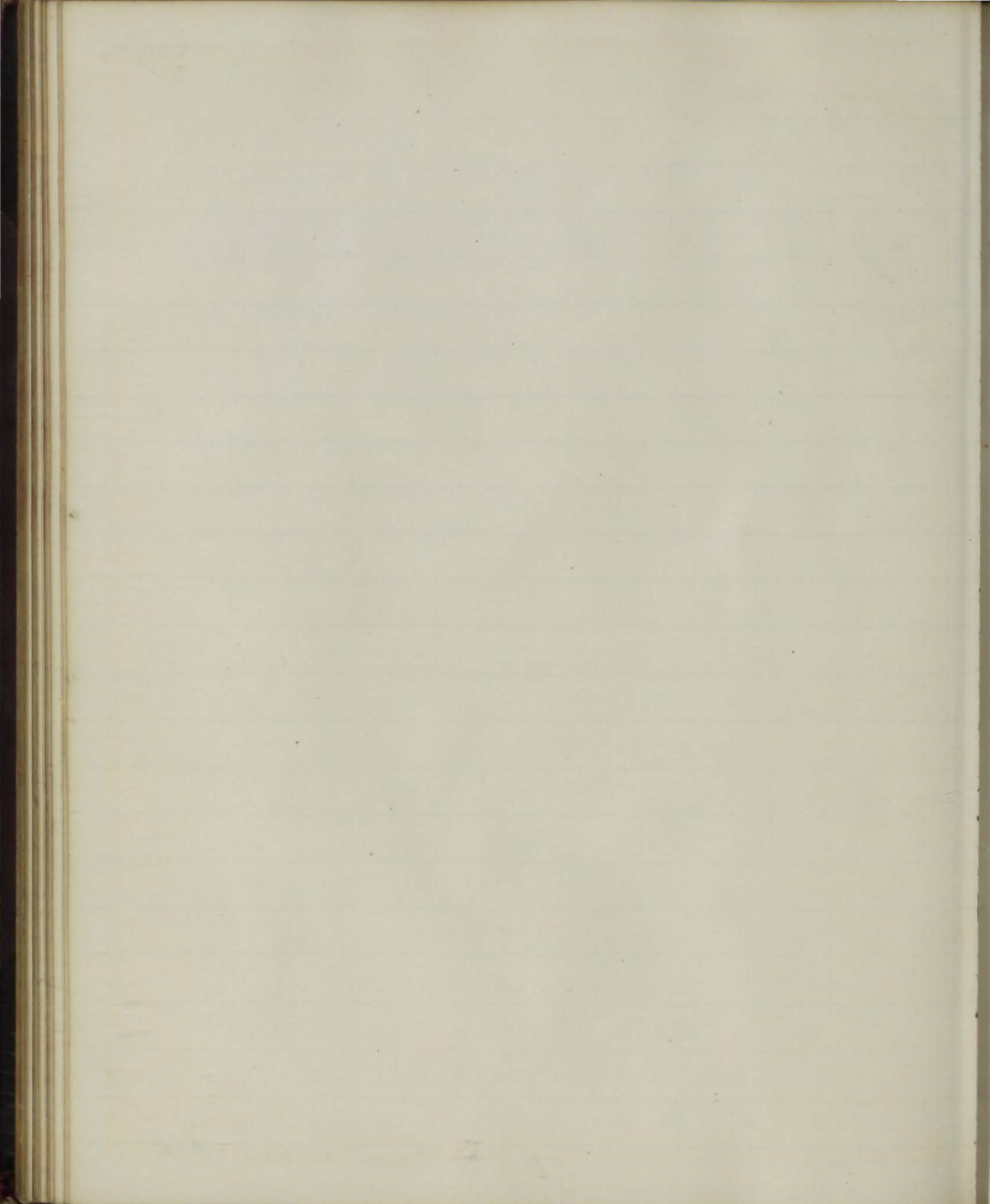
Professor Catlin's motion was then put to the meeting and lost by 21 to 20 votes. The resolution as proposed was then put to the meeting and carried by 22 to 19 votes.

F. W. Bacon then moved Resolution No. 2 of which notice had been given. It was seconded by Professor Laski and after a discussion in which six other members took part, Professor Laski replied to the debate. The resolution was then put to the meeting and carried by a large majority.

This concluded the business and the meeting adjourned at 10-20 p.m.

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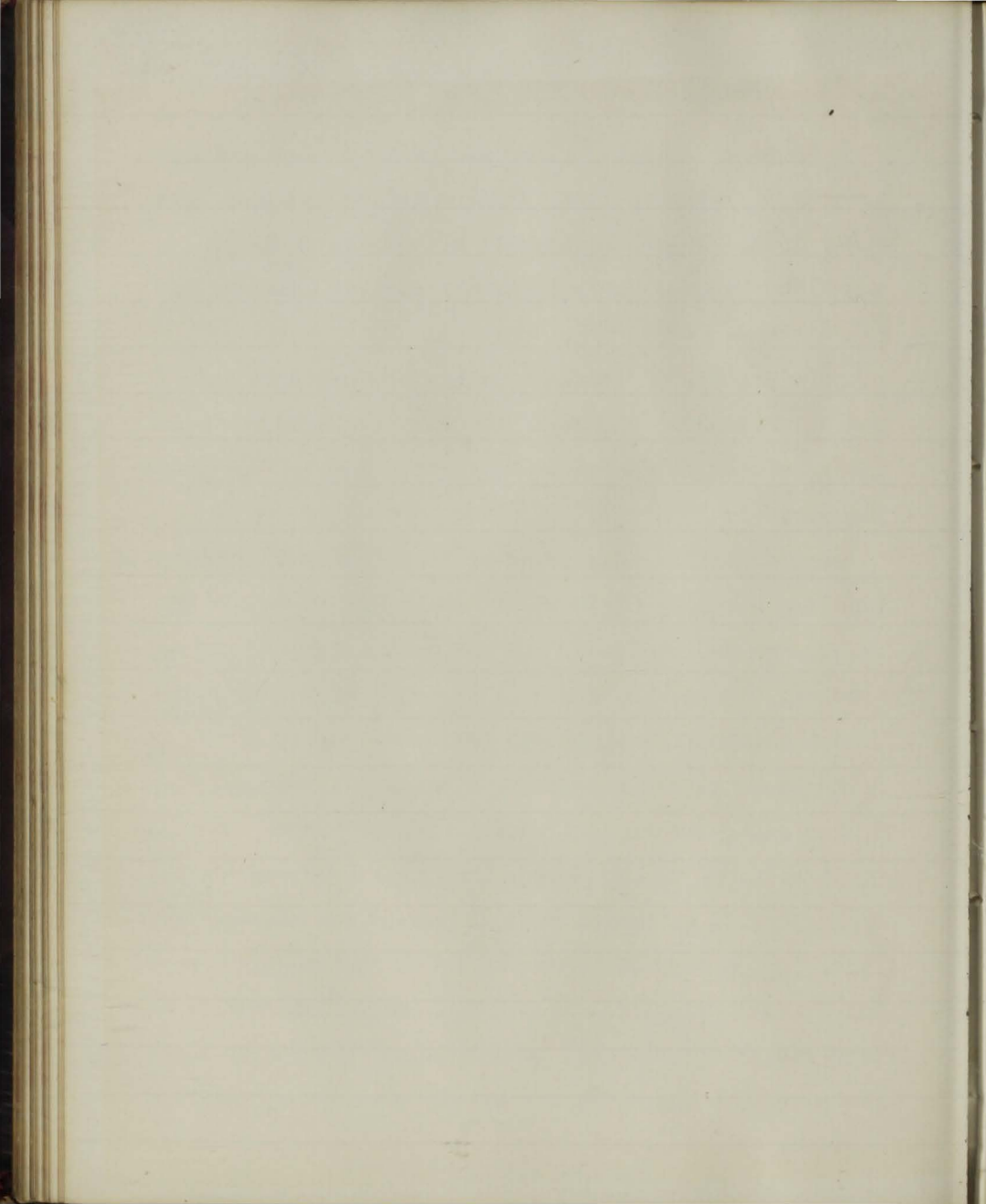
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The Annual Meeting 1936.

The 53rd. Annual Meeting was held in the Committee Room at Livingstone Hall, Westminster on Thursday 11th June, 1936. There was a small attendance of members and David Freeman was unanimously elected Chairman of the meeting.

The Minutes of the last Annual meeting were read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman, subject to the insertion of the terms of the two resolutions passed thereat.

The Annual Report, proof of which had been circulated, was then formally moved by the Secretary on behalf of the Executive Committee, and was considered section by section. Discussion arose on the paragraphs relating to Publications, the Friends Hall Lectures, the Livingstone Hall meetings, Book boxes and library, the Common Room, and Finance in which J. P. Barter, Mrs. A. Jenkins, G. R. Blanco White, Miss Stella Browne, E. F. Errington, F. W. Bacon, Miss W. Judson and others took part. The Secretary undertook to put before the Executive suggestions re smoking at the Friends Hall lectures, and with regard to the hours of opening of the Common Room. The motion to adopt the Report was then put and carried nem.con.

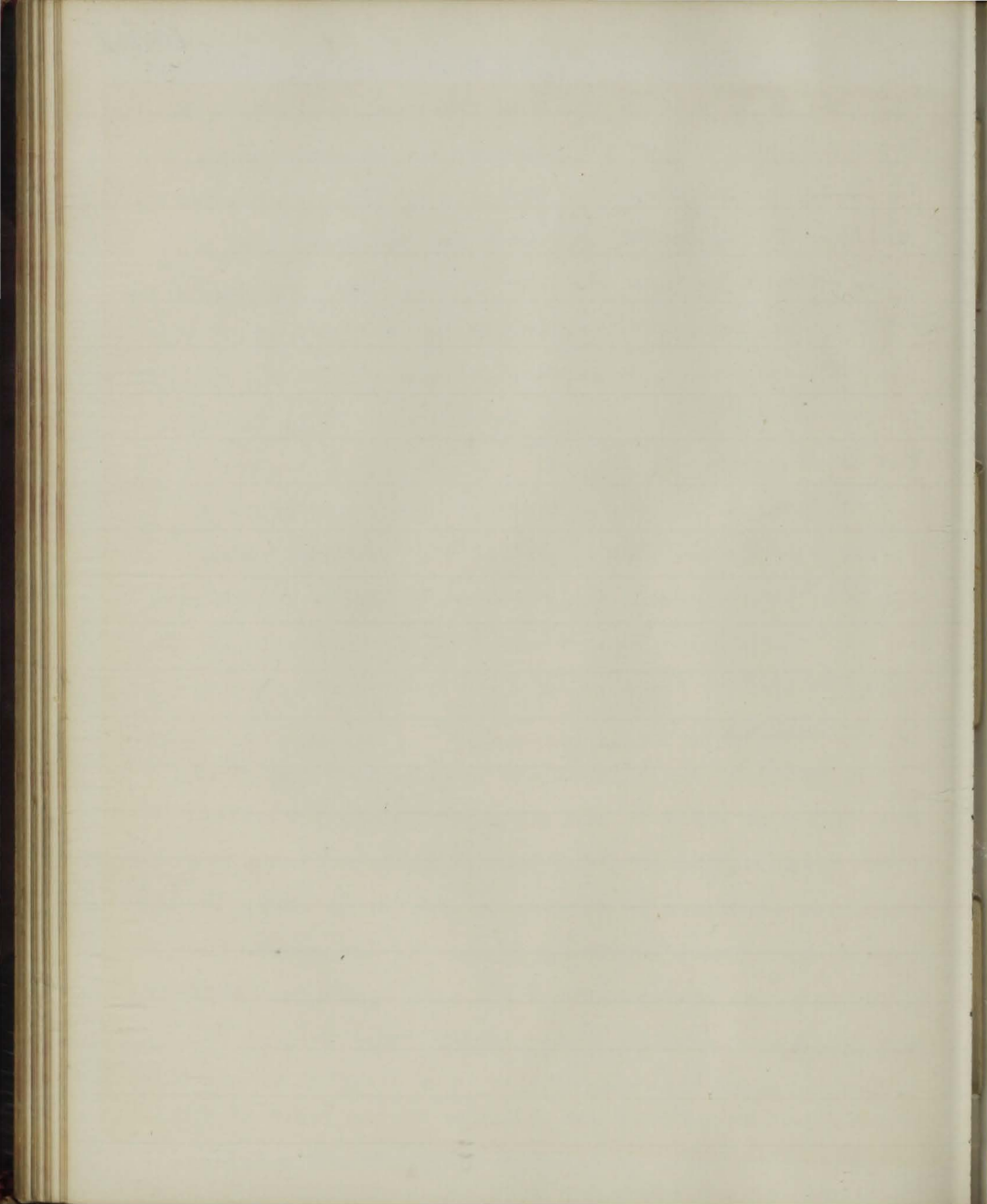


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Ald. A. E. Davies, the Hon. Treasurer then formally moved the adoption of the Accounts and Balance Sheet. E. F. Errington raised the question of the mortgage on our premises at 11, Dartmouth Street and suggested that an effort should be made to clear it off. This was supported by Miss W. Judson and Ald. Davies in reply undertook that the matter should be considered by the Committee. The motion to adopt the Accounts was seconded by L. Freedman and carried nem.con.

At the request of the Executive Committee Alderman Davies then moved "That a cordial vote of thanks and appreciation be passed and recorded to Dr. F. Lawson Dodd for his services as Hon. Treasurer of the Society for the past twenty-five years". This was carried unanimously by acclamation..

F. Meddings was then called upon to move the first resolution of which he had given notice, as follows:-  
"That this meeting of the Fabian Society instructs its Executive Committee to forward to the Labour Party for the Agenda of the next Annual Conference of the Party, the following resolution, viz:- "That this Conference instructs the National Executive of the Labour Party to urge on H.M. Government the desirability of concluding a pact of mutual assistance with the U.S.S.R. on the lines of the Franco-Soviet pact, as the best method of strengthening

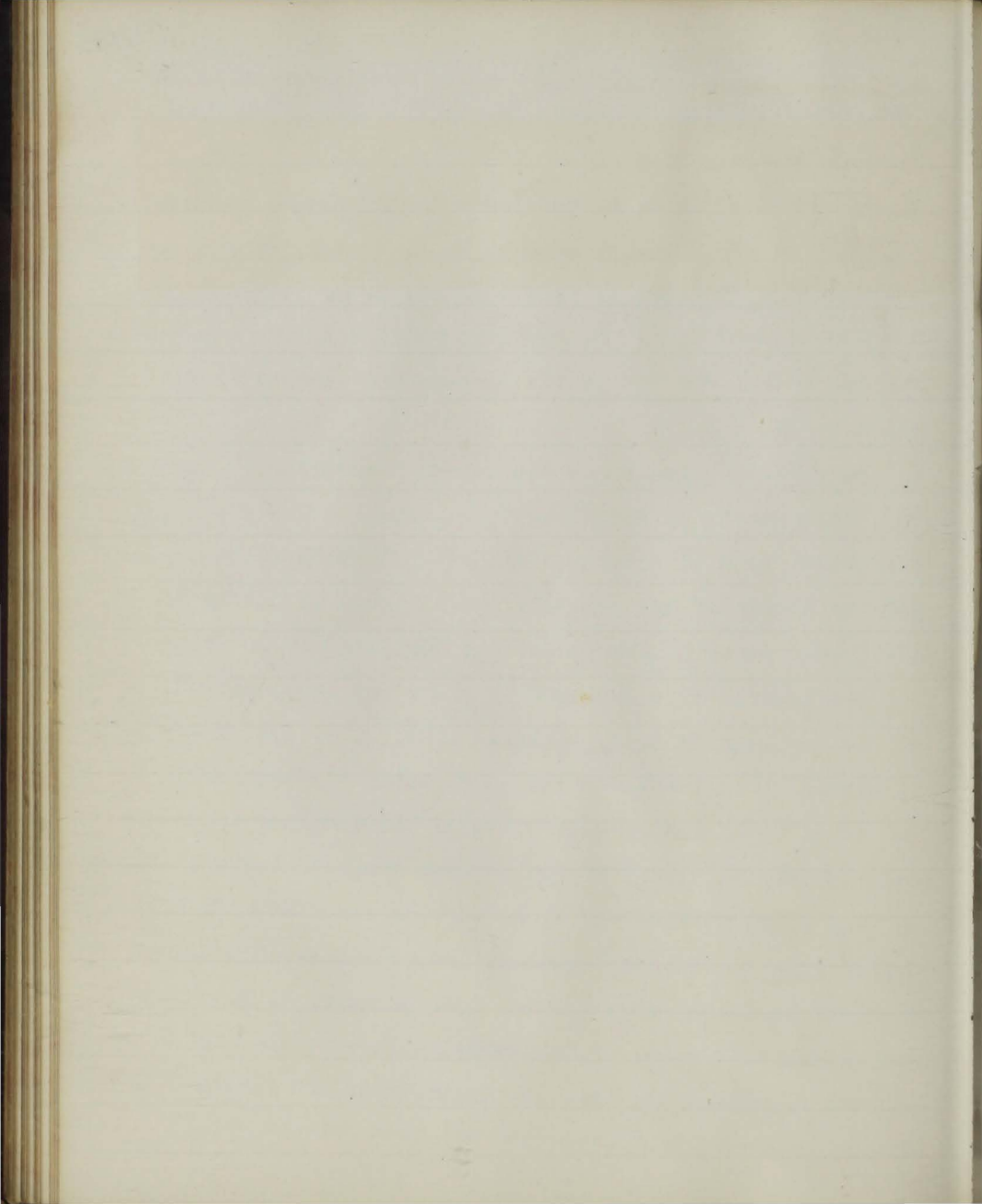




the forces working for peace and so preventing the outbreak of war".

It was seconded by M. Garner and a lively debate followed in which L. Freedman, J. Ramage, J. P. Barter, Miss Helen Keynes, Ivor Montagu, H. Lycett Green, G. R. Blanco White and others took part. F. Meddings replied to the discussion and the motion was put to the meeting and carried by 34 votes to 14.

F. Meddings then moved the second resolution of which he had given notice as follows:- "That this Society realising the urgent need of working class unity in face of the ever-growing danger of war requests the National Executive of the Labour Party to reconsider its decision not to accept the application of the Communist Party for affiliation". It was seconded by J. P. Barter. Prof. G. E. Catlin moved an amendment to leave out the words after "Labour Party" in the third line, and insert the words "to consider immediate adoption of the policy of the Popular Front to include all working class Parties and those working for Peace and Freedom". This was seconded by G.R. Blanco White. Discussion followed in which Percy Arnold, Ivor Montagu, F. W. Bacon, and others took part. F. Meddings replied to the discussion and the amendment was then put to the vote and defeated by 27 to 18 votes. The resolution was then put and carried



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This concluded the business of the meeting and  
it adjourned at 10.15 p.m.

L. Haden Guest  
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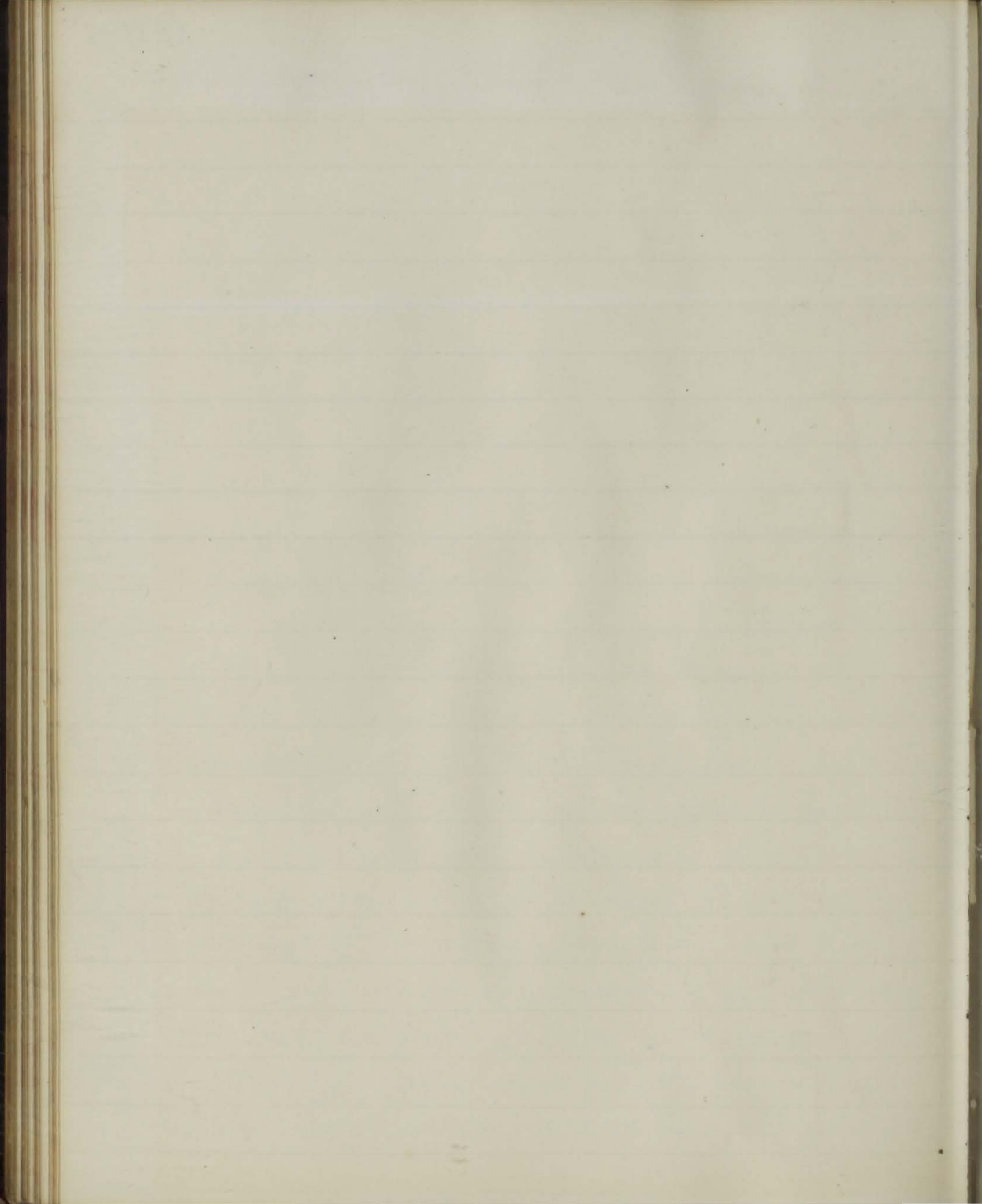
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The 54th Annual Meeting of the Society was held in the Committee Room at Livingstone Hall, Westminster on Thursday, 10th June 1937. About sixty members attended and Dr. L. Haden Guest was unanimously elected Chairman of the meeting.

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman. Apologies for absence had been received from Miss Keynes, Hubert Humphreys and W. S. Sanders, M.P.

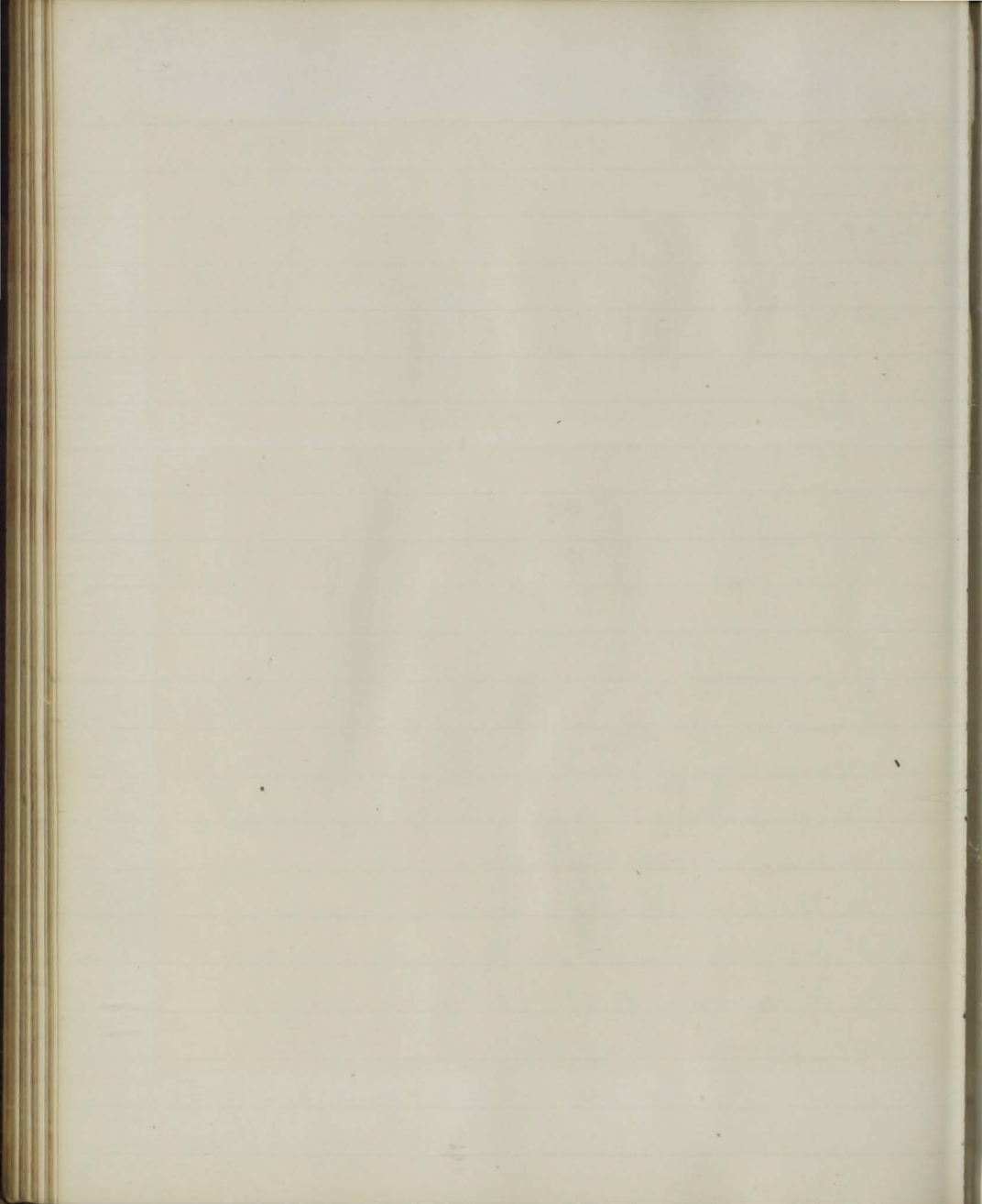
The Annual Report which had been circulated to members was then formally moved by the General Secretary on behalf of the Executive Committee, and was considered paragraph by paragraph. Discussions arose on the paragraphs relating to Membership, Provincial Societies, Publications, the Autumn Lectures, the Common Room and the Book Boxes and Library, in which Miss Judson, Mrs. Alexander, Miss Halestrap and Messrs. Errington, Sargent, Lloyd, Garner, Janis, Esher, and others took part. The General Secretary replied to the questions raised and the motion to adopt the Report was then formally put and agreed to.





Ald. A. Emil Davies, the Hon. Treasurer, then moved the adoption of the accounts and balance sheet and spoke at some length on the financial position of the Society and the steps taken and contemplated to meet the situation. Considerable discussion ensued and many points were raised and questions asked by Miss Judson, Mrs. Alexander, Miss Halestrap, Messrs. Errington, Bacon, Presbury, Foster, Freedman, Esher, Kimber, Evans, Smith and others.

E. F. Errington moved a resolution recommending the Executive to appoint a special sub committee to consider the question of premises, the bookshop, etc. with power to add to their numbers and this was seconded by Miss Judson. L. Freedman moved as an amendment to alter the word "recommending" to "directing" and this was seconded by David Freeman. Alderman W. Bennett, L.C.C. opposed both resolution and amendment and Emil Davies explained that the Finance Committee had the matter in hand and it would be fully considered. The motion and amendment were then put to the meeting and both were lost by large majorities. After some further discussion the motion to adopt the accounts was moved formally by John Ramage, seconded by David Freeman and agreed to.



The General Secretary then formally moved the amendment to Rule 12 of which notice had been given by the Executive Committee, as follows:-

"After paragraph 2, Rule 12 add new paragraph as follows:- The Executive Committee may, in special cases, elect honorary members of the Society who should not however, in any circumstances be entitled to

vote or to take part in private business meetings.

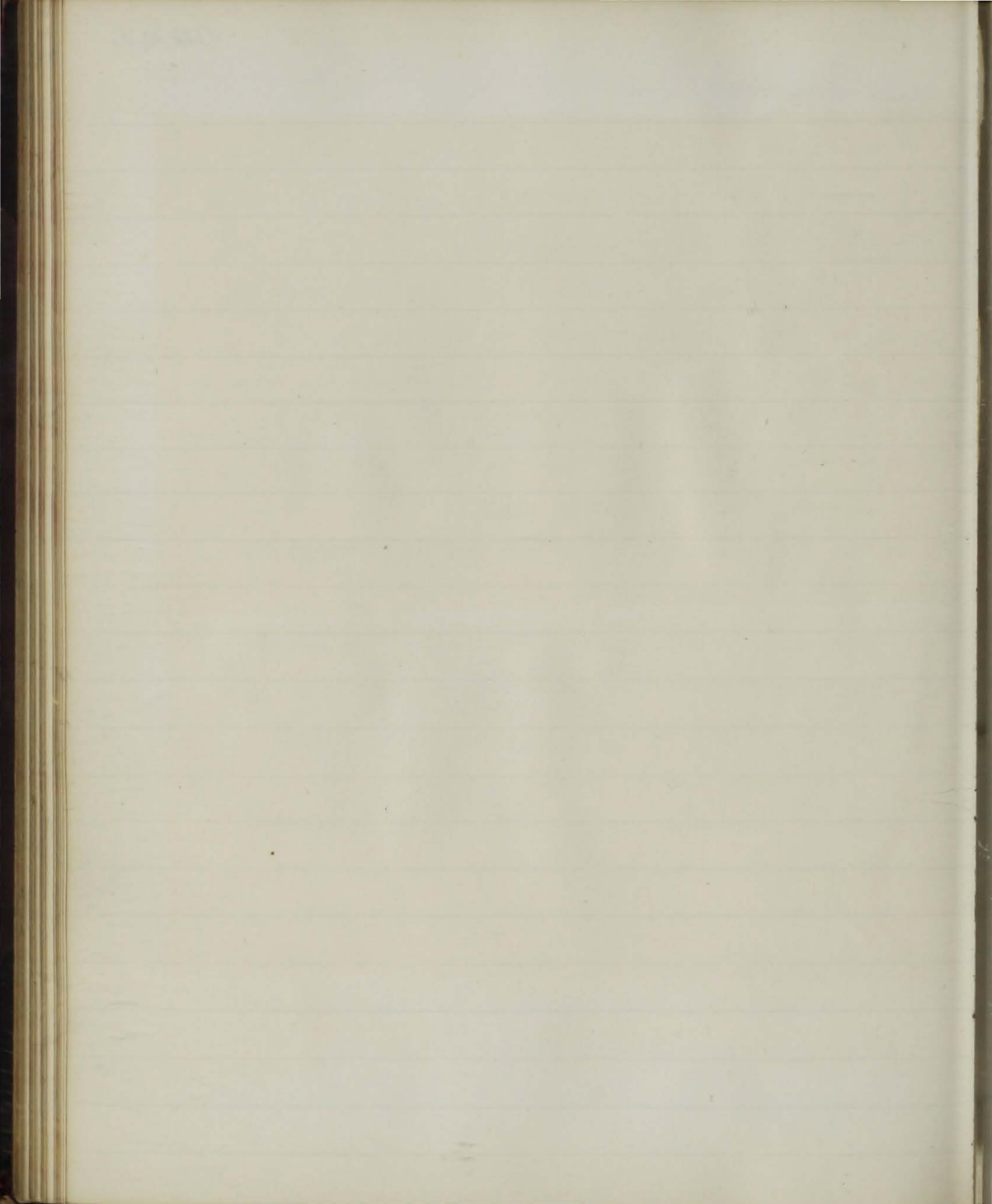
This was put and carried nem con.

E. C. H. Smith then moved the resolution of which he had given notice as follows:-

"That this Annual General Meeting of the Fabian Society requests the Executive to invite Mr. Harry Pollitt to speak at one of the Spring lectures of the Society.

After a short discussion in which Ald. Bennett, Messrs. Fraser, Bacon, Foster and others took part the resolution was put to the meeting and rejected by 24 votes to 20.

F. Meddings was then called on to move the resolution of which he had given notice as follows:-





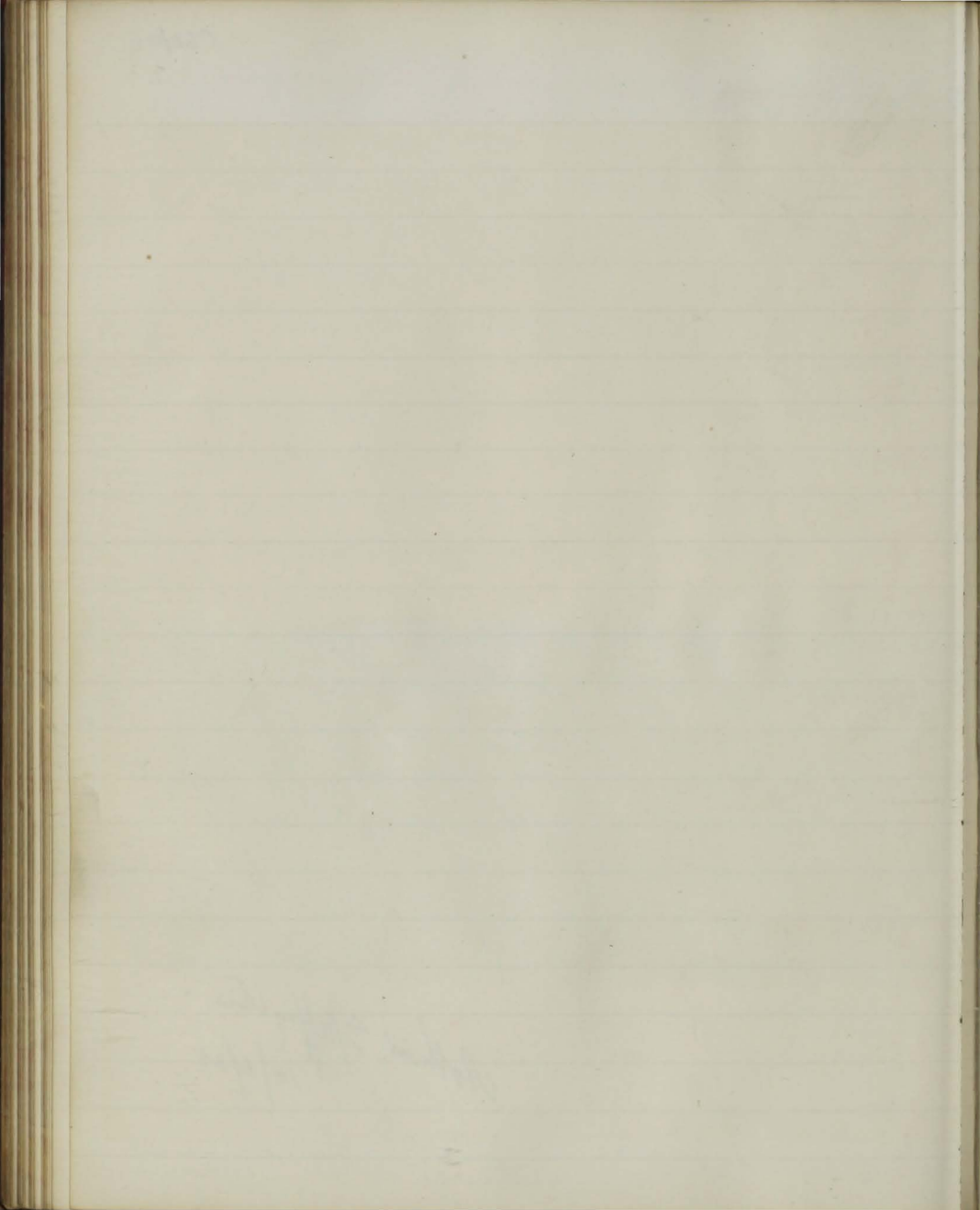
"That this Annual General Meeting of the Fabian Society directs the delegate to the Annual Conference of the Labour Party to support the resolution urging Conference to revoke the decision of the Executive Council of the Labour Party to expel the Socialist League."

The Chairman pointed out that it was not strictly in order as the Socialist League had now been dissolved. In order not to prevent discussion however, he consented to accept an amendment. Meddings therefore amended it to read after the words "urging Conference" to substitute

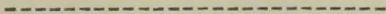
"to allow the Socialist League to be reformed as an affiliated organisation of the Labour Party", and this was accepted by the Chairman and seconded by Garner. It was opposed by John Wilmot and supported by Gordon Esher and others, and on being put to the meeting was rejected by 24 to 19 votes.

This concluded the business of the meeting and it adjourned at 10.10 p.m.

Arthur S. Jeffrey  
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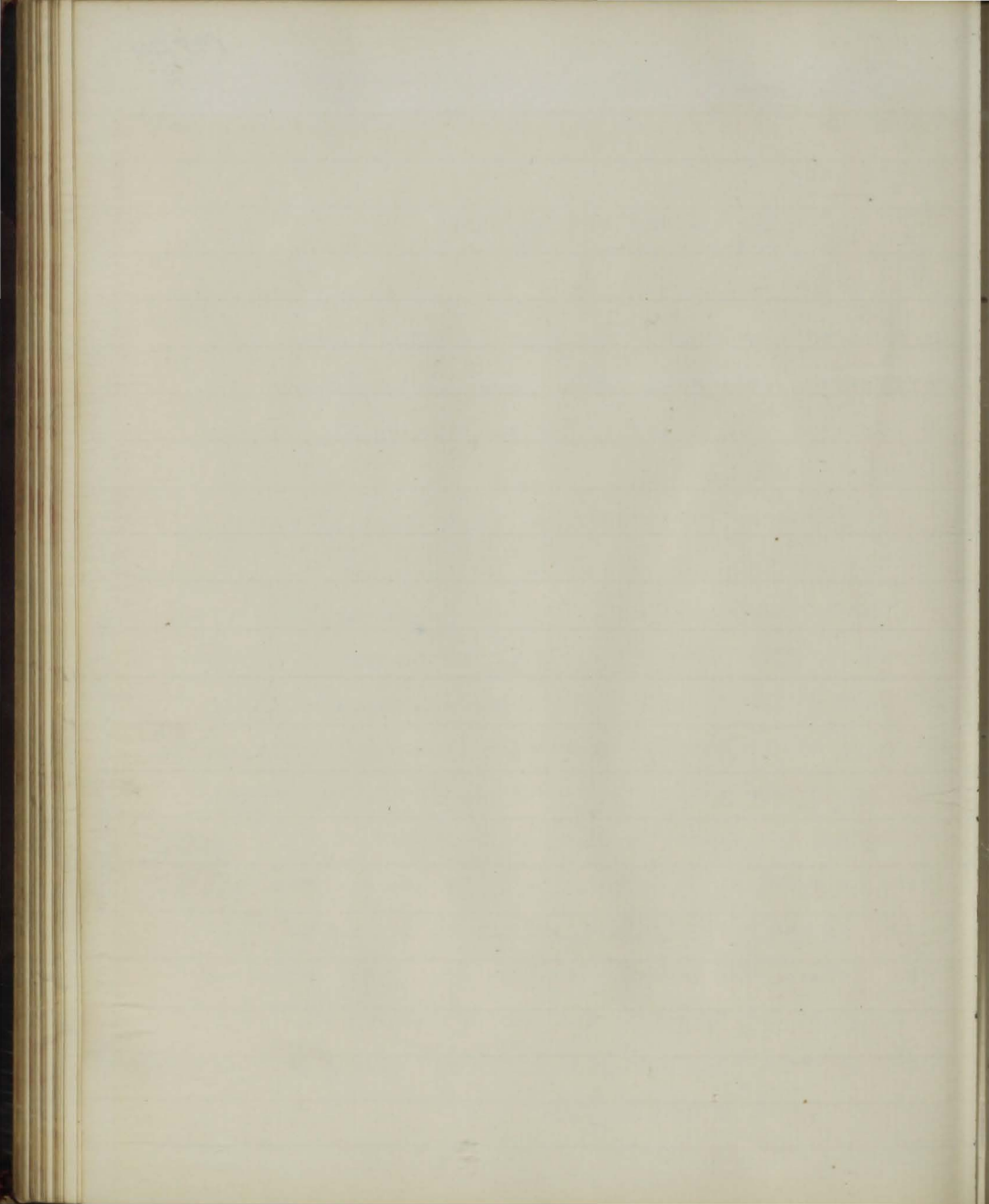
The Annual Meeting, 1938.



The 55th Annual Meeting of the Society was held in the Committee Room at Livingstone Hall, Westminster, on Thursday, 16th June, 1938. About sixty members attended and Arthur Skeffington was unanimously elected chairman of the meeting.

The minutes of the previous Annual Meeting were read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The Annual Report which had been circulated to members was then formally moved by the General Secretary on behalf of the Executive Committee, and was considered paragraph by paragraph. Discussion arose on the paragraphs relating to membership, Publications, the Summer School, book boxes, the Social Activities Committee, and the Speakers' class, in which E. F. Errington, F. J. Osborn, Miss W. Judson, H. Cockerell, Hubert Humphreys, and others took part. Ald A. Emil Davies, the Hon. Treasurer, explained the accounts and balance sheet and replied to questions raised thereon. The motion to adopt the Report and Accounts was then agreed to unanimously.



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The motion, of which notice had been given on behalf of the Executive Committee was then moved by Ald. Davies, and seconded by G. R. Blanco White, as follows:-

"That the sum of £180 representing the balance of the old by-election fund be transferred to form the nucleus of a staff pension fund."

and this was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

Miss W. Judson then moved the first of the three resolutions of which she had given notice, as follows:-

- (1) That the Society shall endeavour to provide an adequate Pension fund so that members of the paid staff shall retire, men at 65, women at 60 years of age and that at the present time such pensions shall be partially financed by appointing new members of the staff at lower salaries, which shall rise to the present level by annual increments, if the funds are forthcoming.

This was seconded by E. F. Errington.

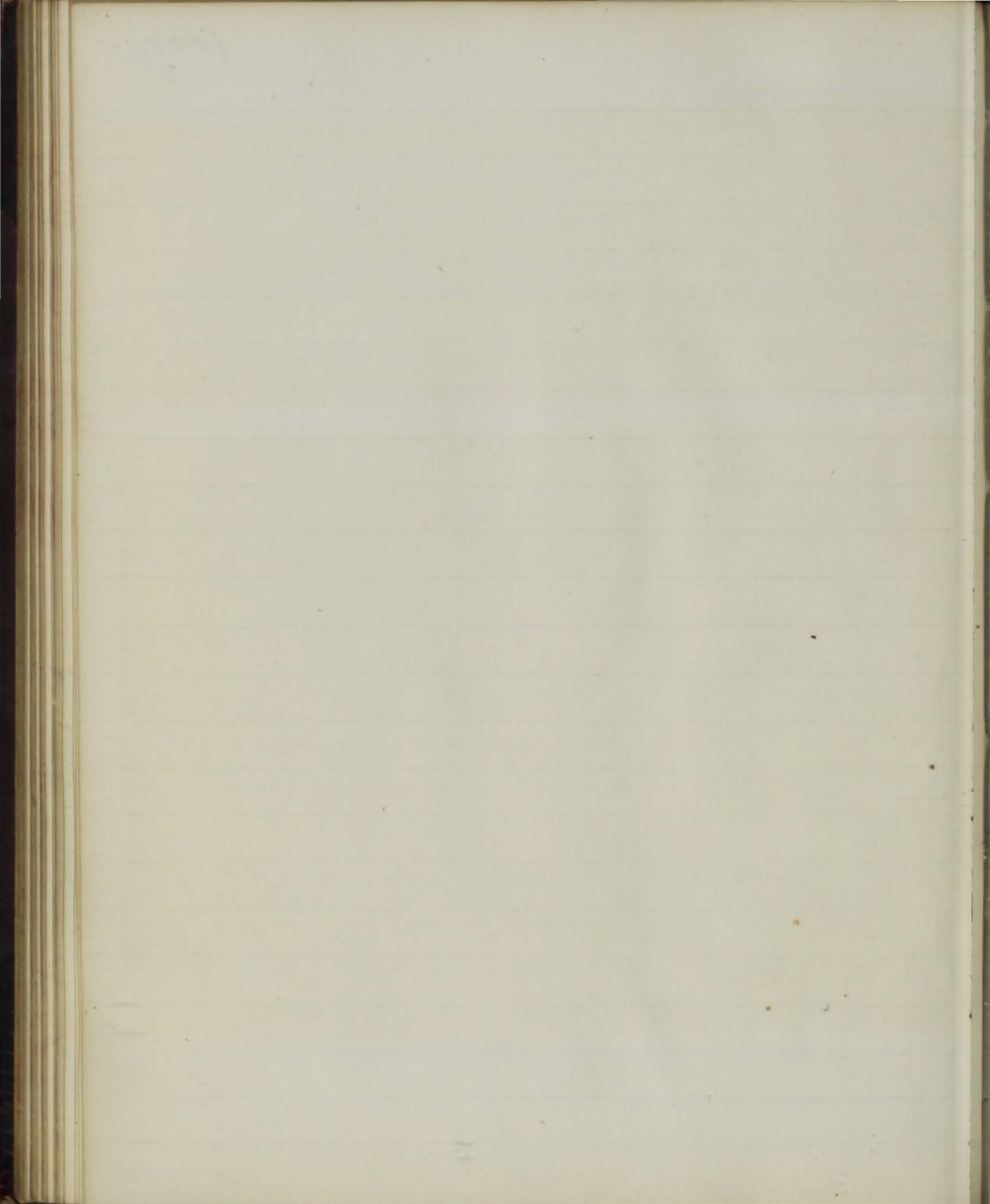
Ald. A. Emil Davies moved the amendment on behalf of the Executive Committee of which notice had been given as follows:

"That the Society shall endeavour to provide an adequate pension fund so that members of the paid staff may retire at 65 years of age."

This was seconded by Dr. Haden Guest and after a short discussion in which Miss S. Acheson, Miss M. Hankinson and Tom Foster took part, it was moved and seconded

"That the question be now put." The Chairman put the amendment and it was carried by 31 votes to 3 and agreed to accordingly.





Miss W. Judson moved and E. F. Errington seconded the second motion of which she had given notice as follows:

- (2) That no new member of the salaried staff shall be eligible for election to the Executive Committee".

G. R. Blanco White opposed on behalf of the Executive Committee and after discussion in which Messrs. F.J.Osborn, T. Besterman, Capt, W. J. Miller, Miss M. Hankindon and

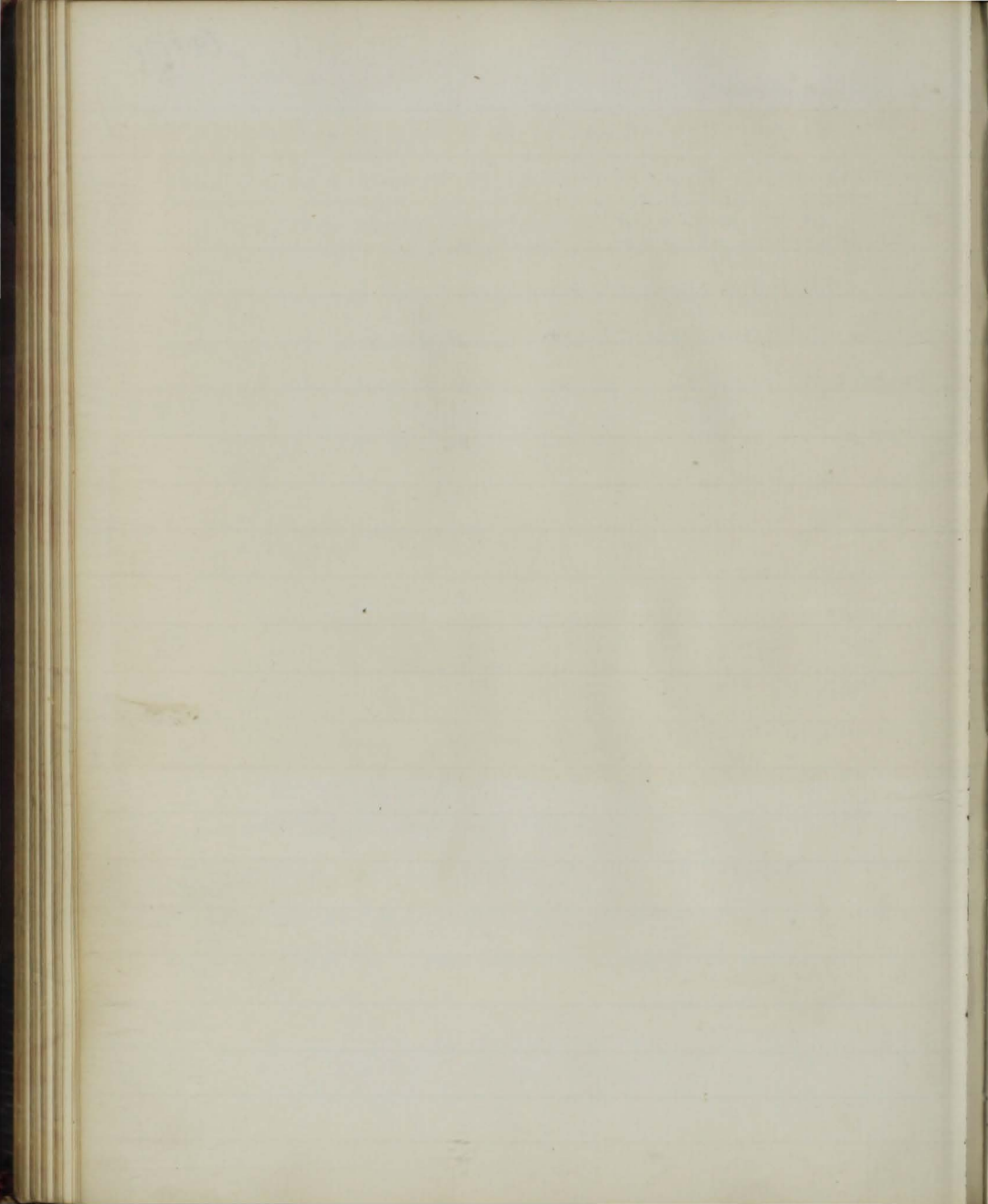
others took part, the motion was put to the meeting and rejected by 20 votes to 15.

Miss W. Judson then moved the third resolution of which notice had been given as follows:

- (3) That Secretaries of subsidiary Groups, e.g. Women's Group, 1936 Group, Fabian Nursery, etc. shall ex officio, be members of the Executive Committee, without voting power.

E. F. Errington seconded and the General Secretary opposed it on behalf of the Executive Committee. After a short discussion in which Hubert Beaumont, H.R.Simmonds, Miss Hankinson, Miss W. Holland and others took part the motion was put to the meeting and rejected by 21 votes to 12.

F. Meddings then moved the resolution of which he had given notice as follows:-



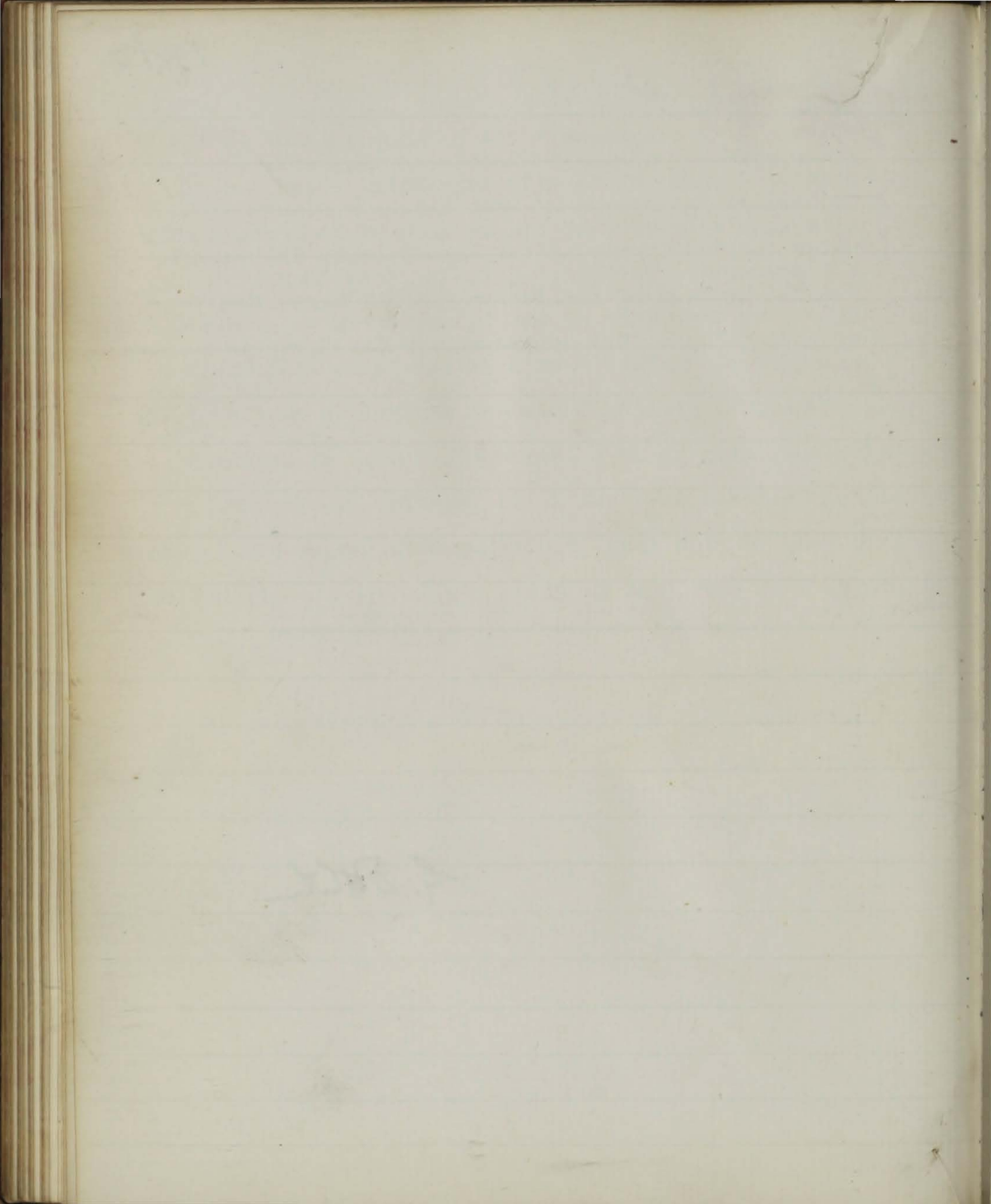
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"Viewing with deep concern the growing dangers of the international situation; convinced that only a British Government loyally supporting Peace and Collective Security can avert War; and convinced that such a Government can be secured in Britain only under the leadership of the Labour Party uniting all the democratic forces of Britain, this Annual General Meeting of the Fabian Society urges the Executive Committee of the Labour Party to convene without delay a full conference of the Party to consider the question of a United Peace Alliance.

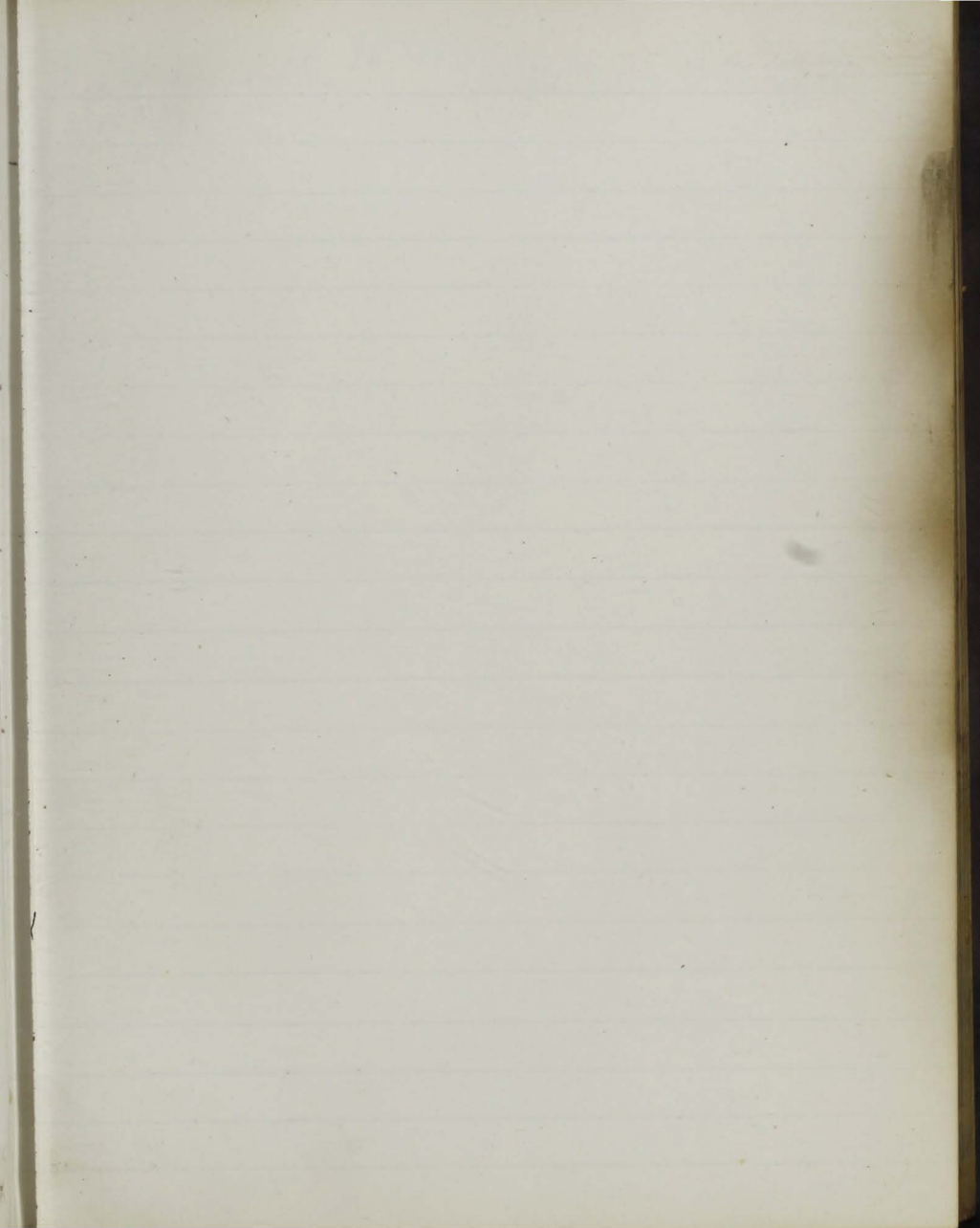
It was seconded by Francis Bacon and opposed on behalf of the Executive Committee by Dr. Haden Guest, M.P. An animated discussion followed in which David Freeman, D.M.Fraser, George Jeger, Maurice Webb, W.R.McLaughlin, Major W.F.Vernon, and others took part. F. Meddings replied to the discussion and the motion was put to the meeting and rejected by 22 votes to 19.

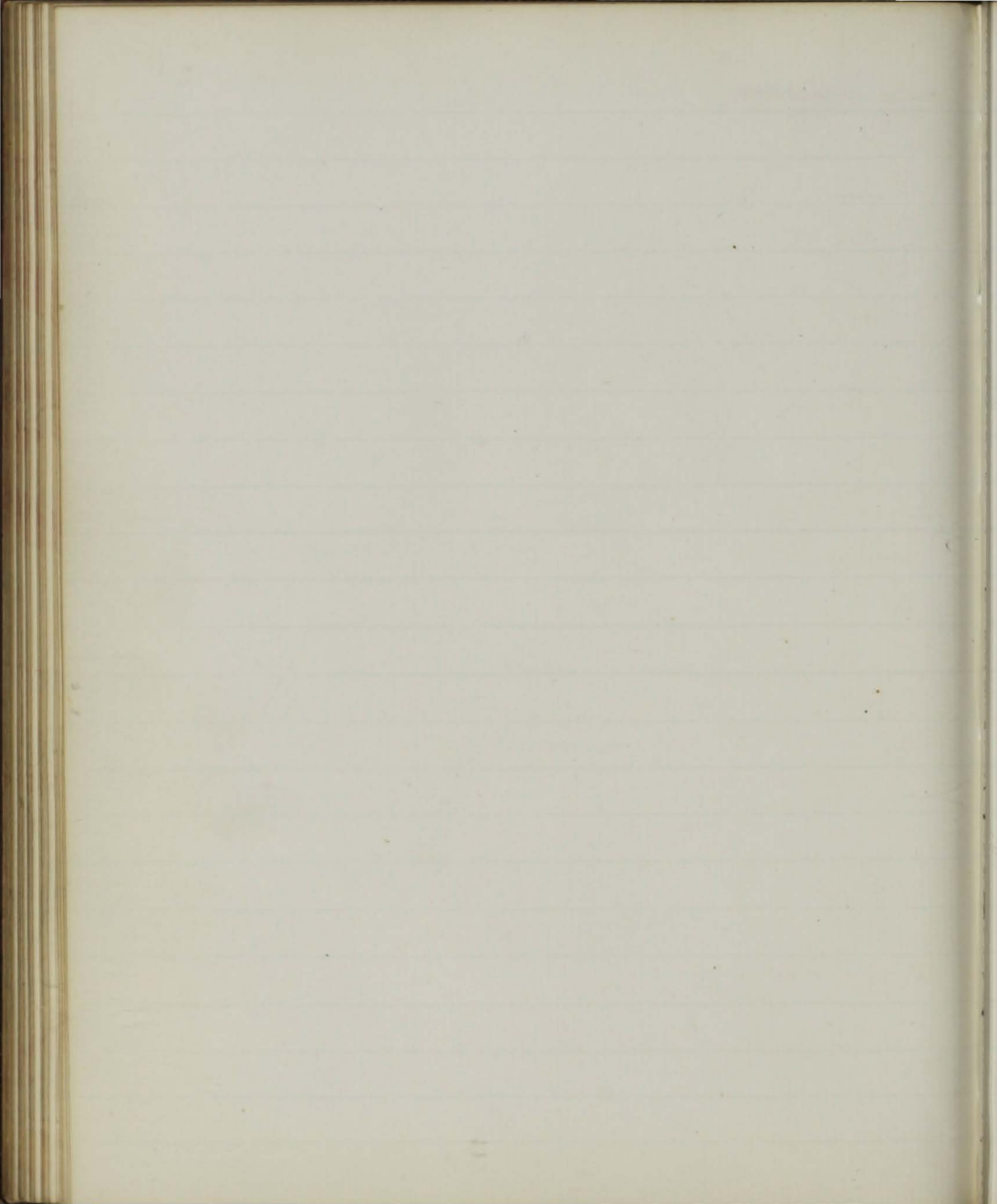
This concluded the business of the meeting and it adjourned at 10.5 p.m.

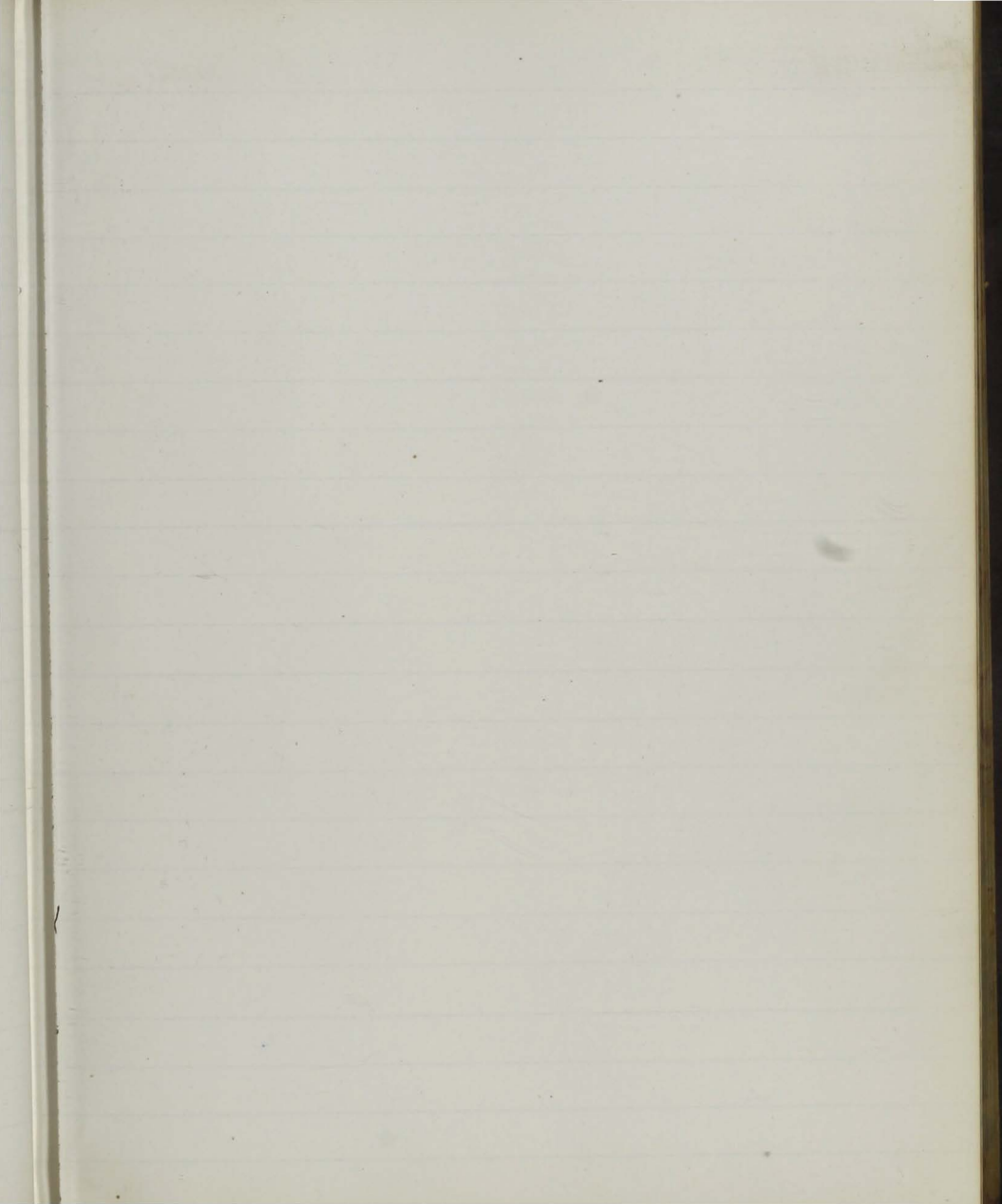
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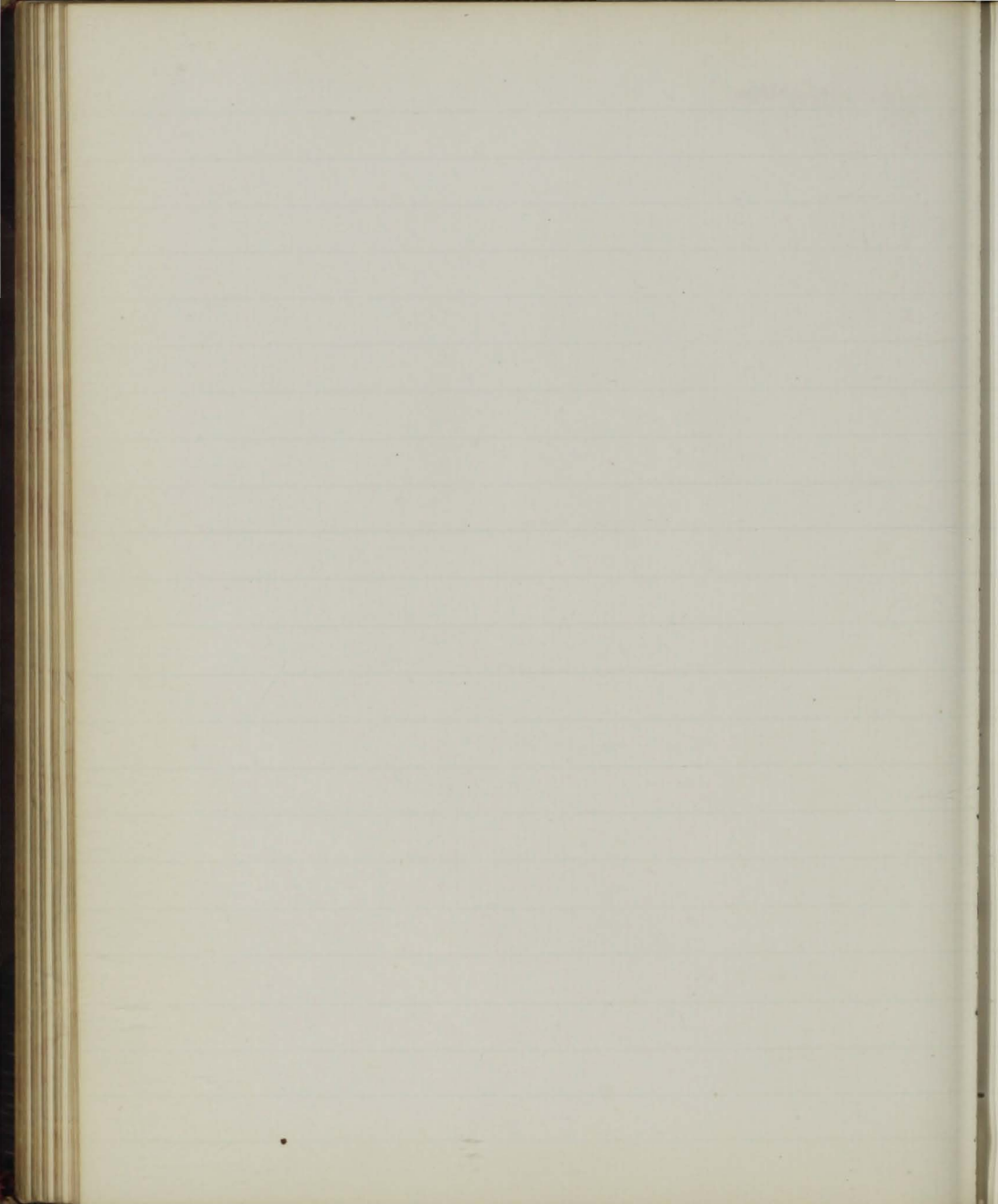


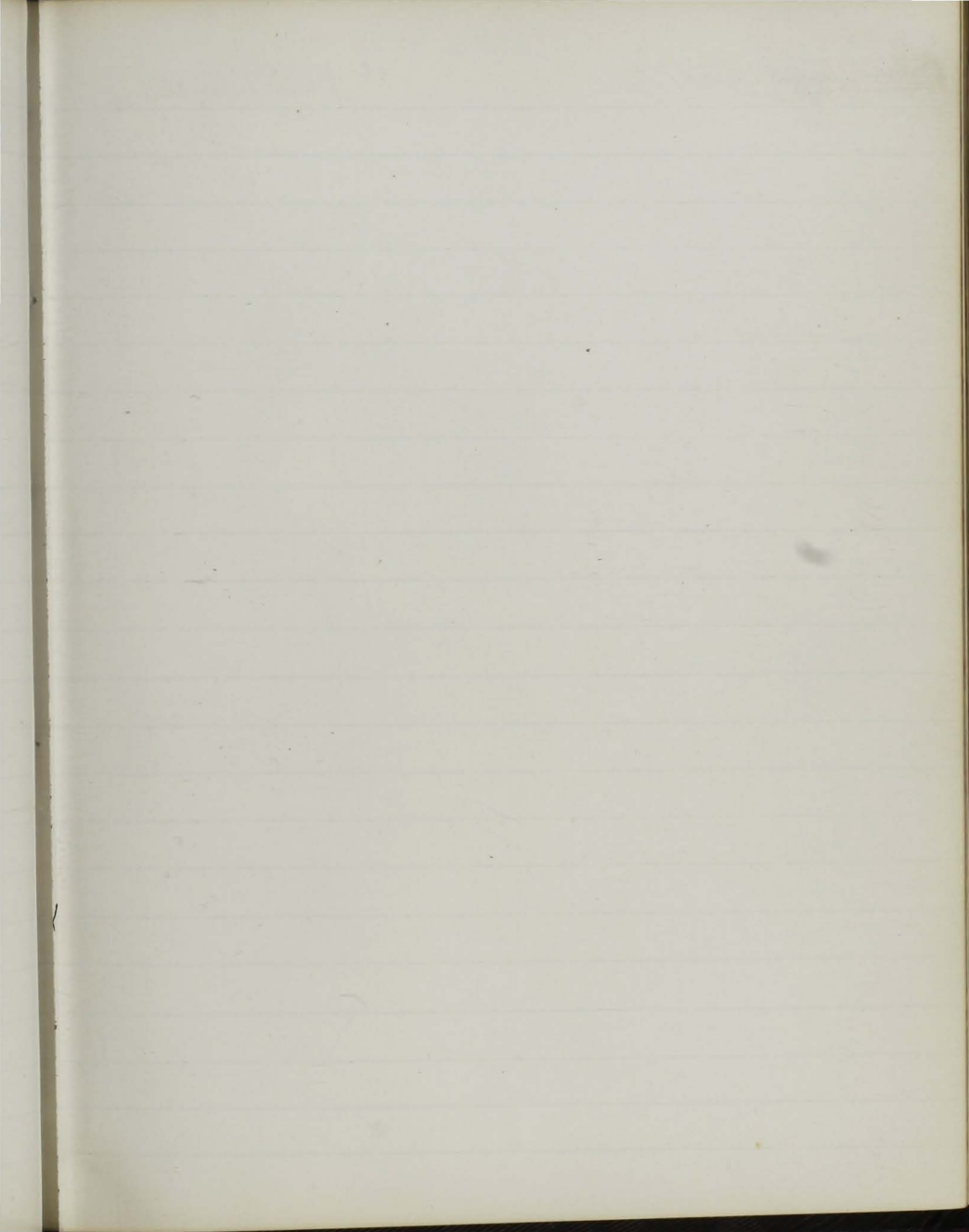




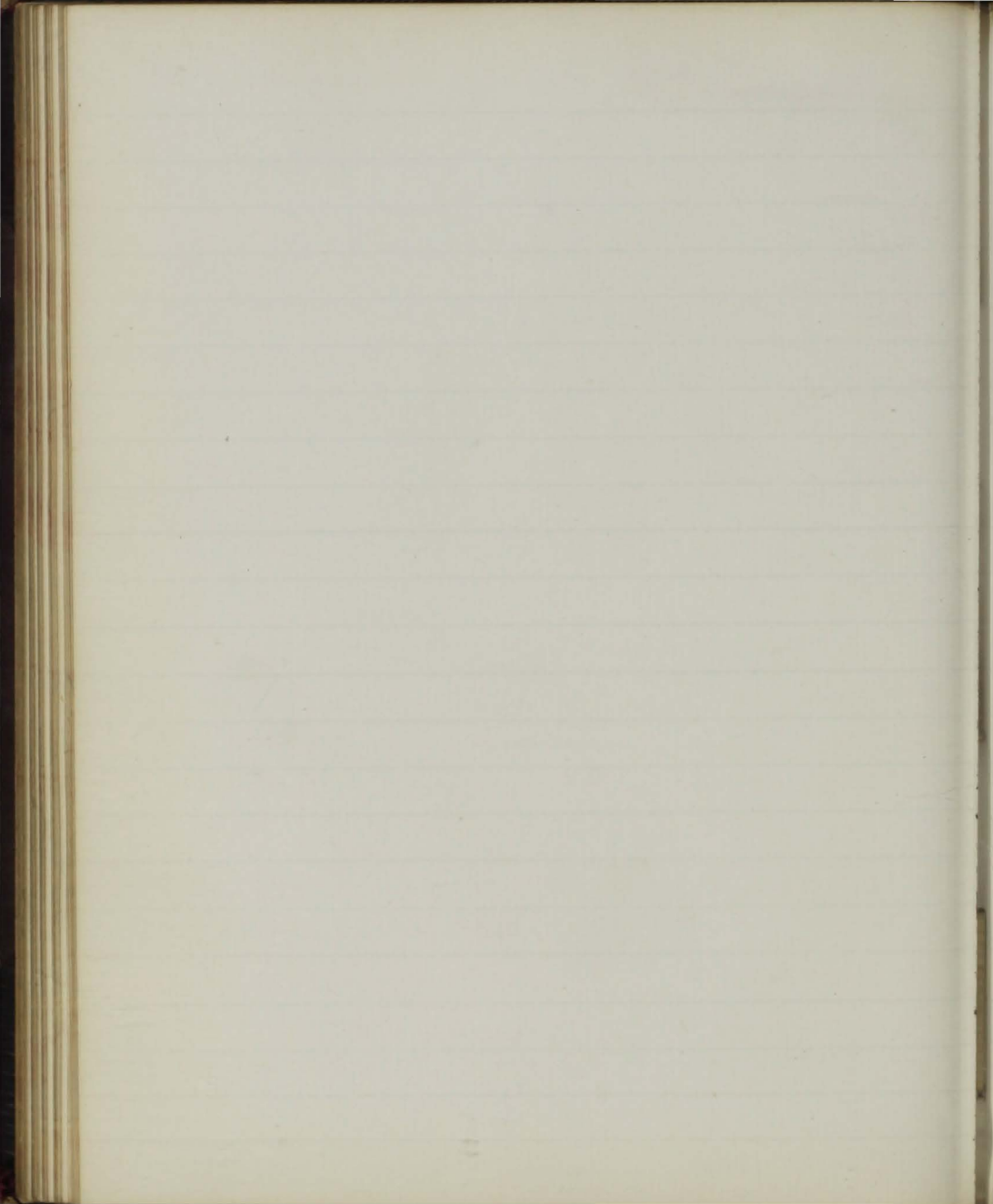


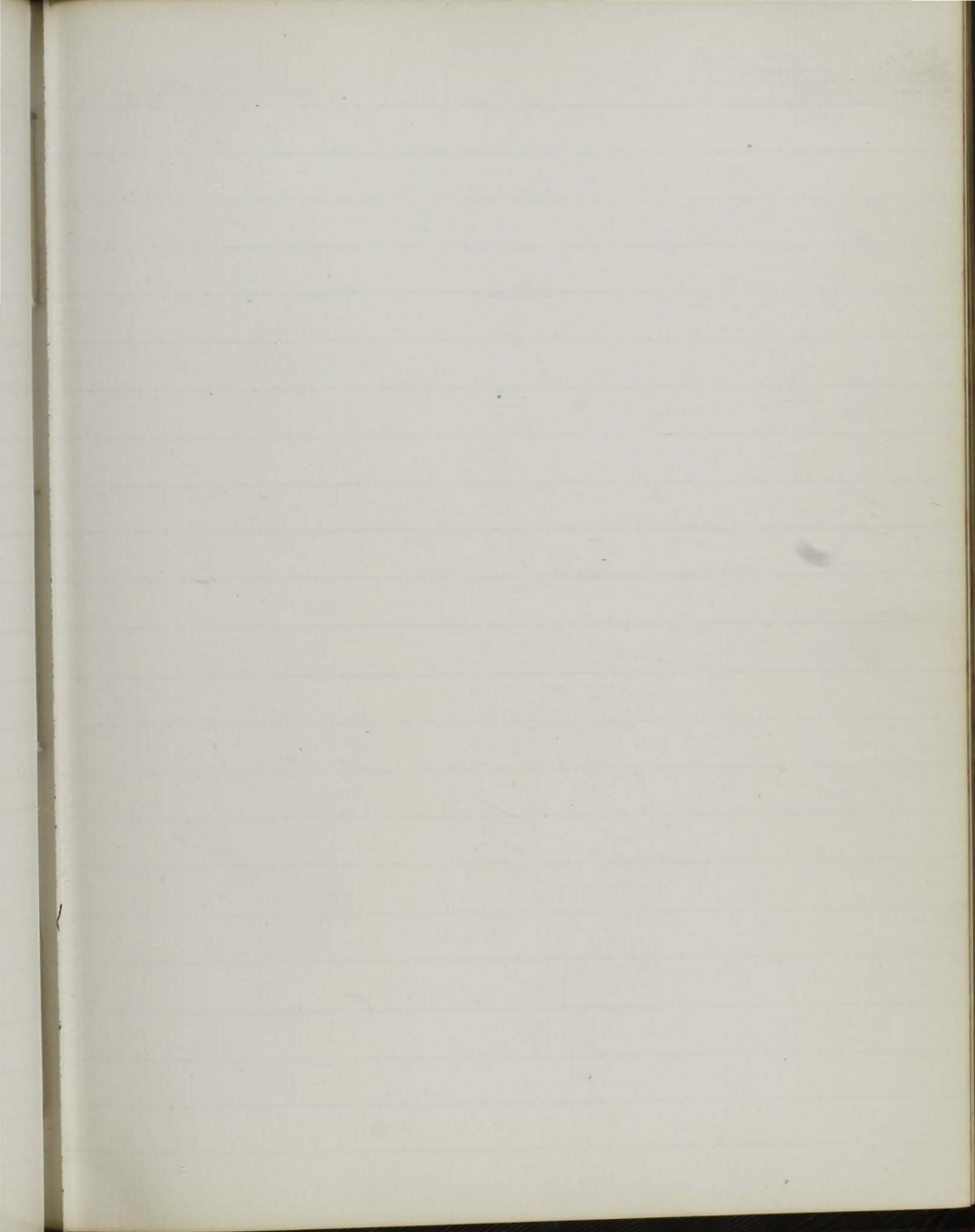


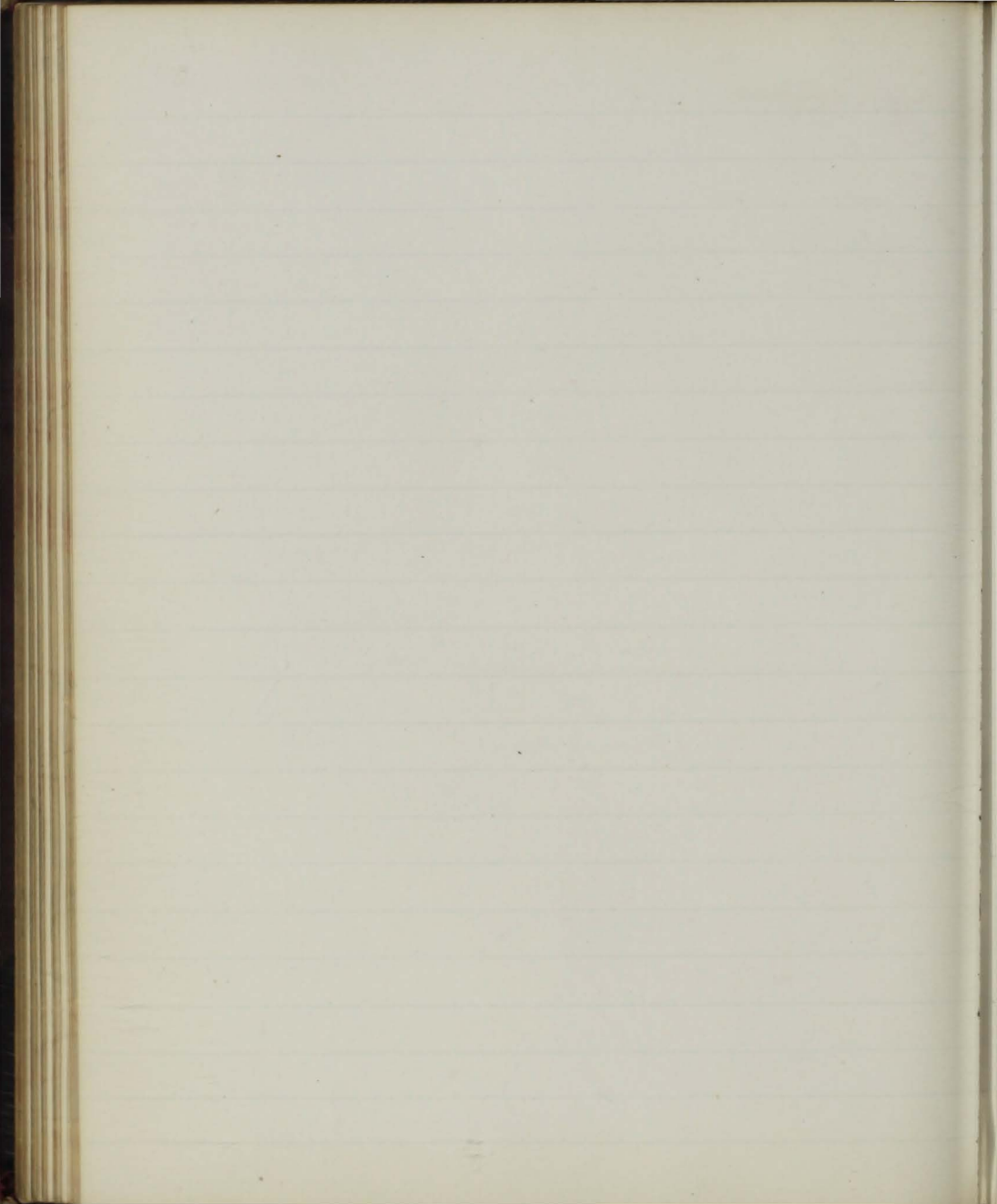


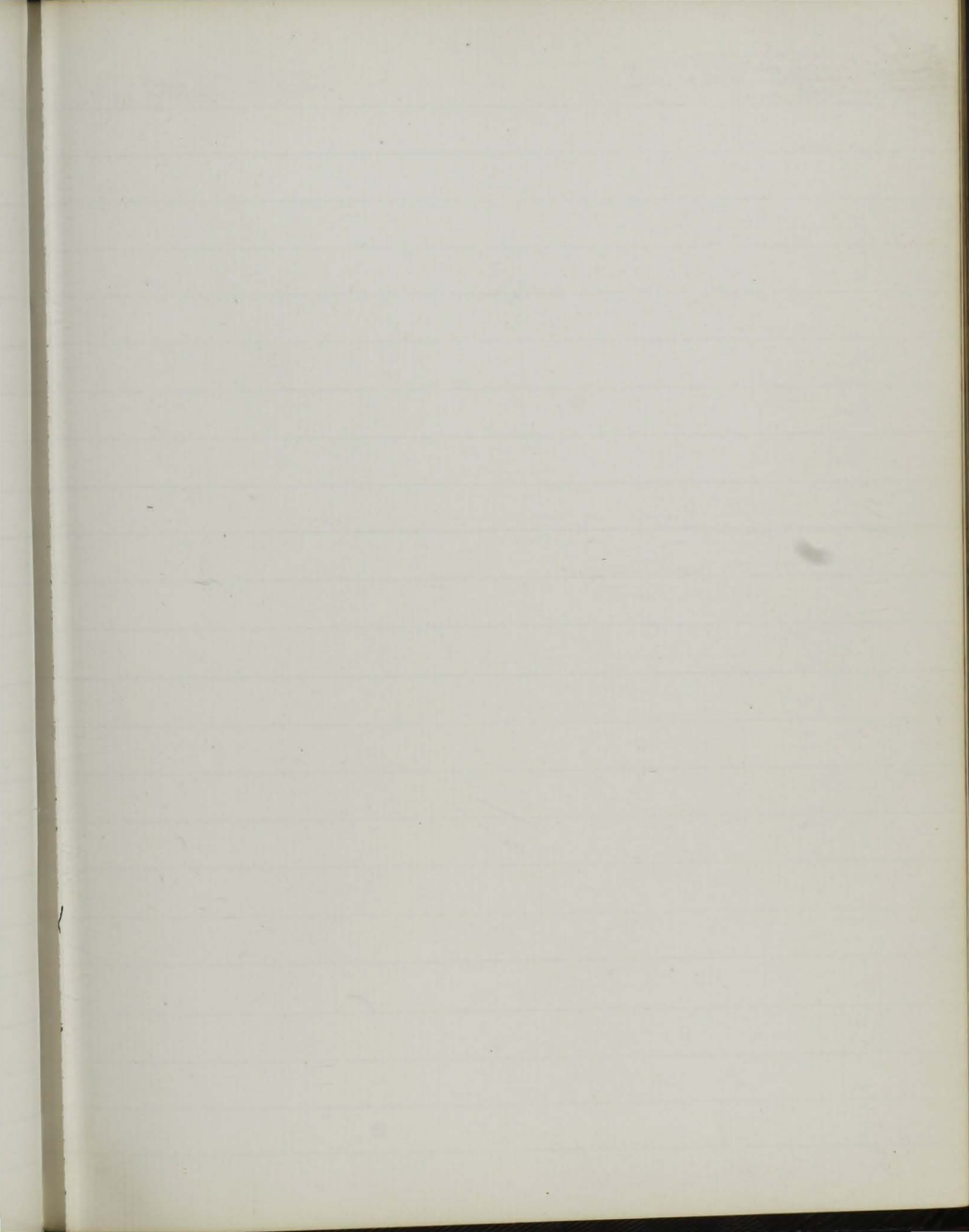


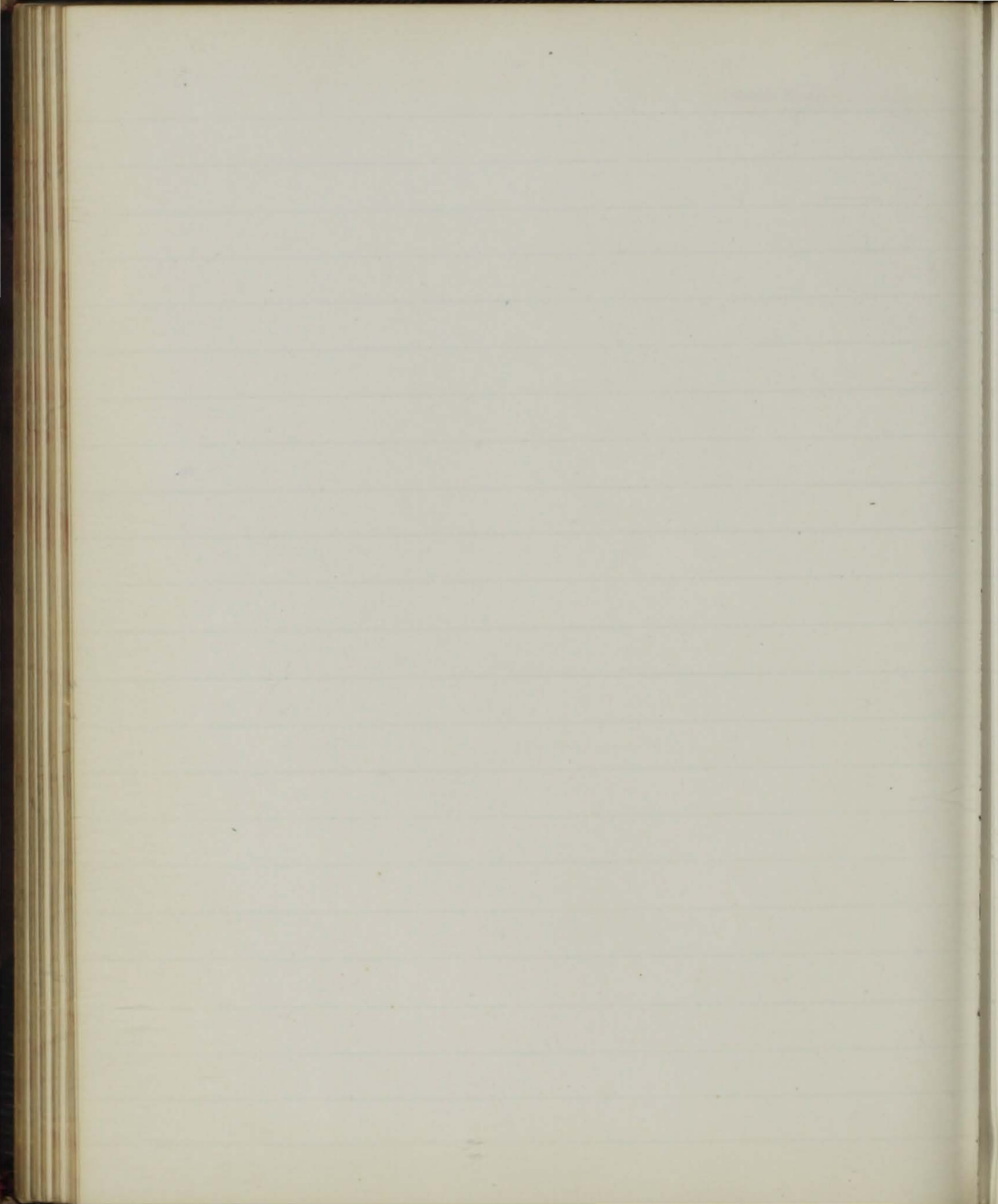




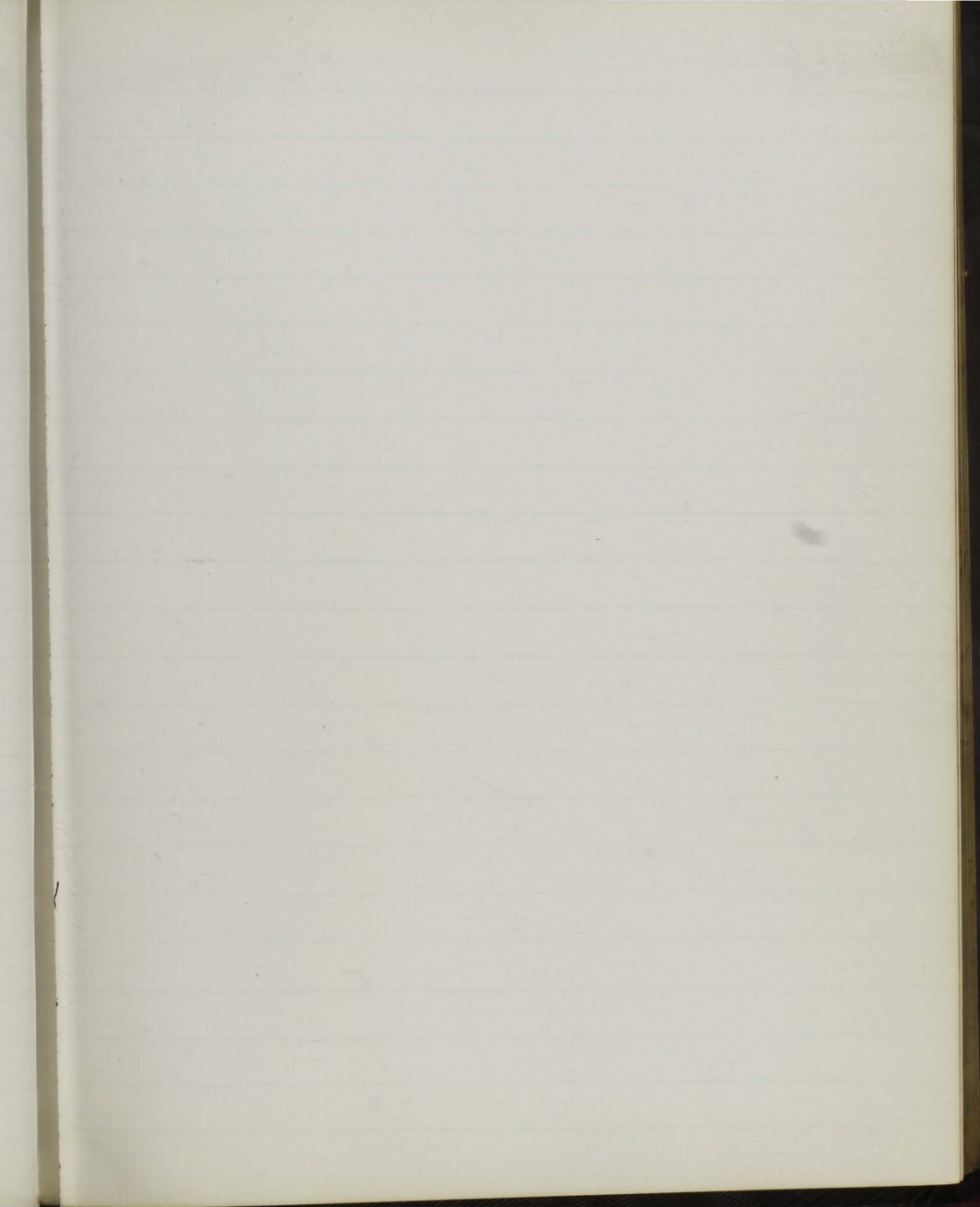


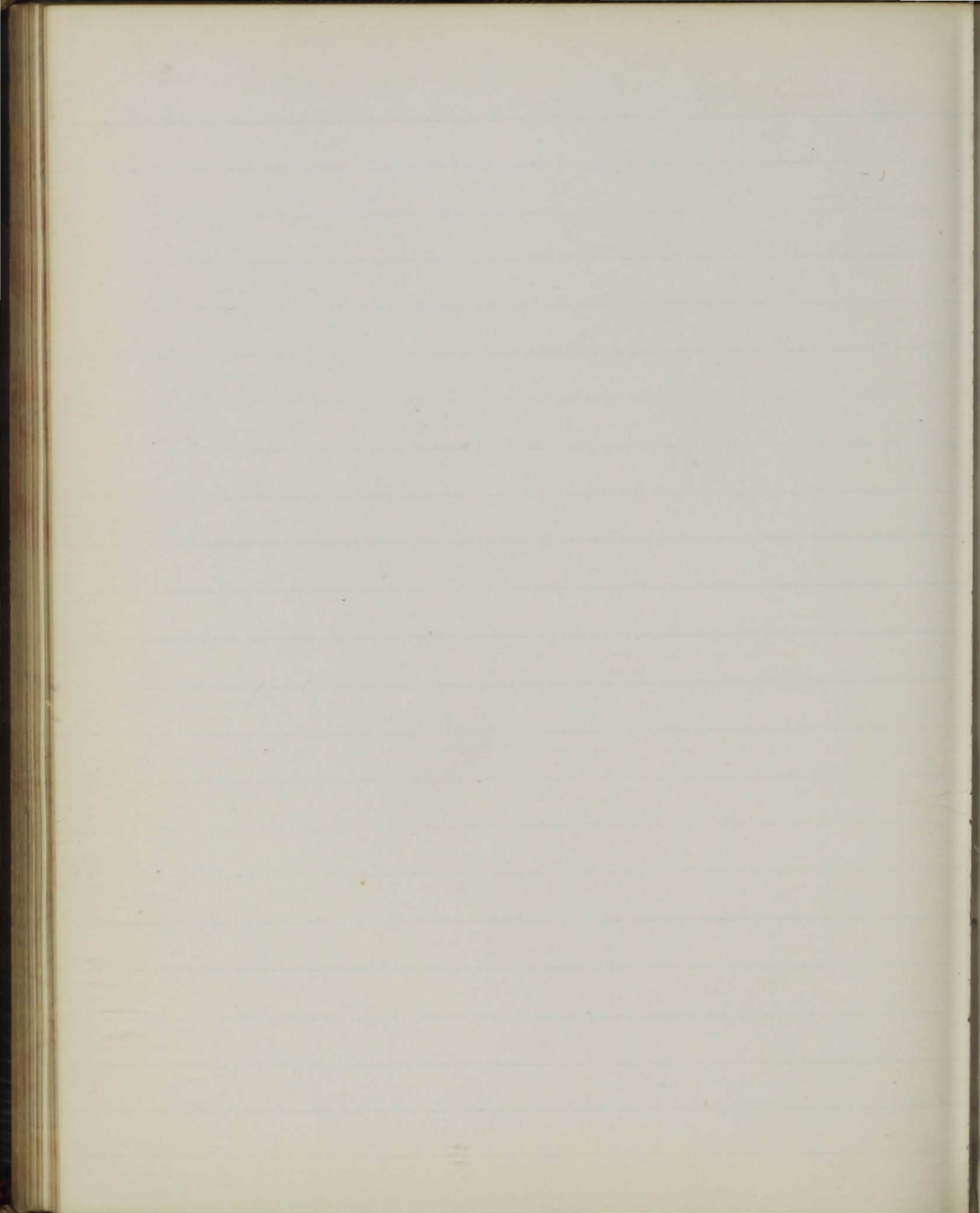


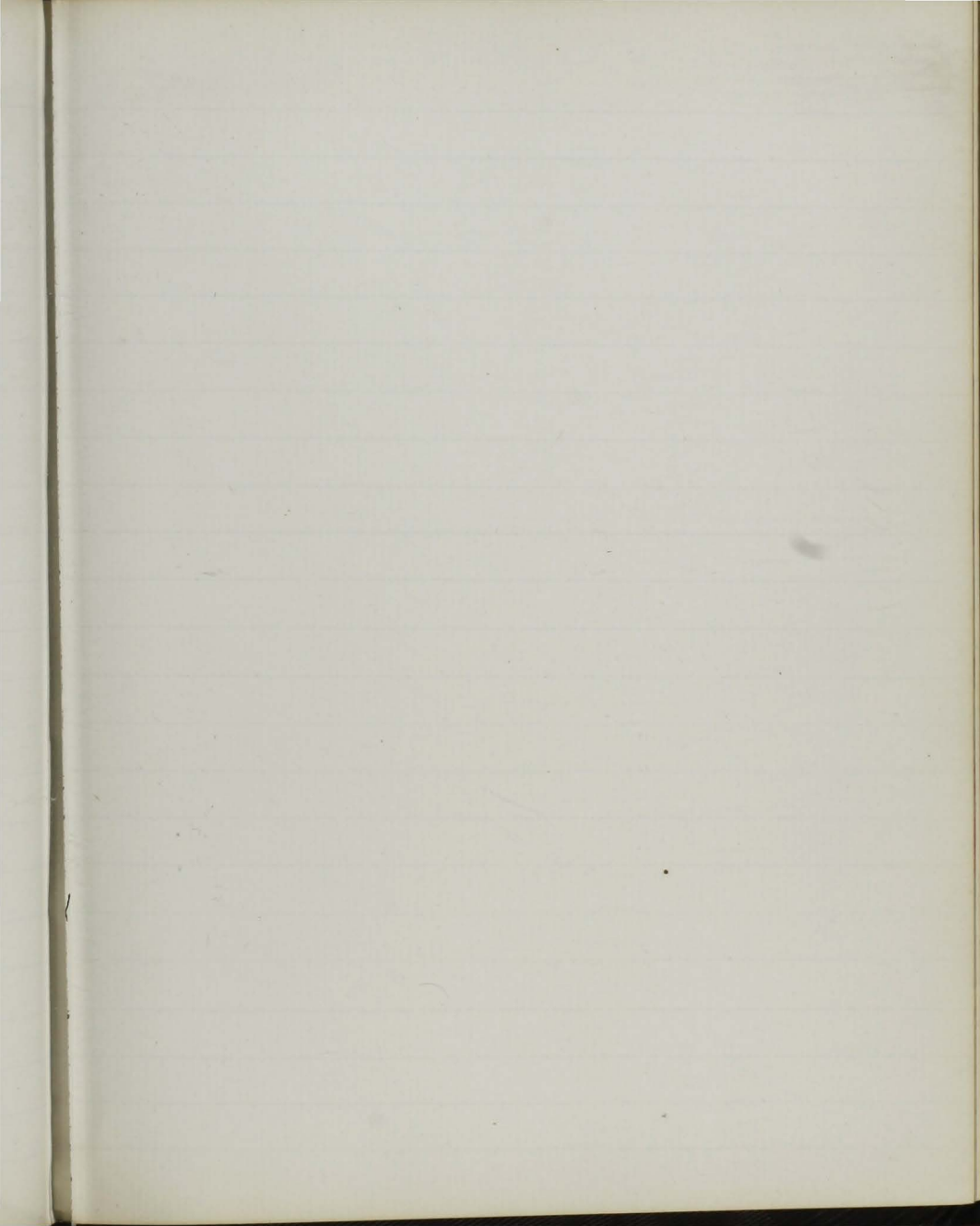


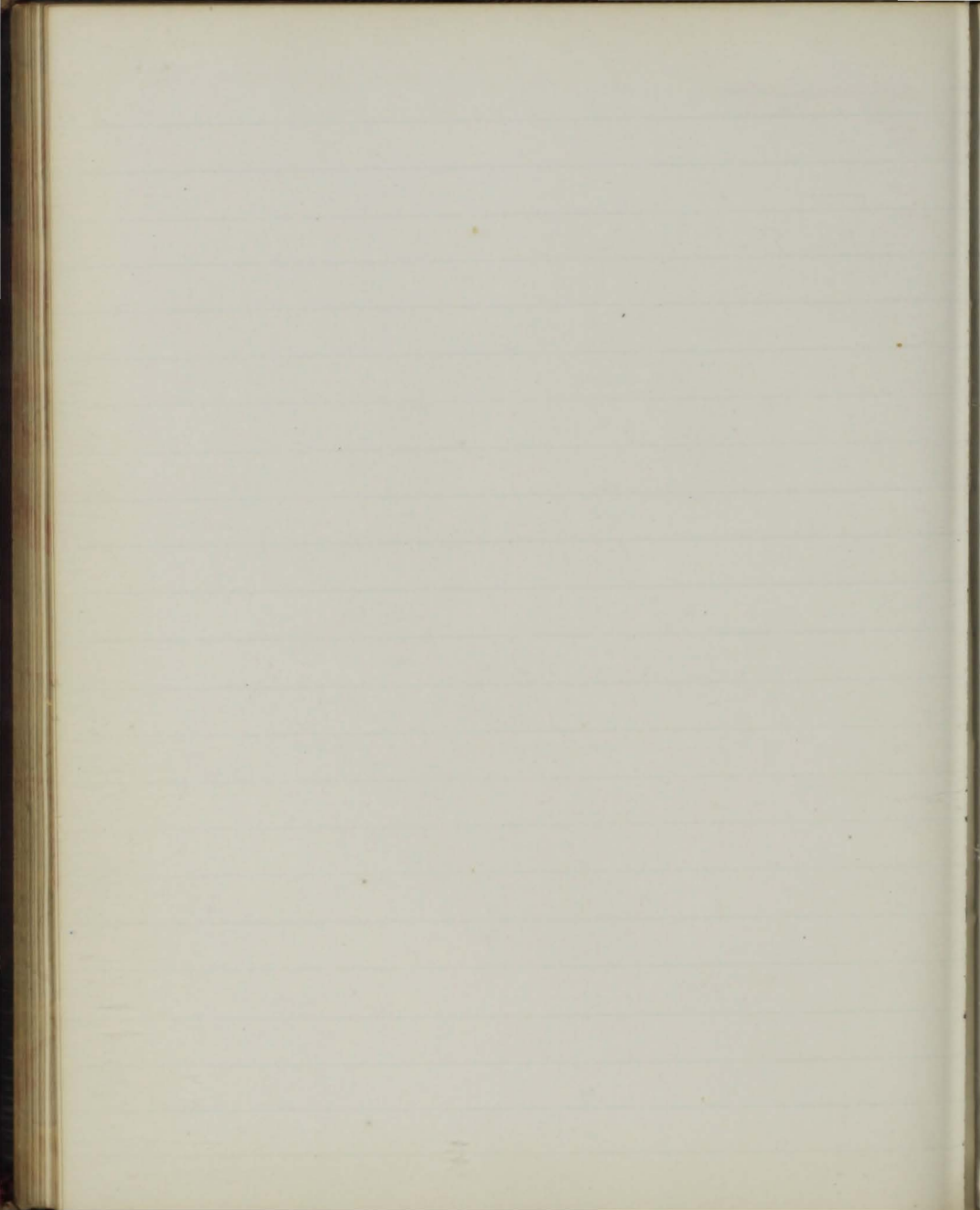


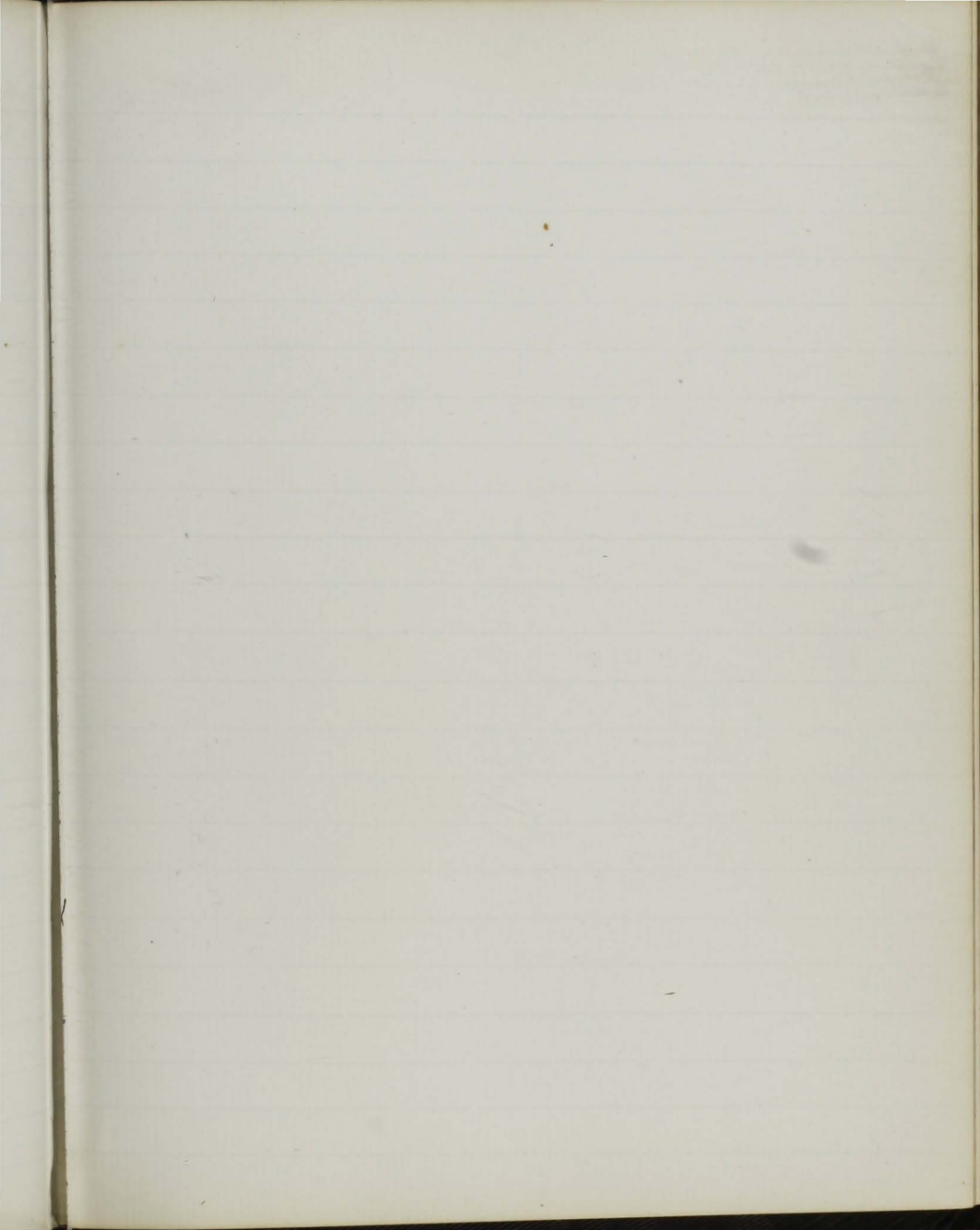




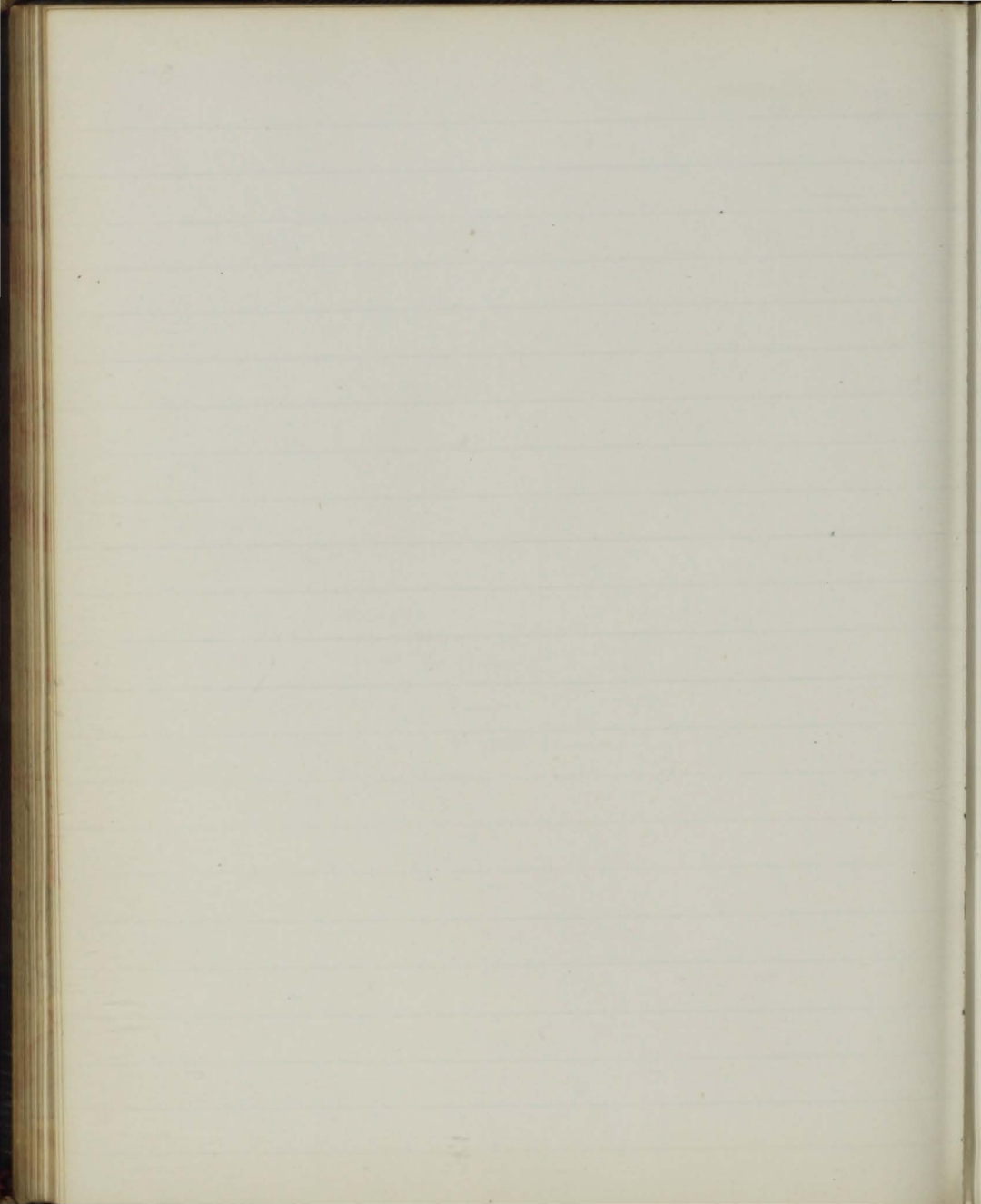


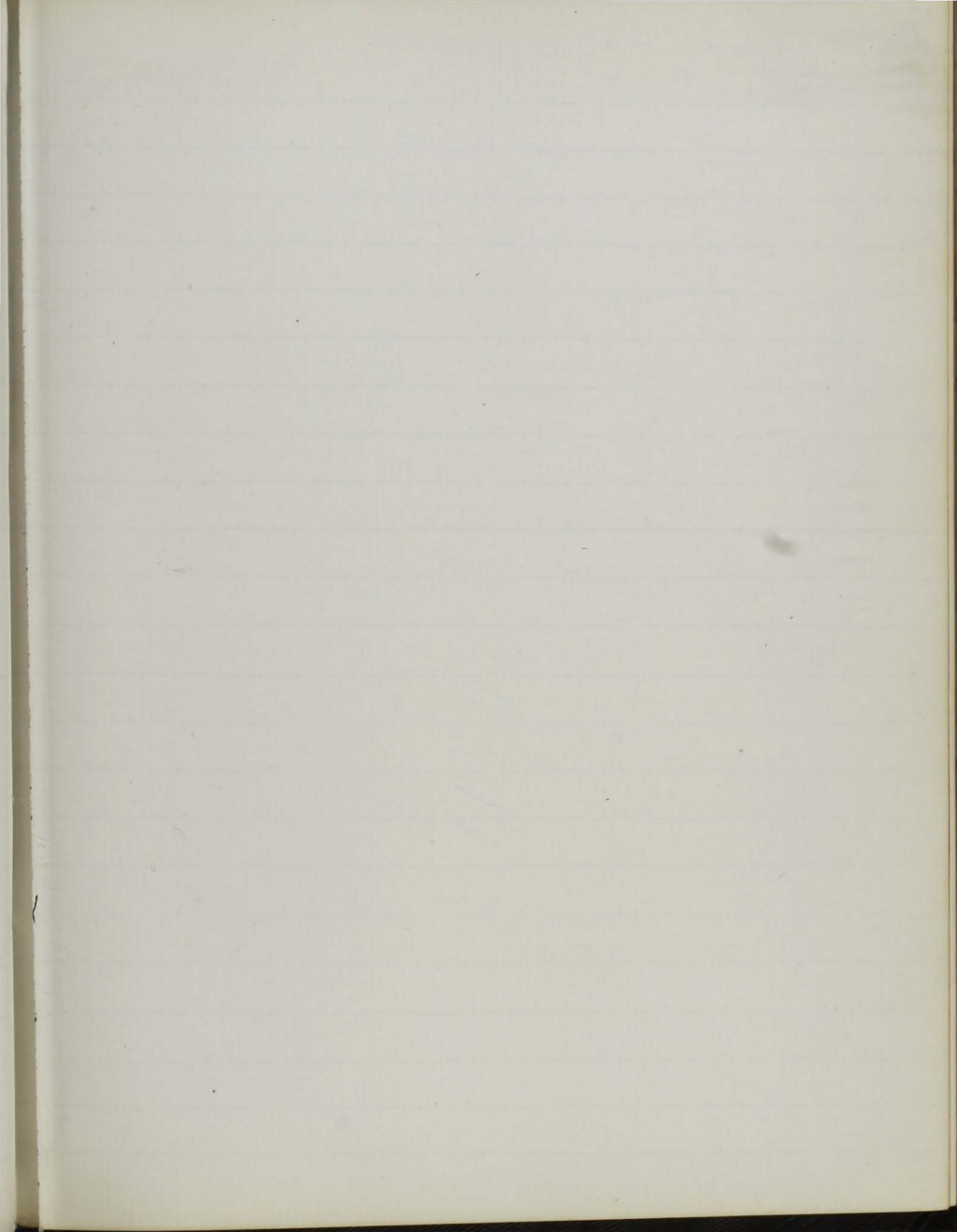


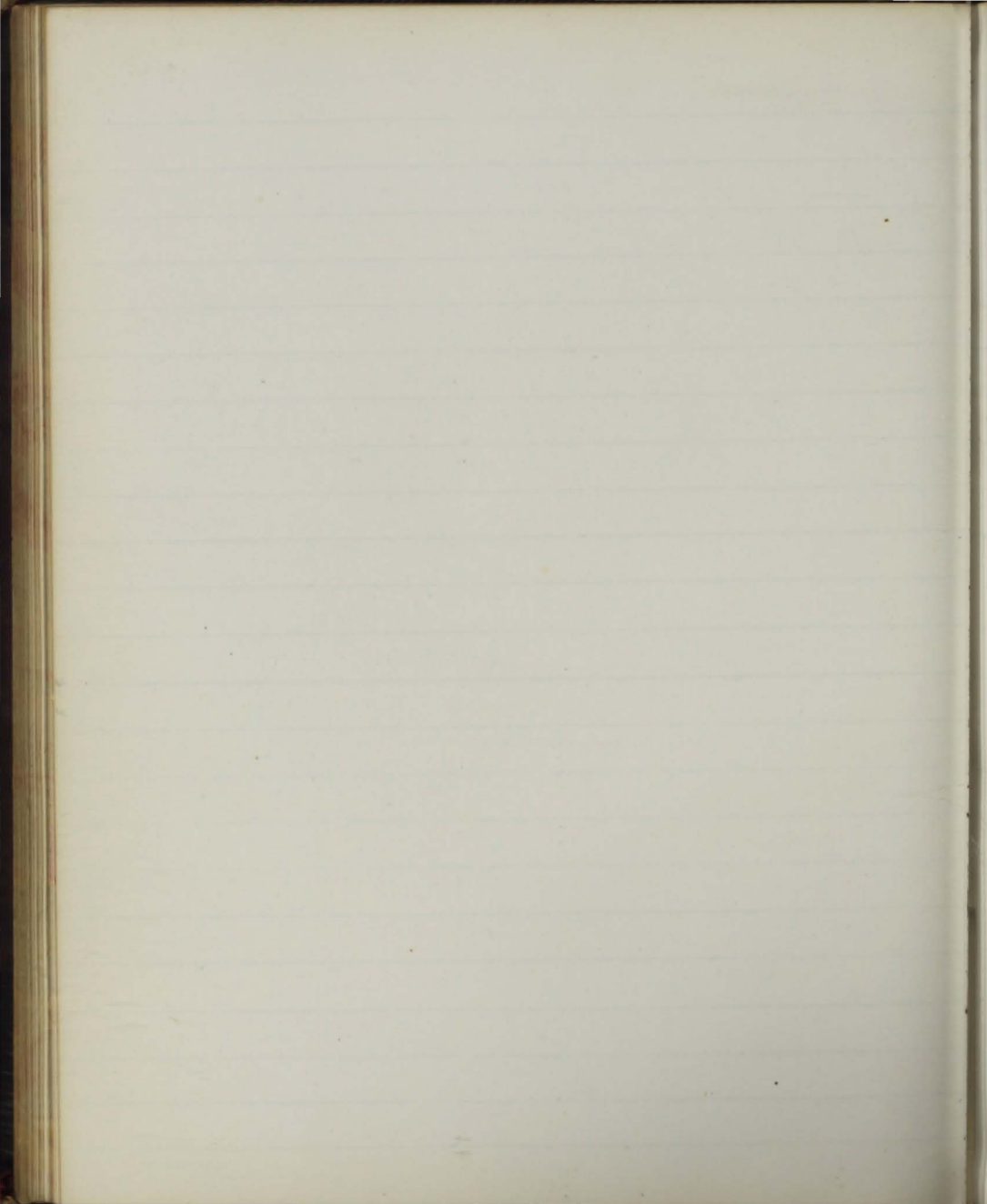


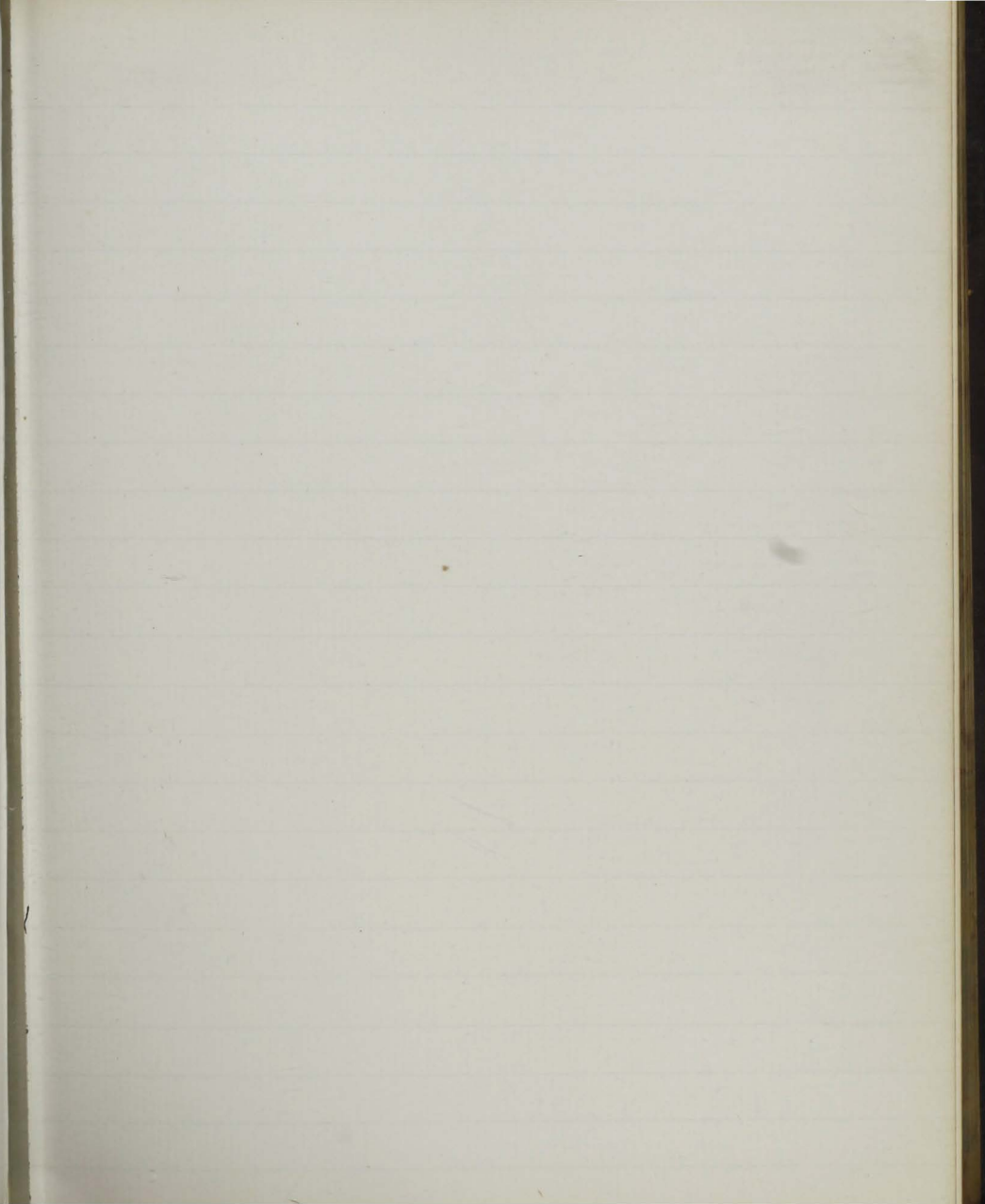


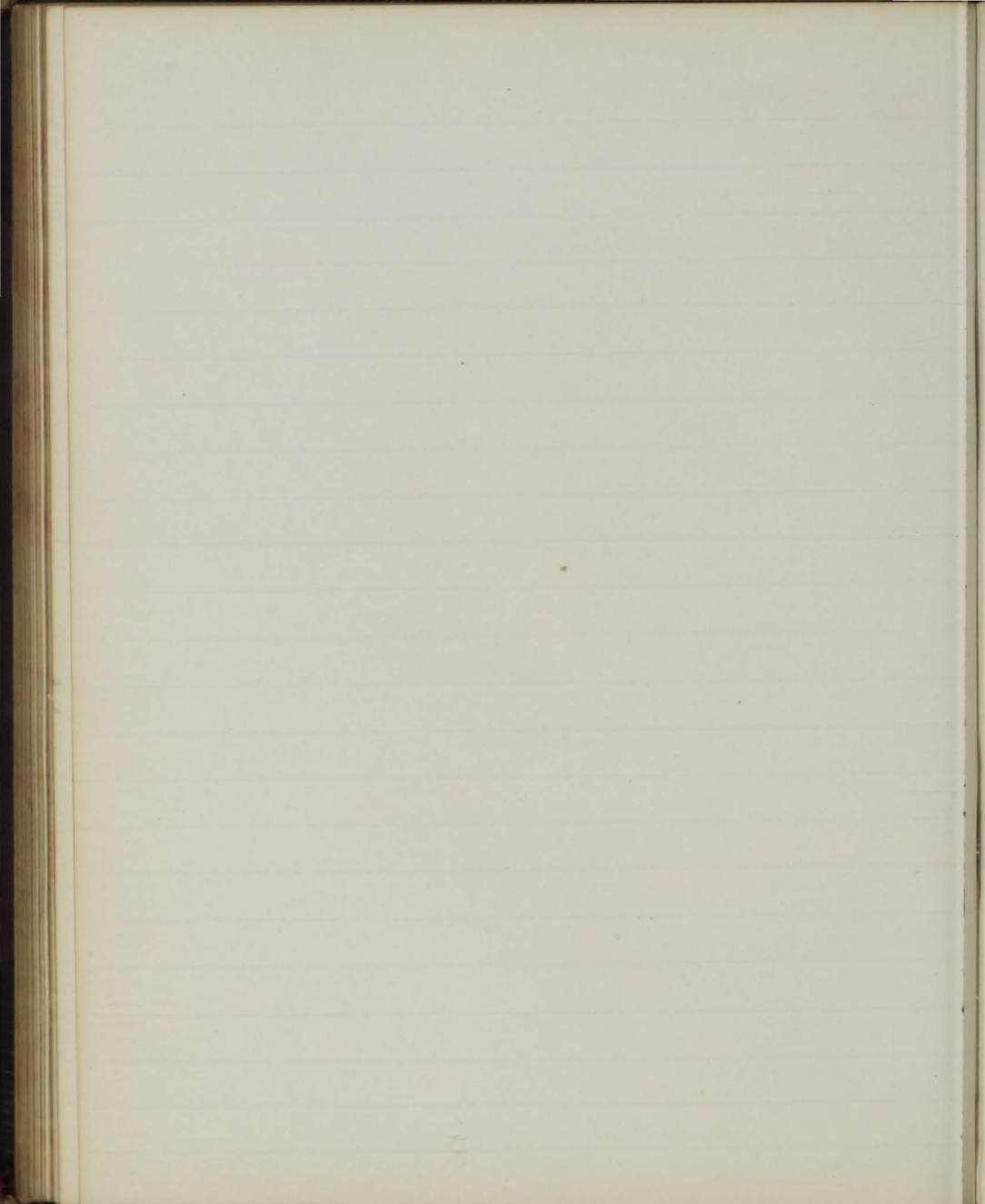




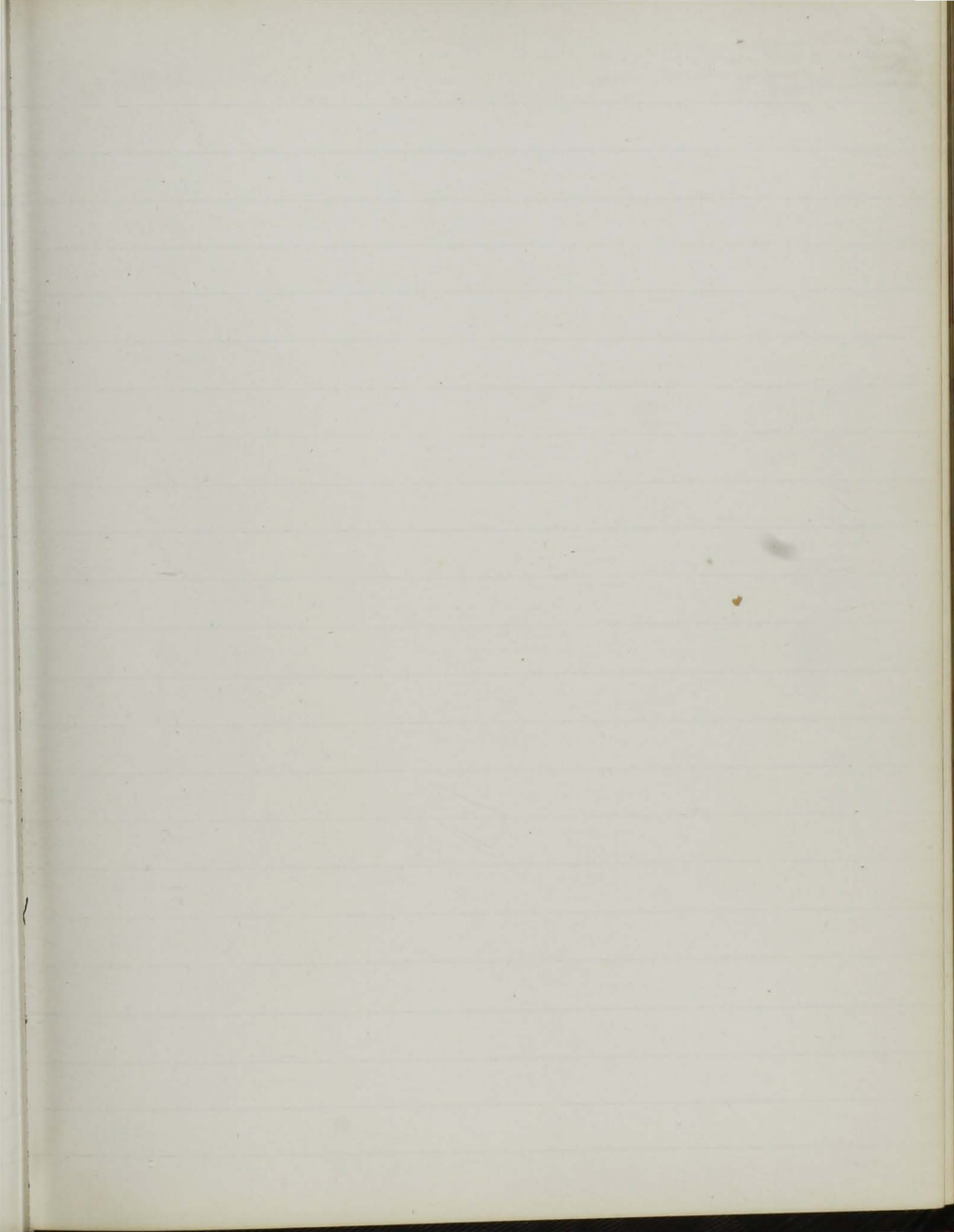


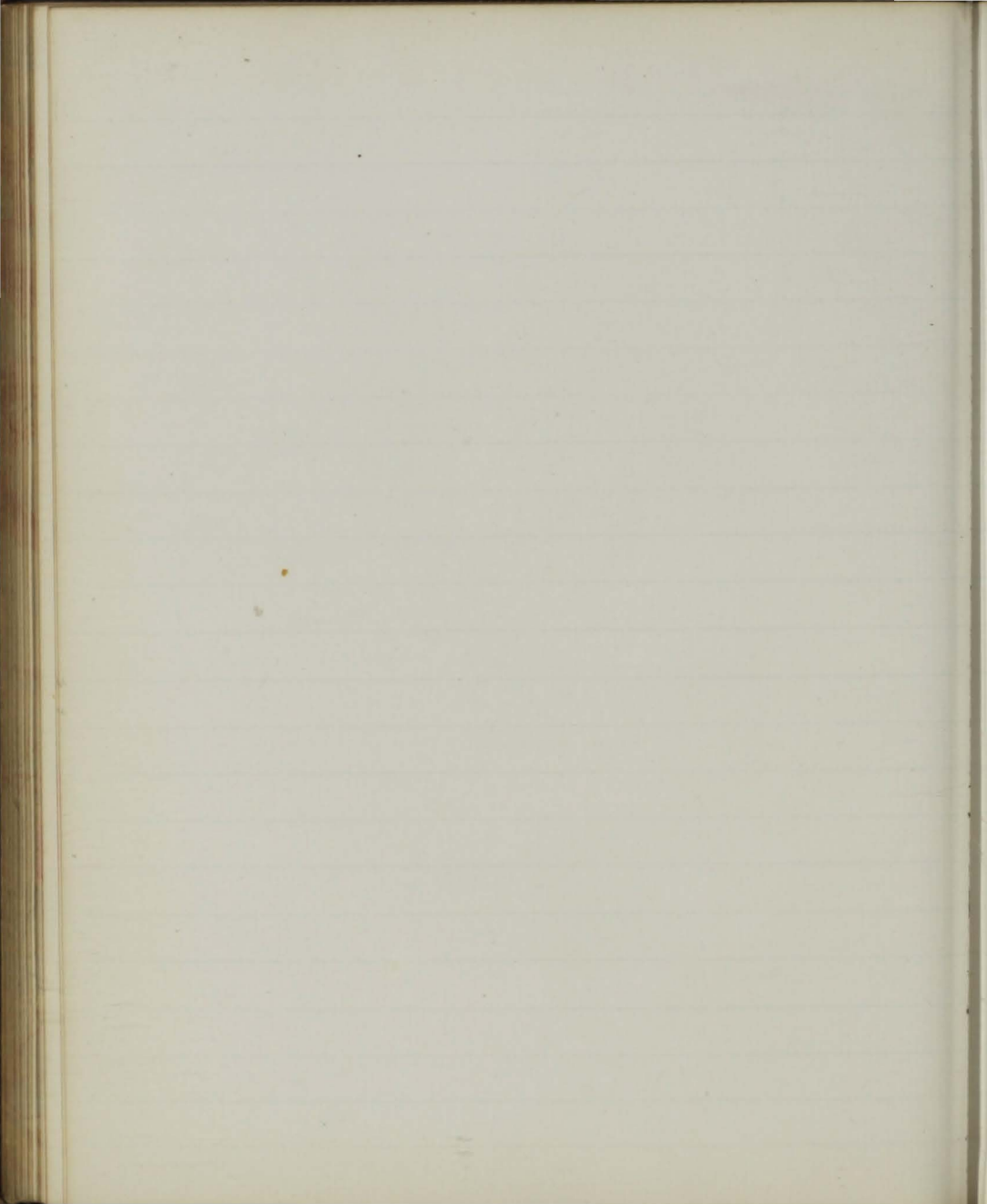


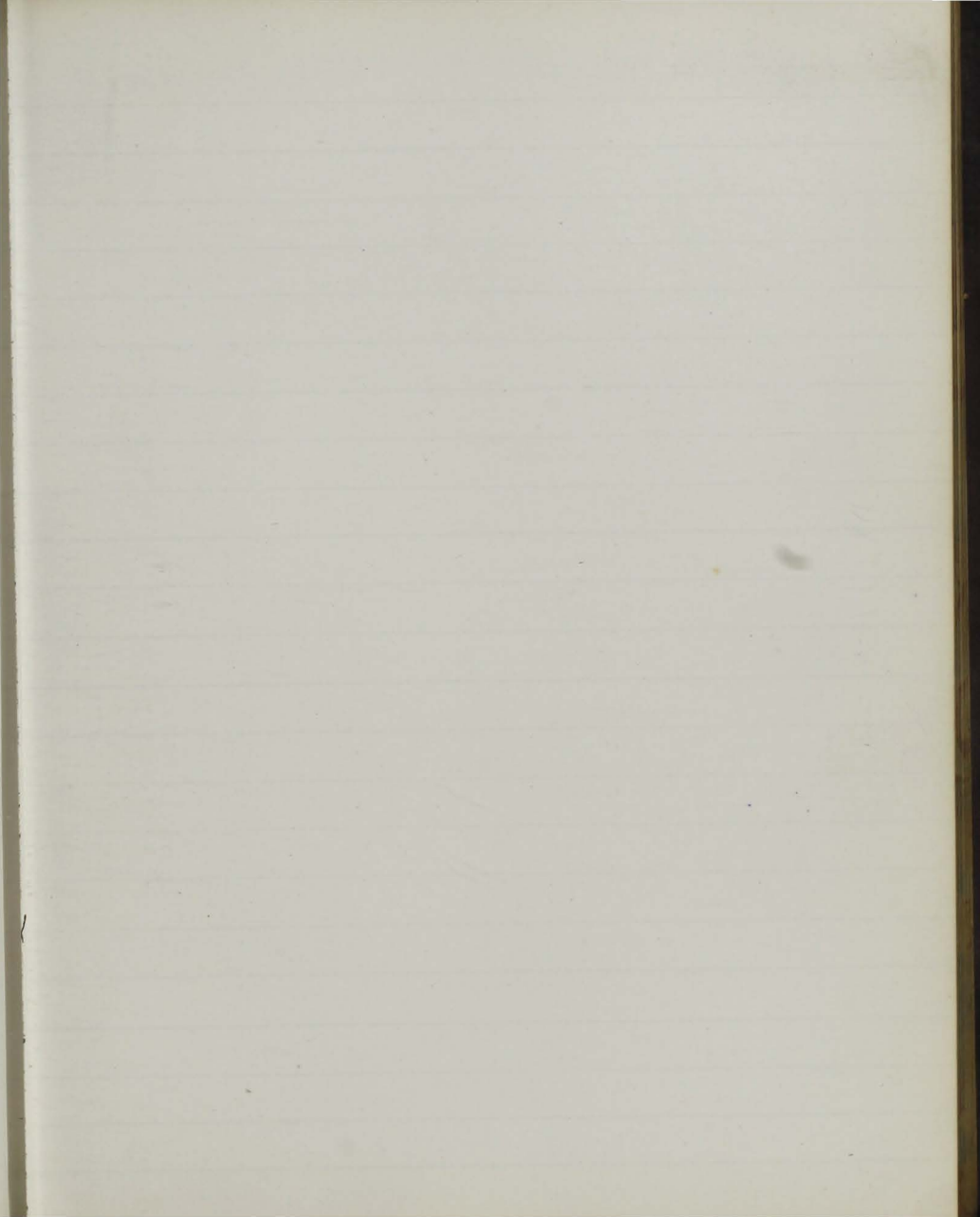


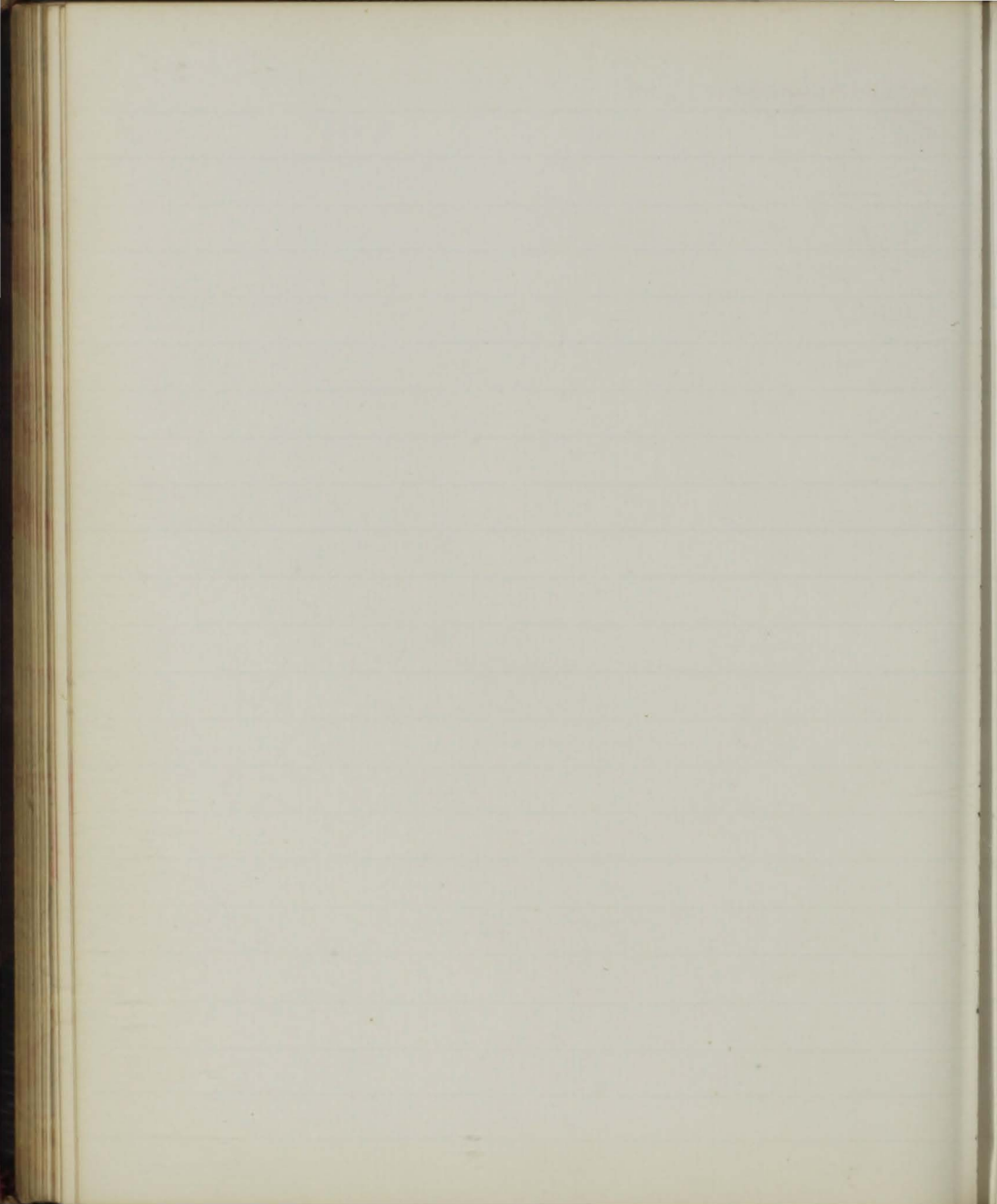


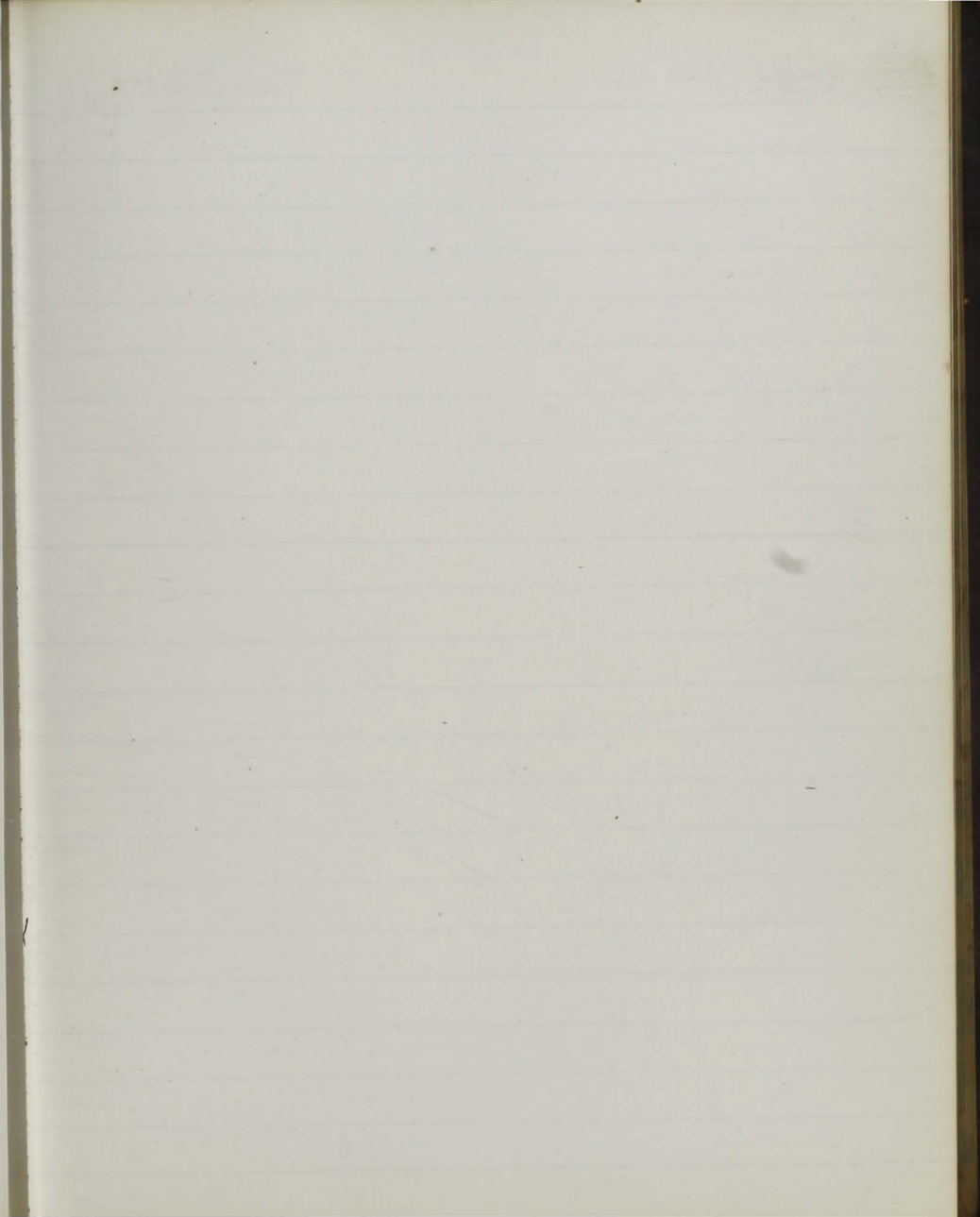




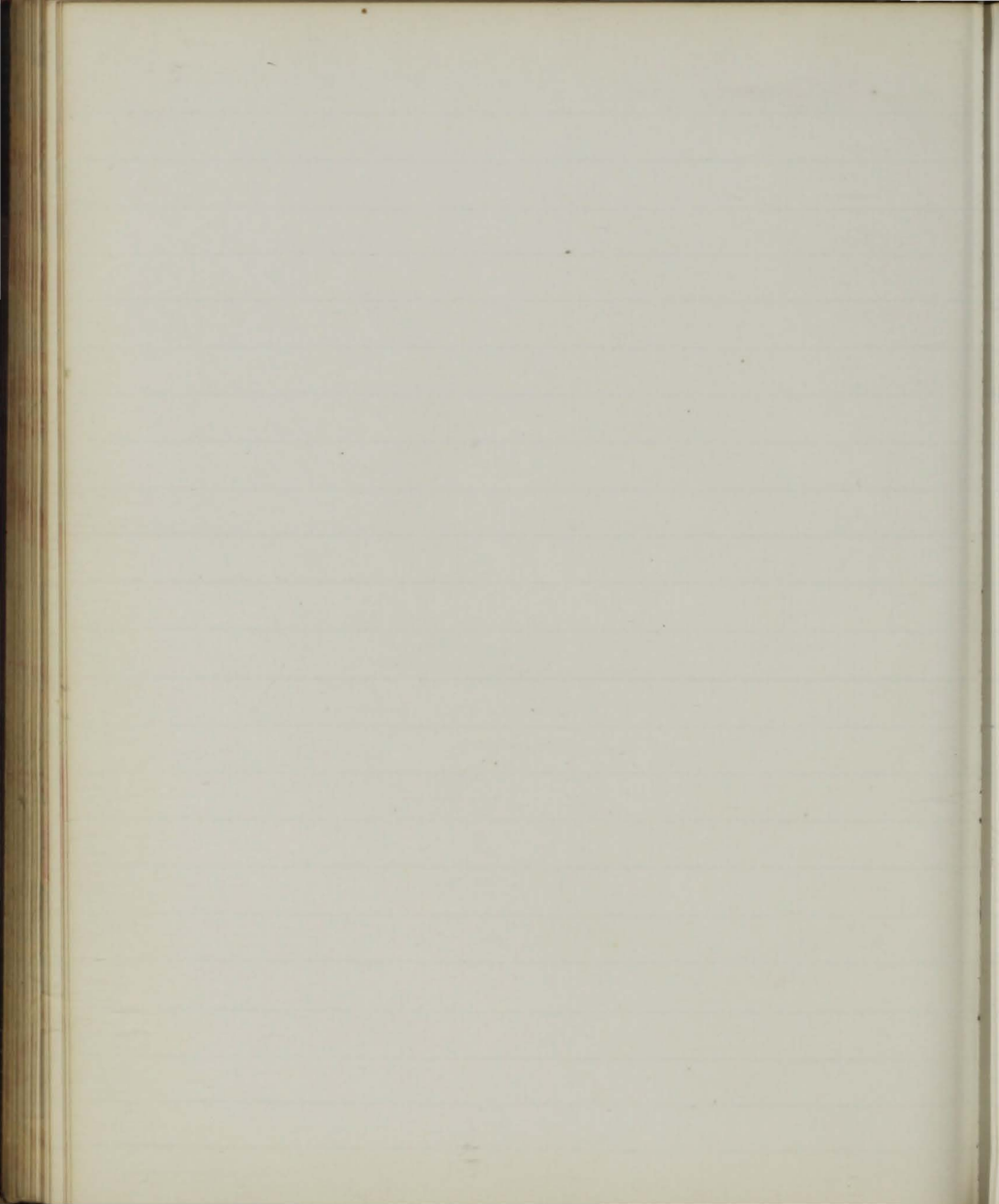


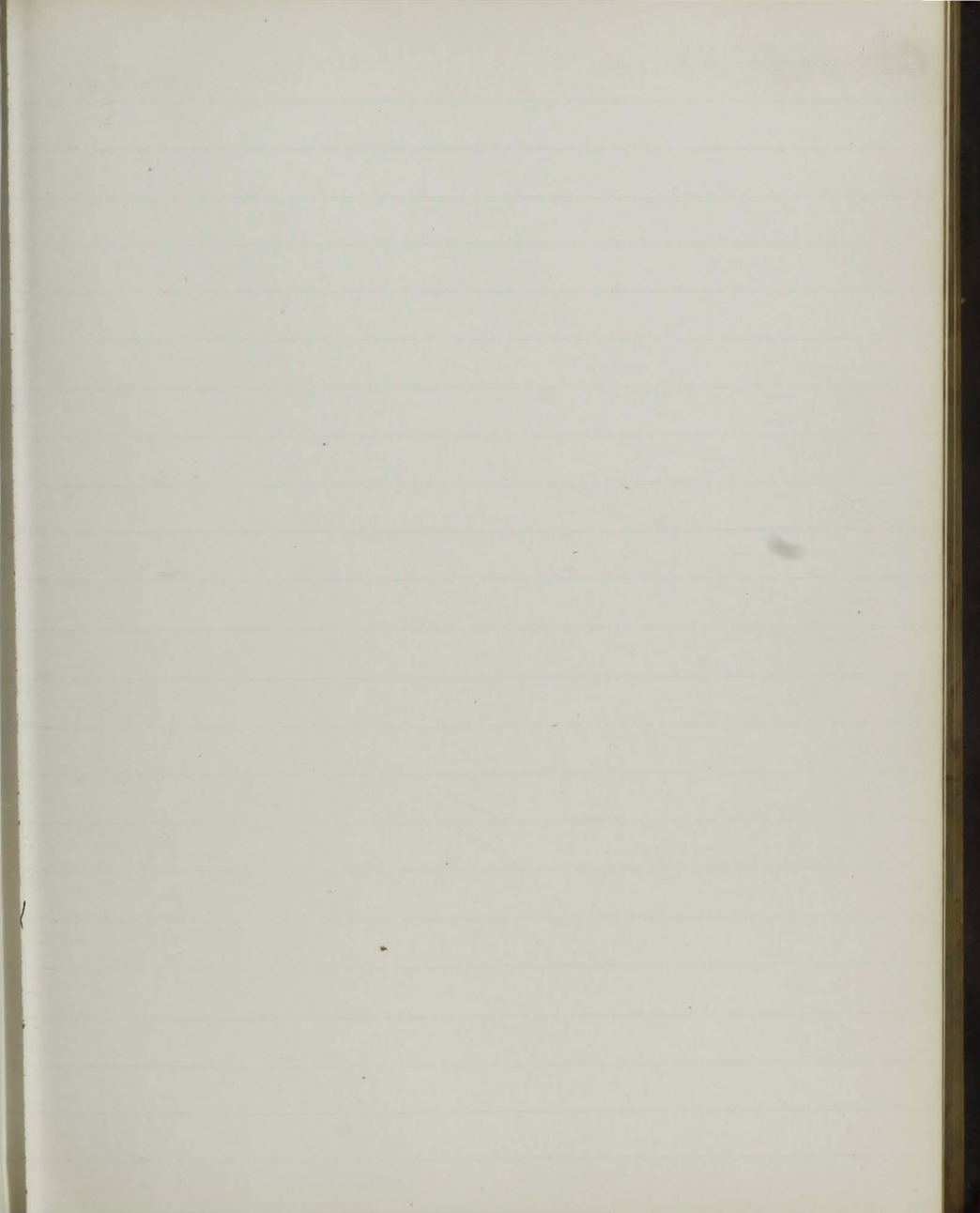


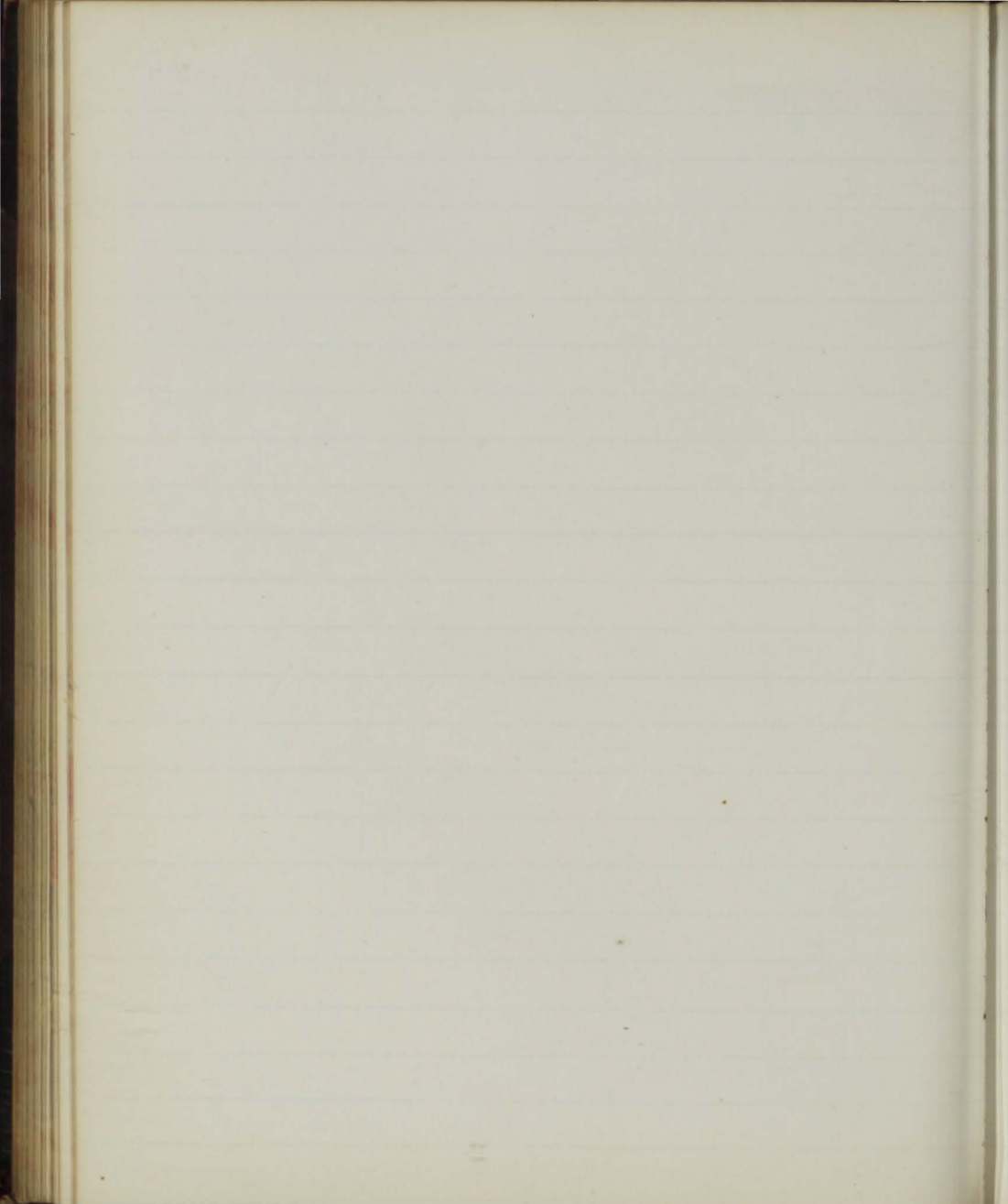


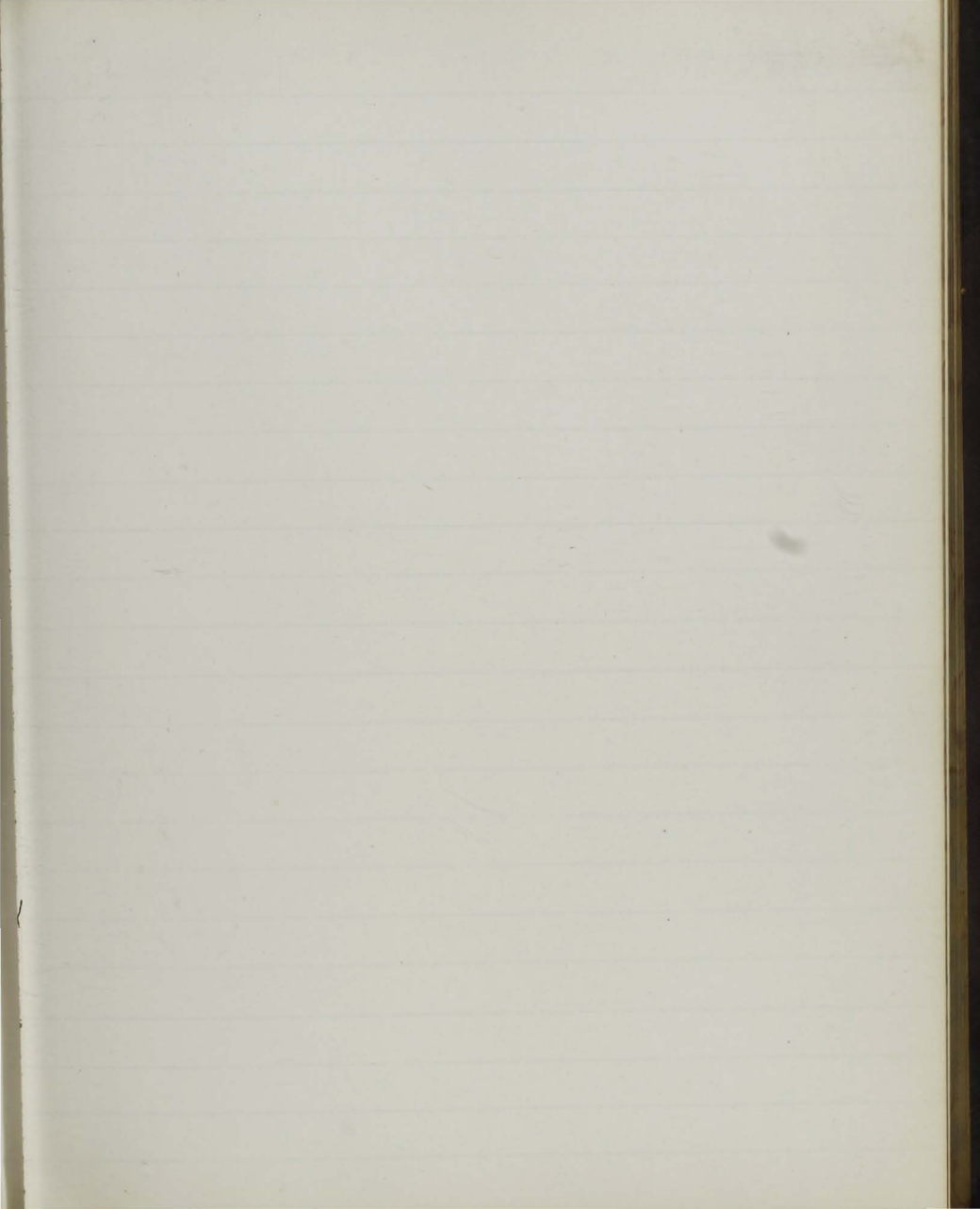


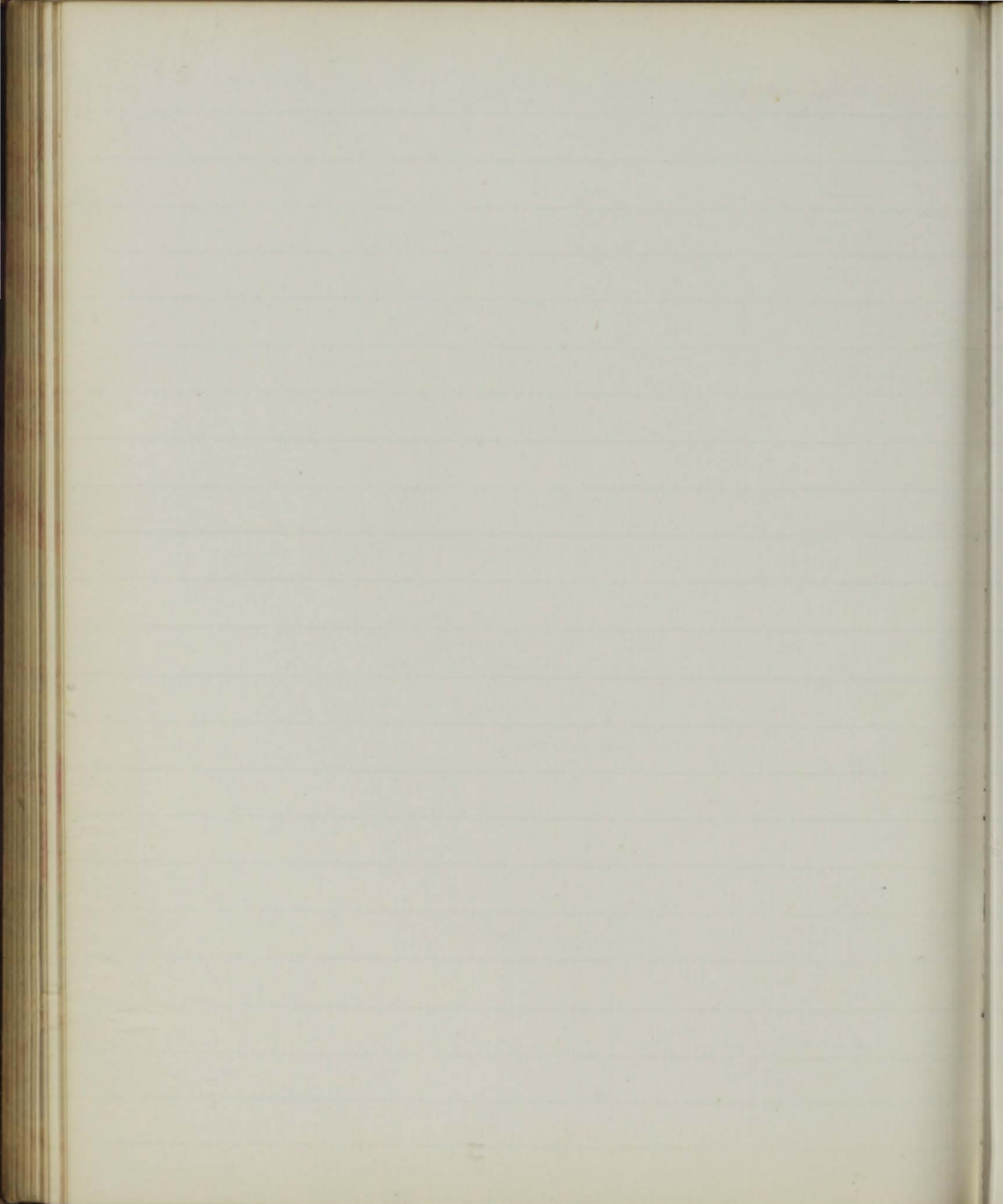


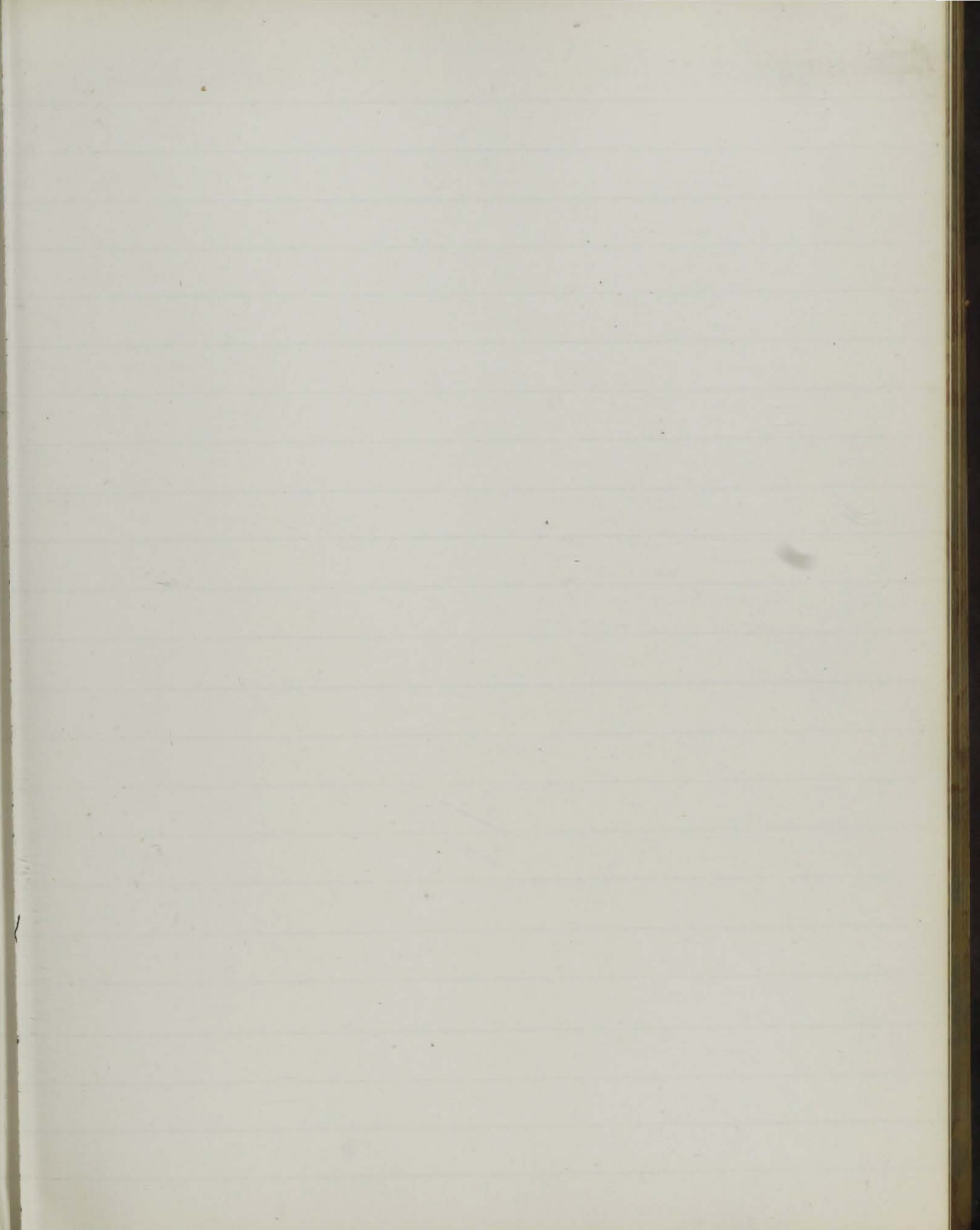




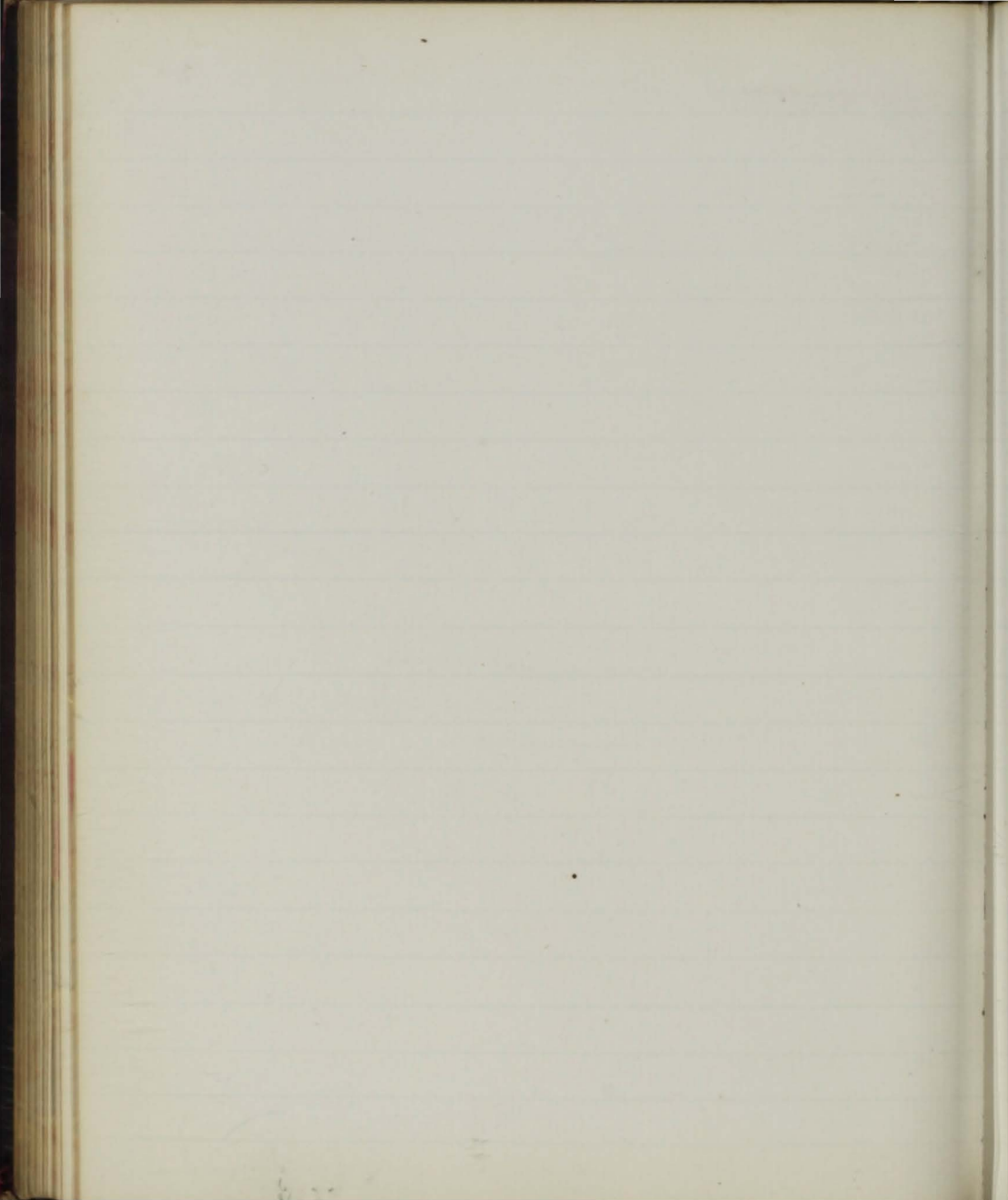


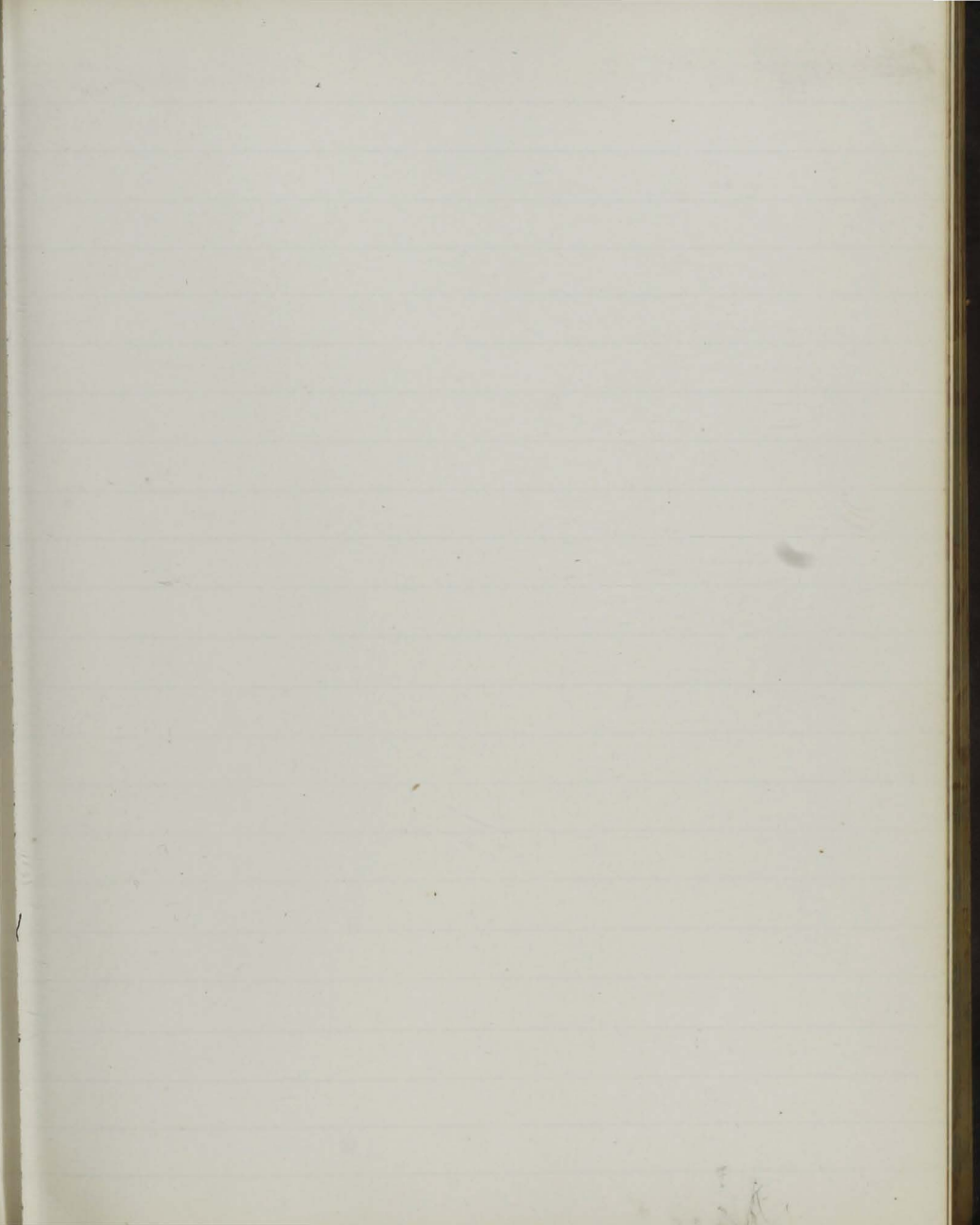


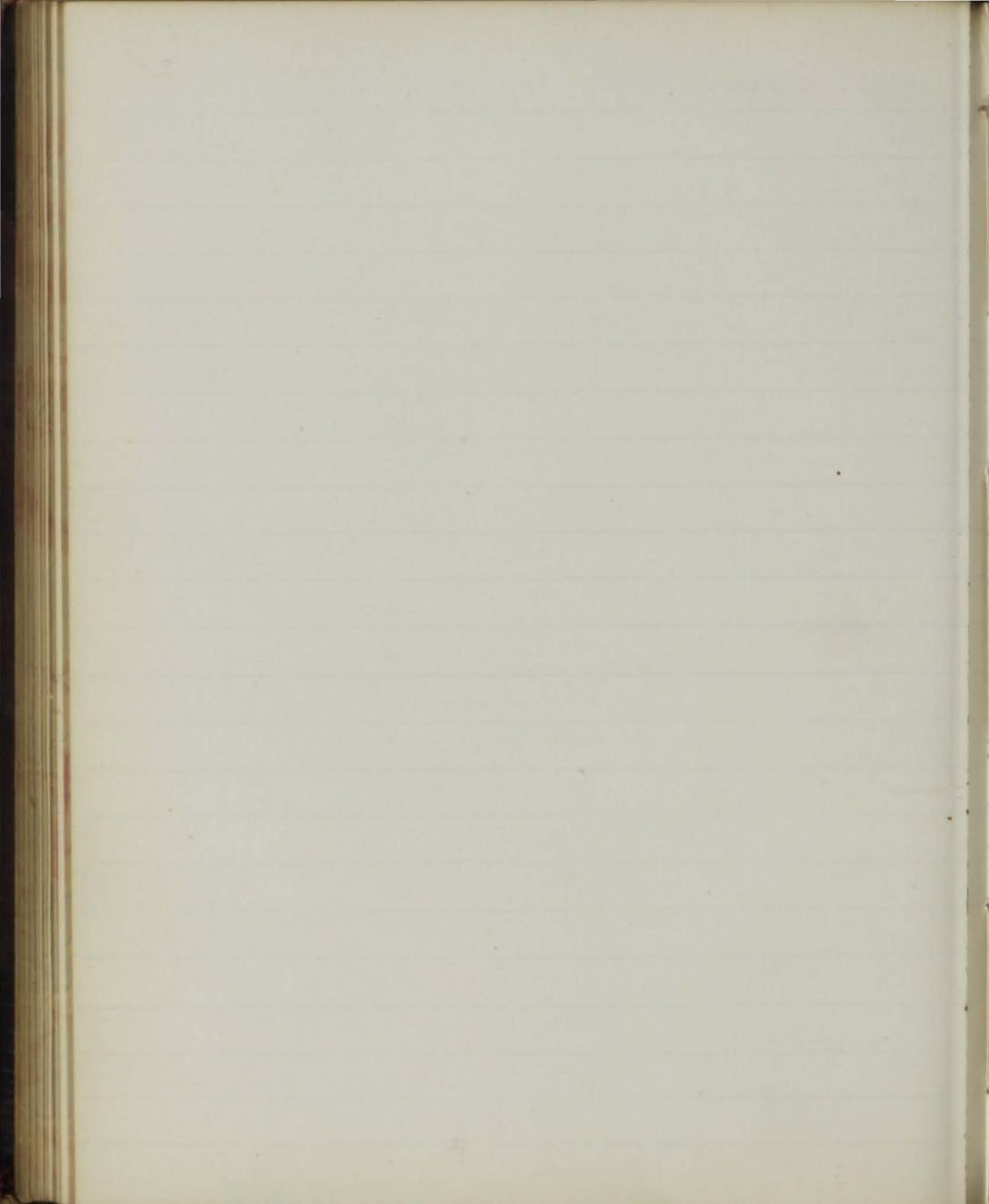


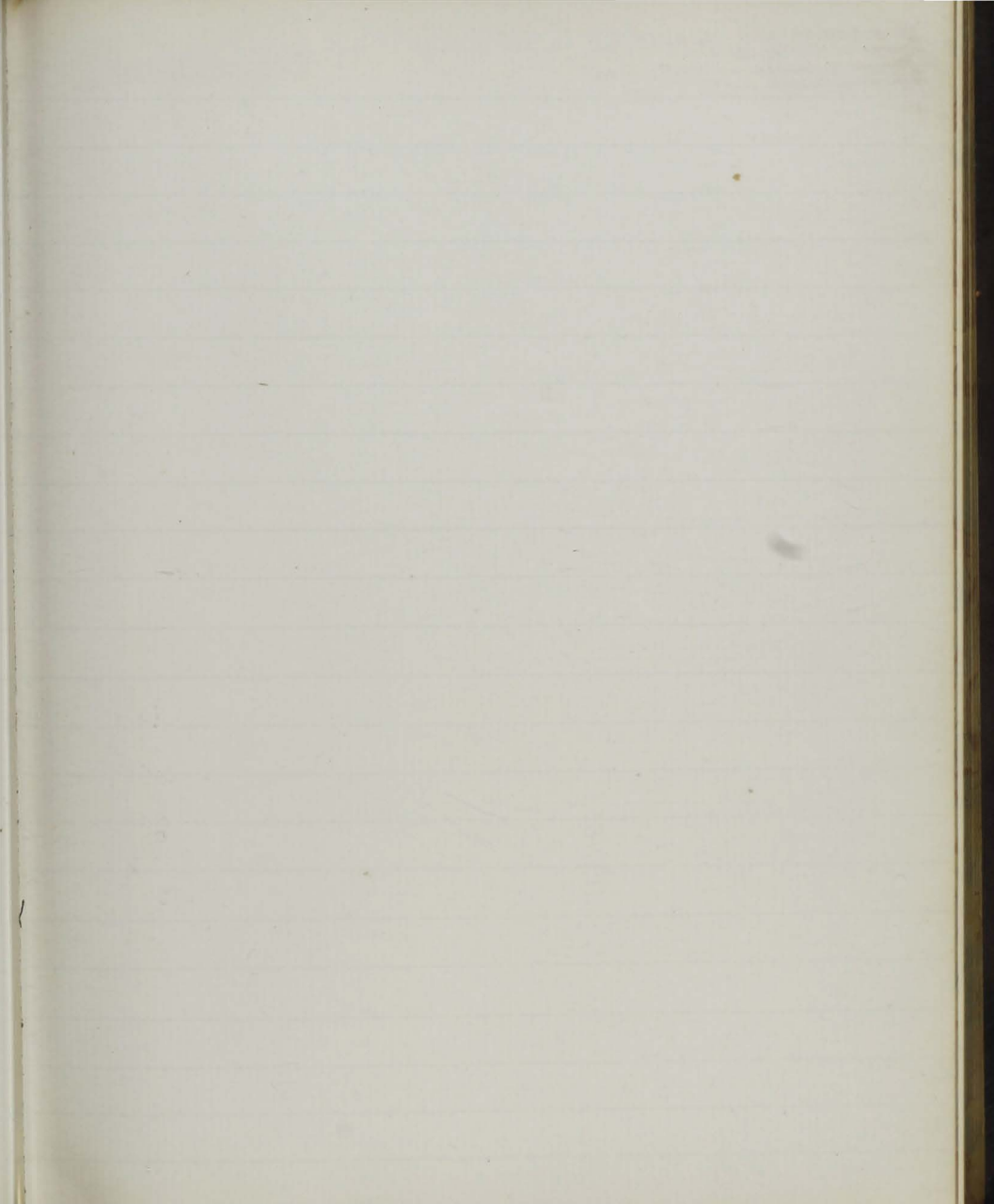


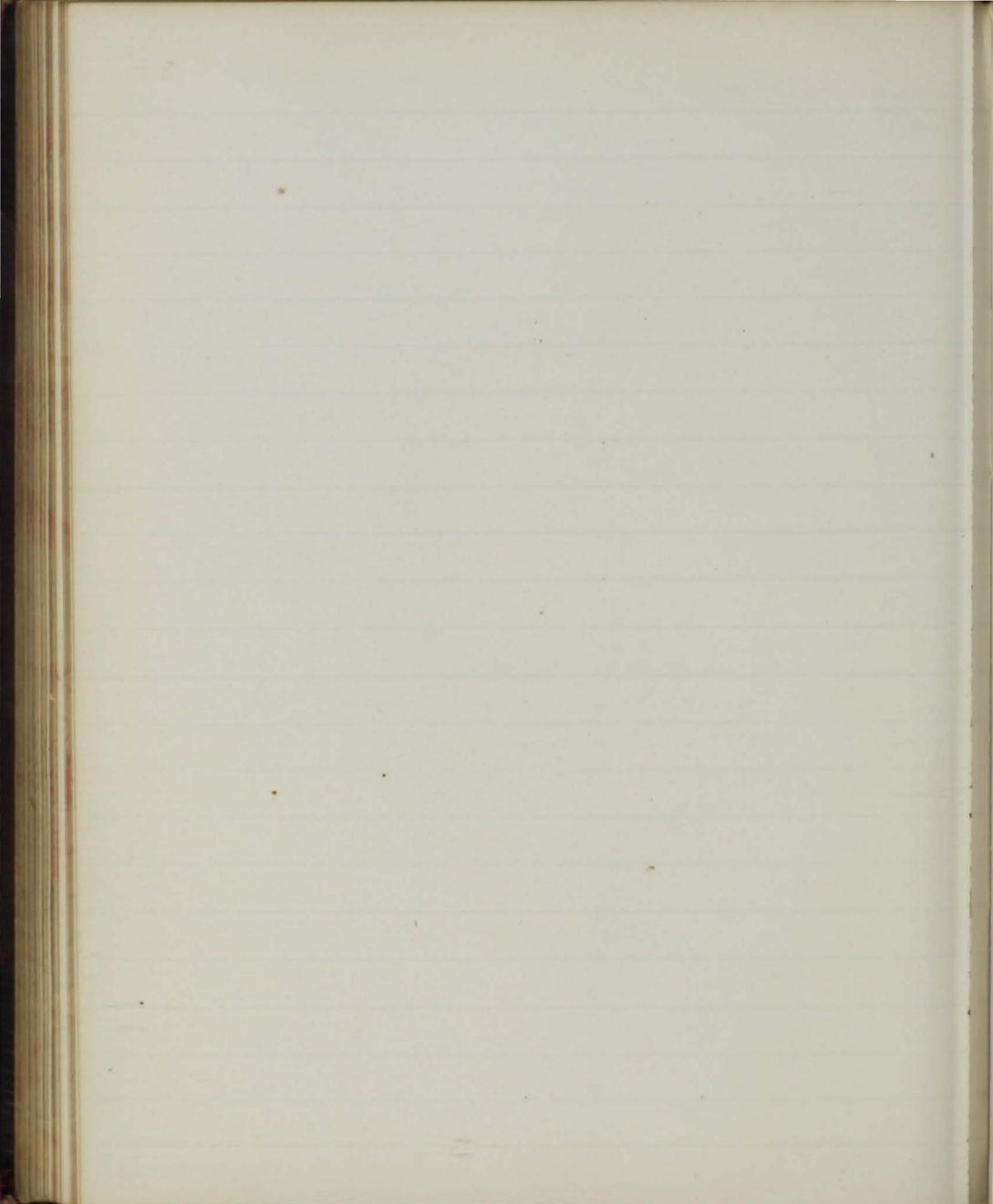


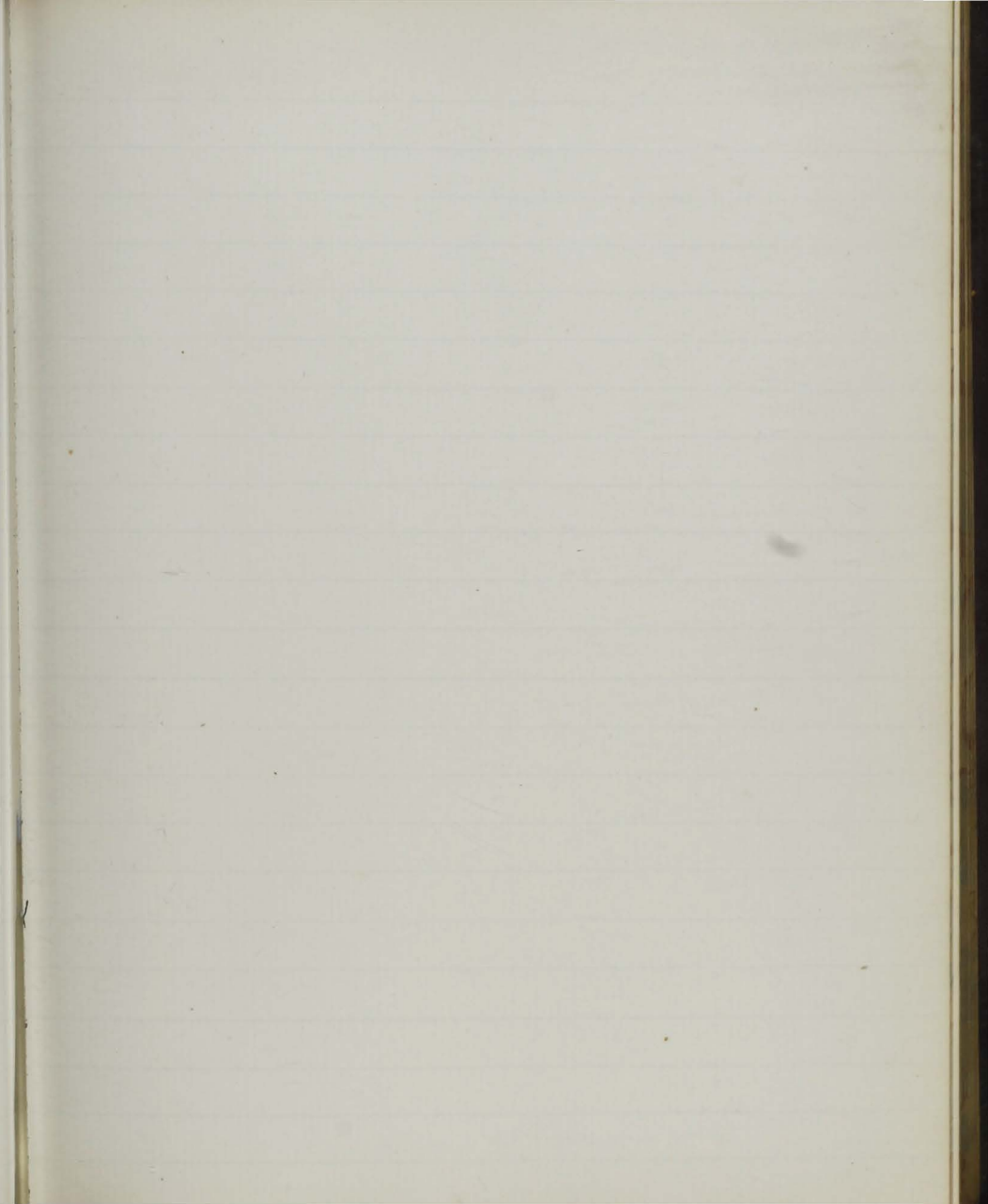




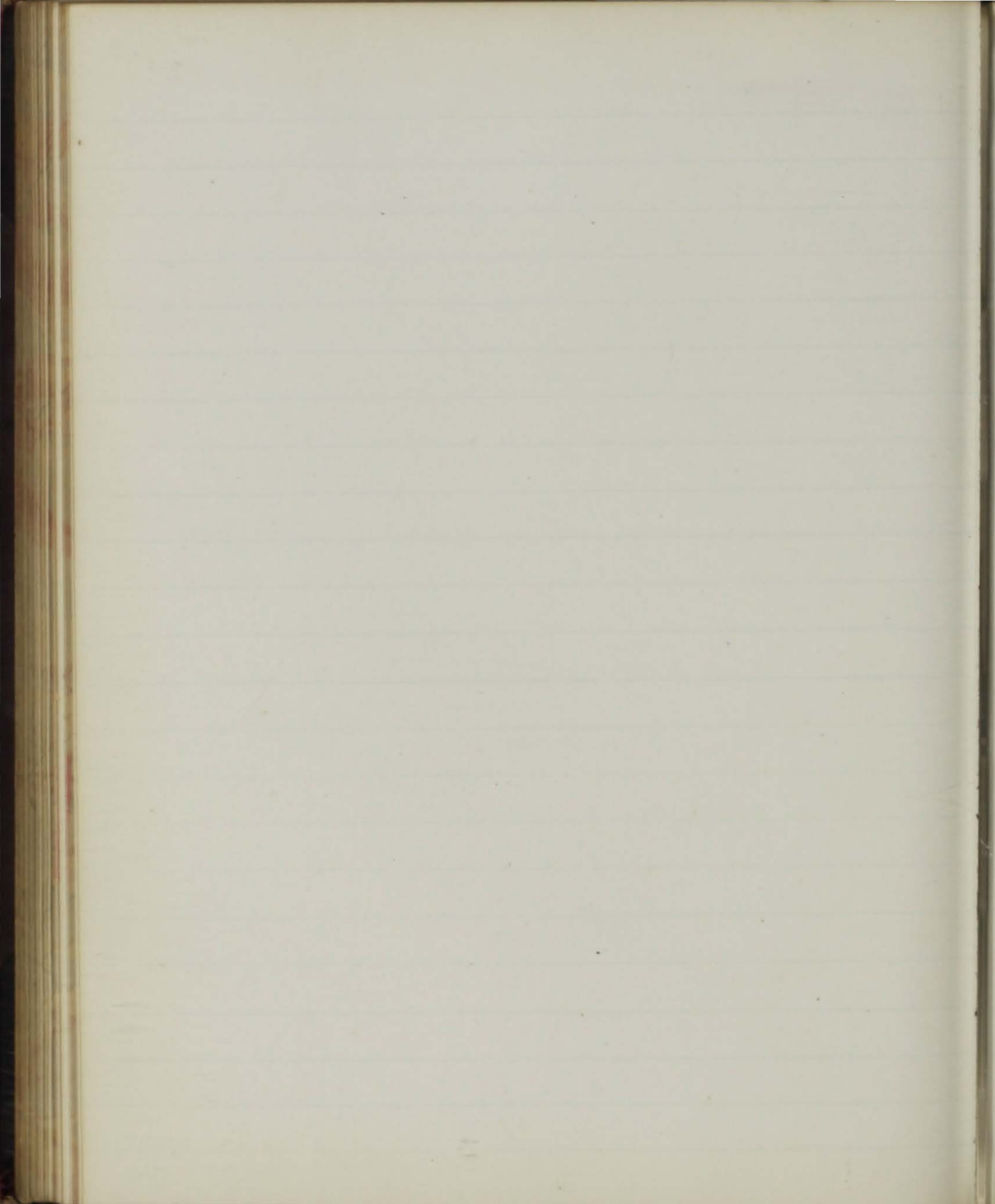


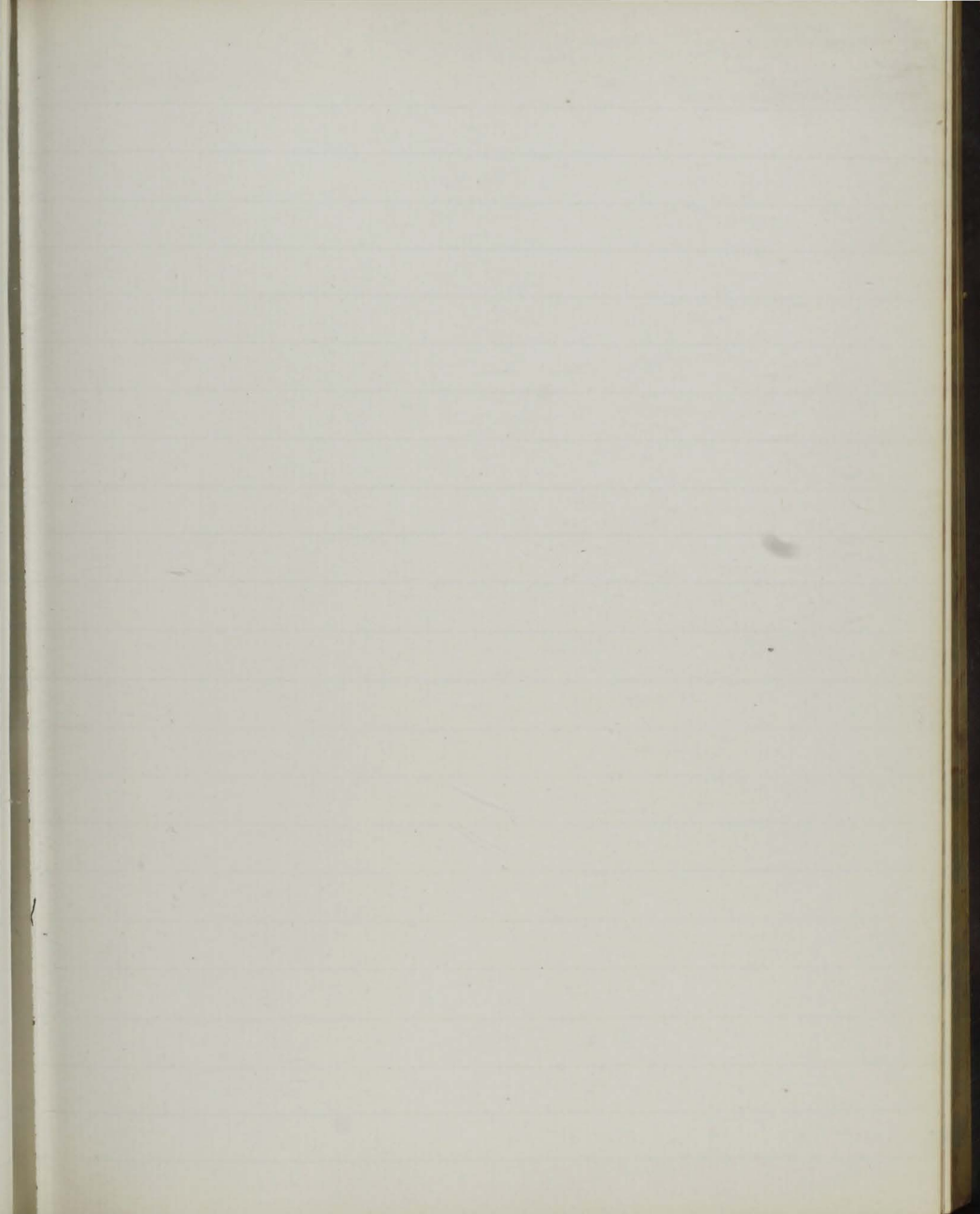


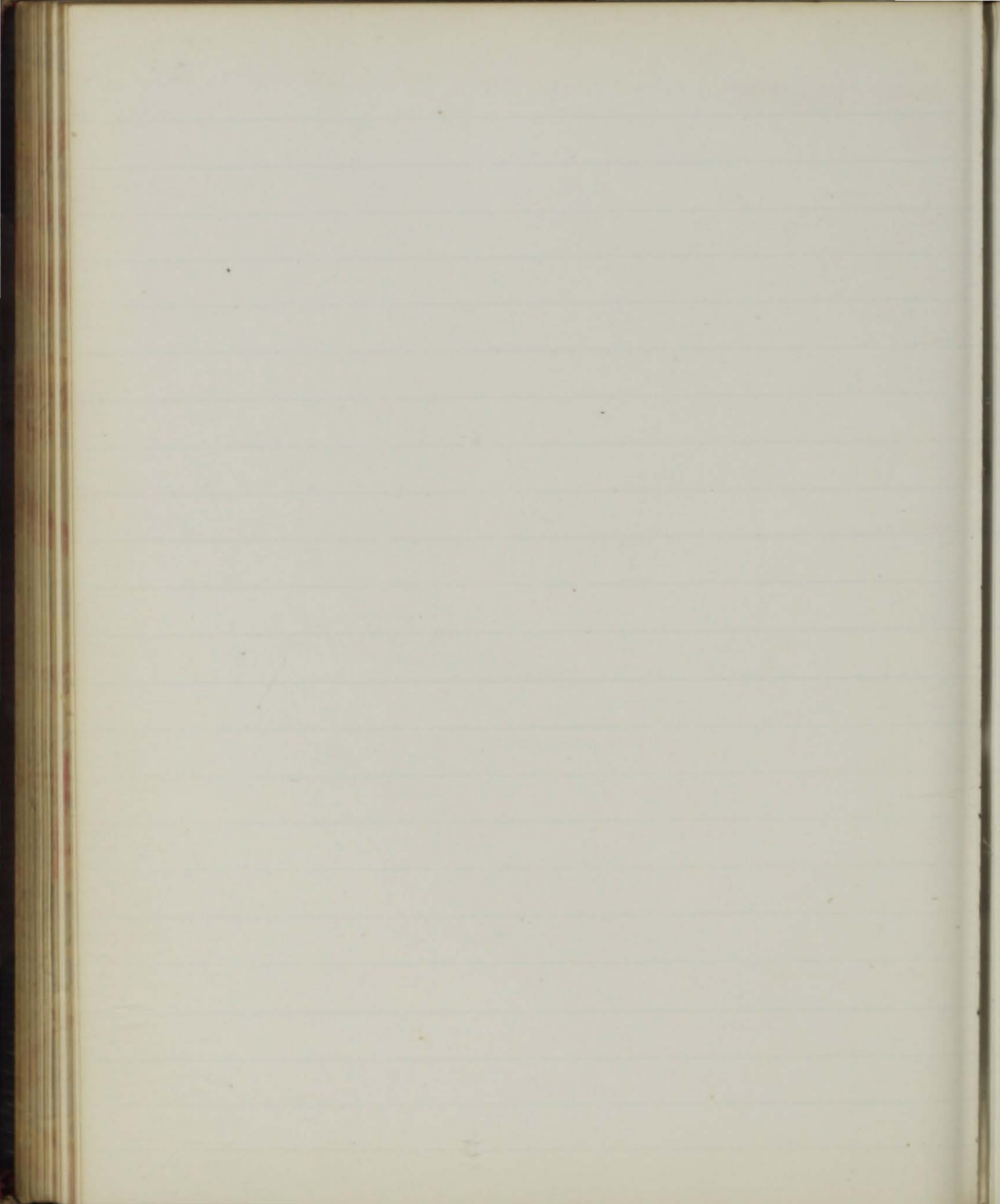


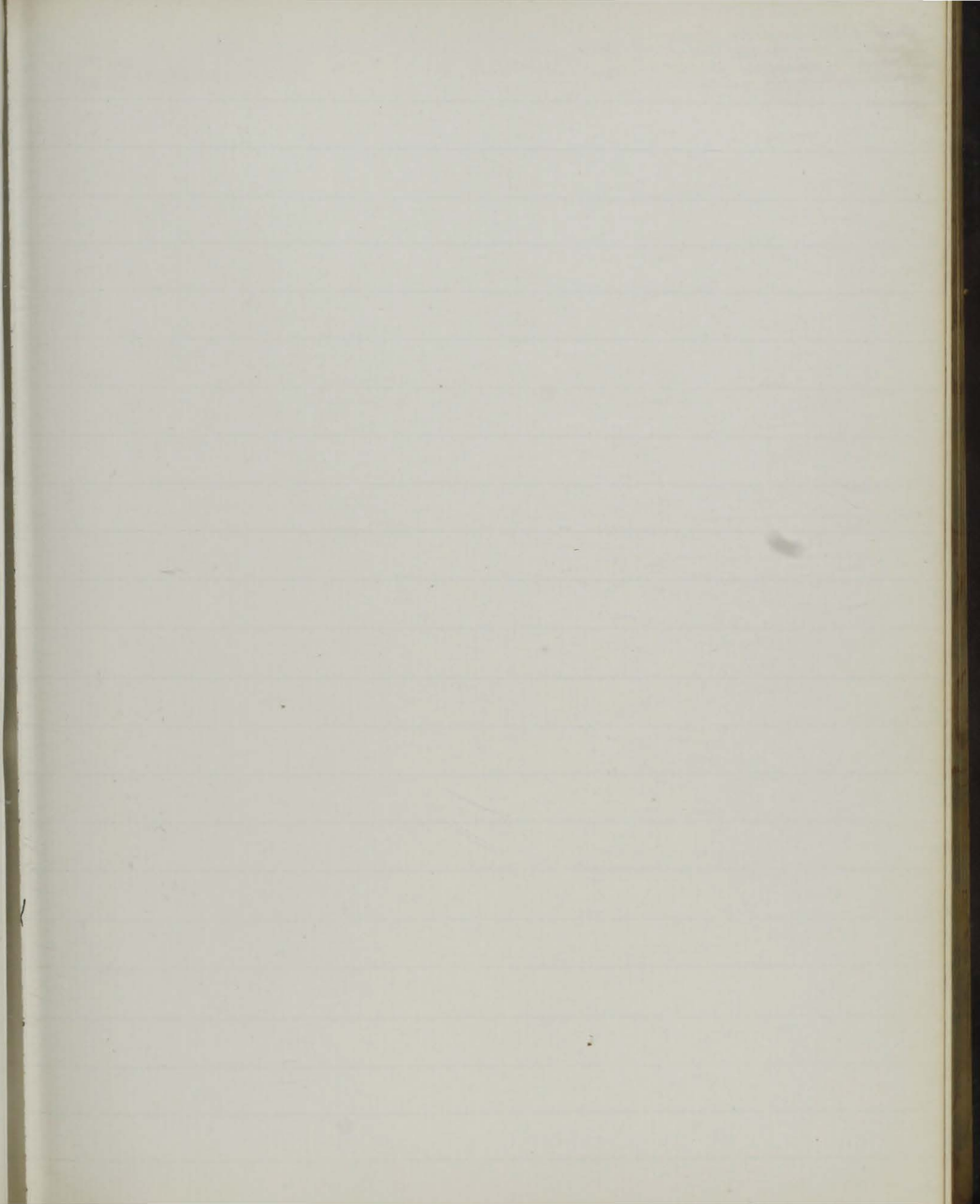


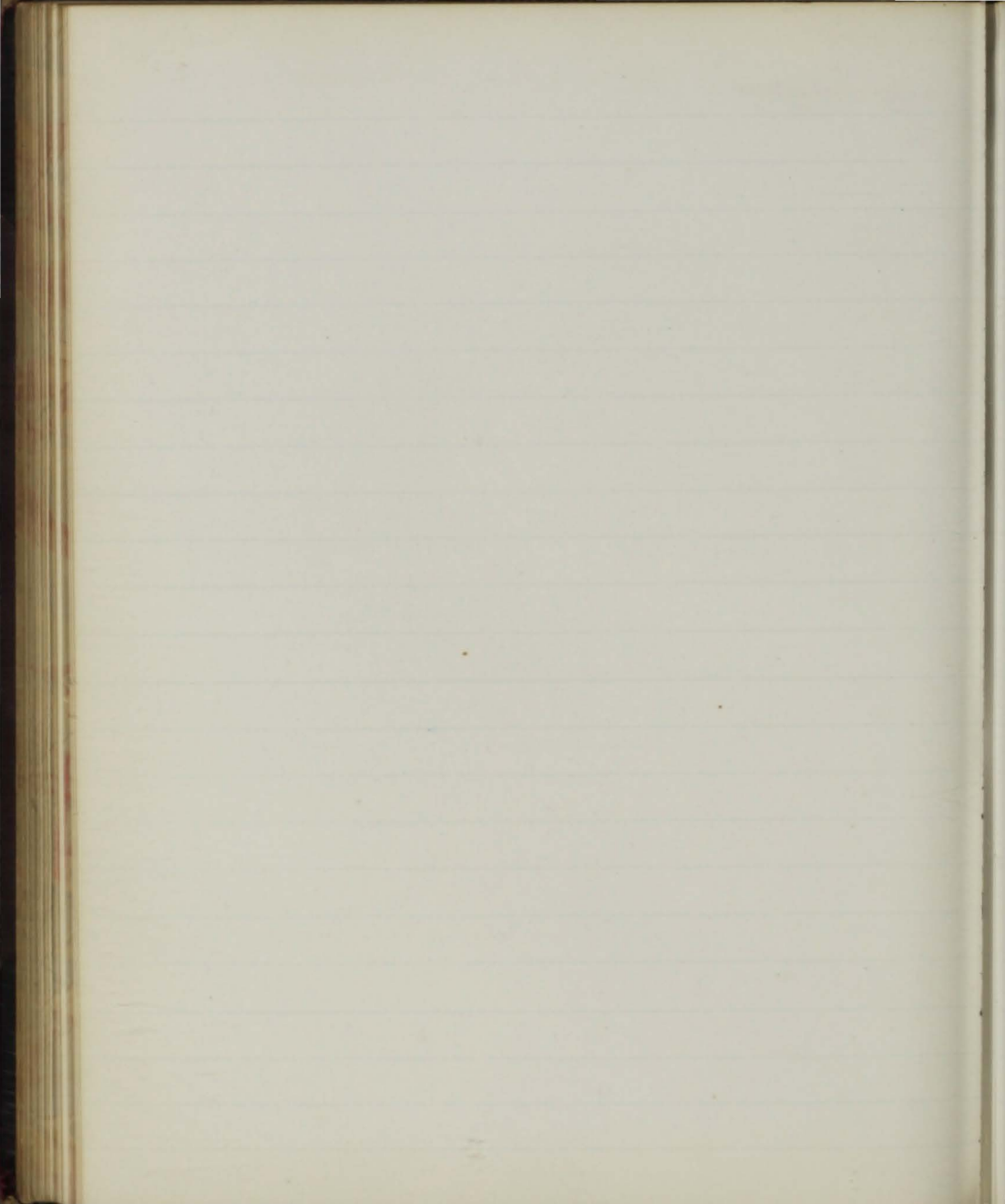


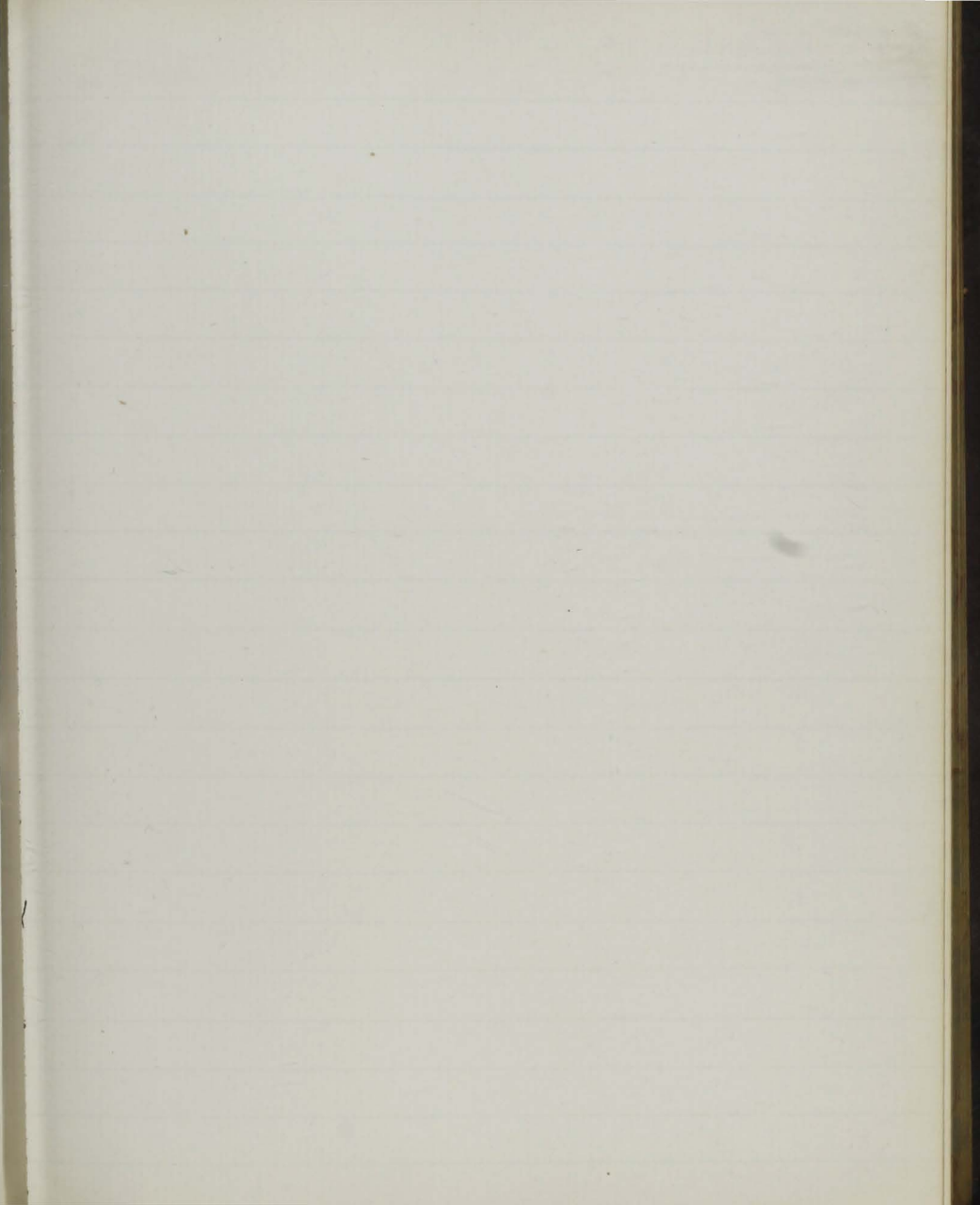




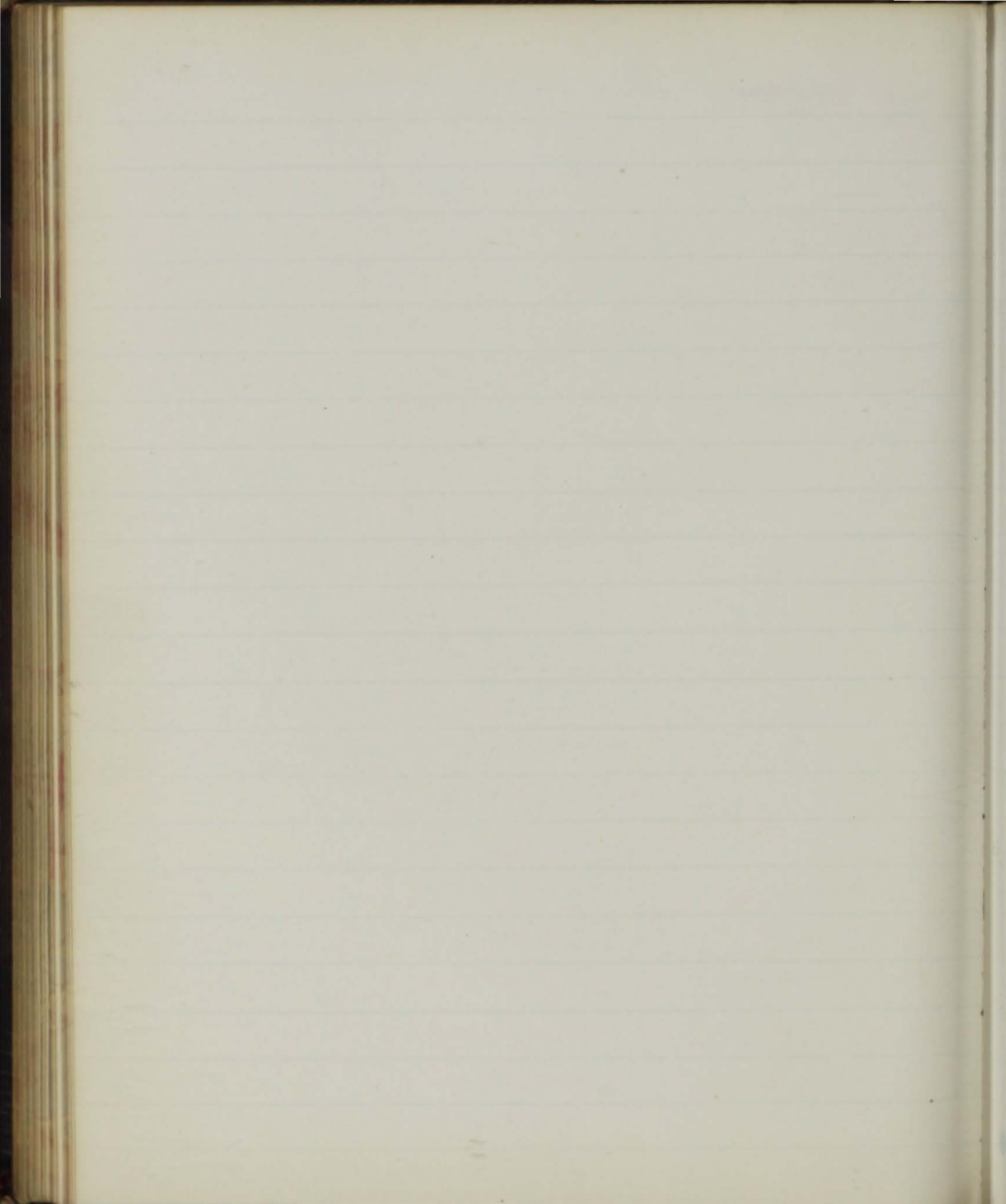


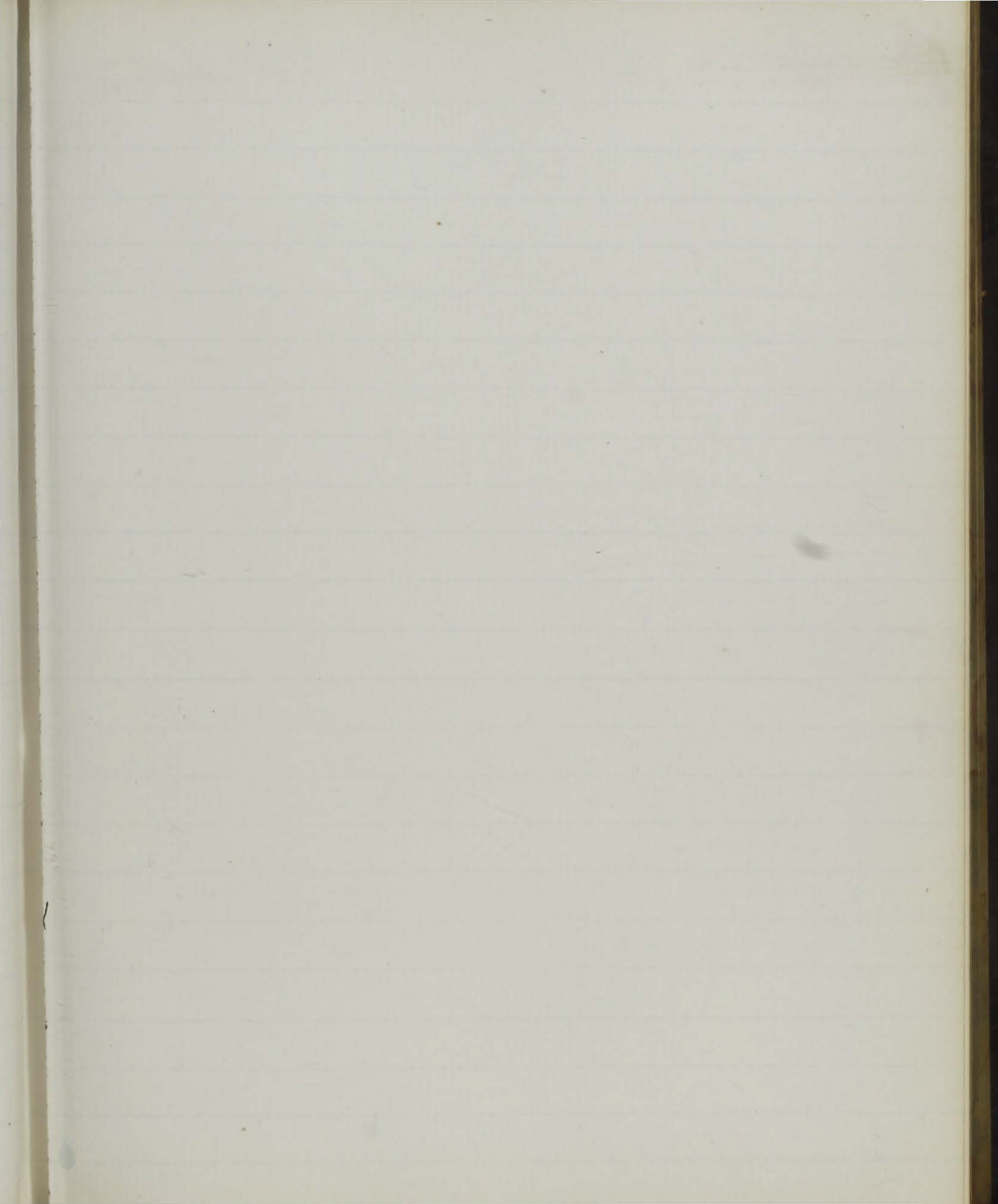


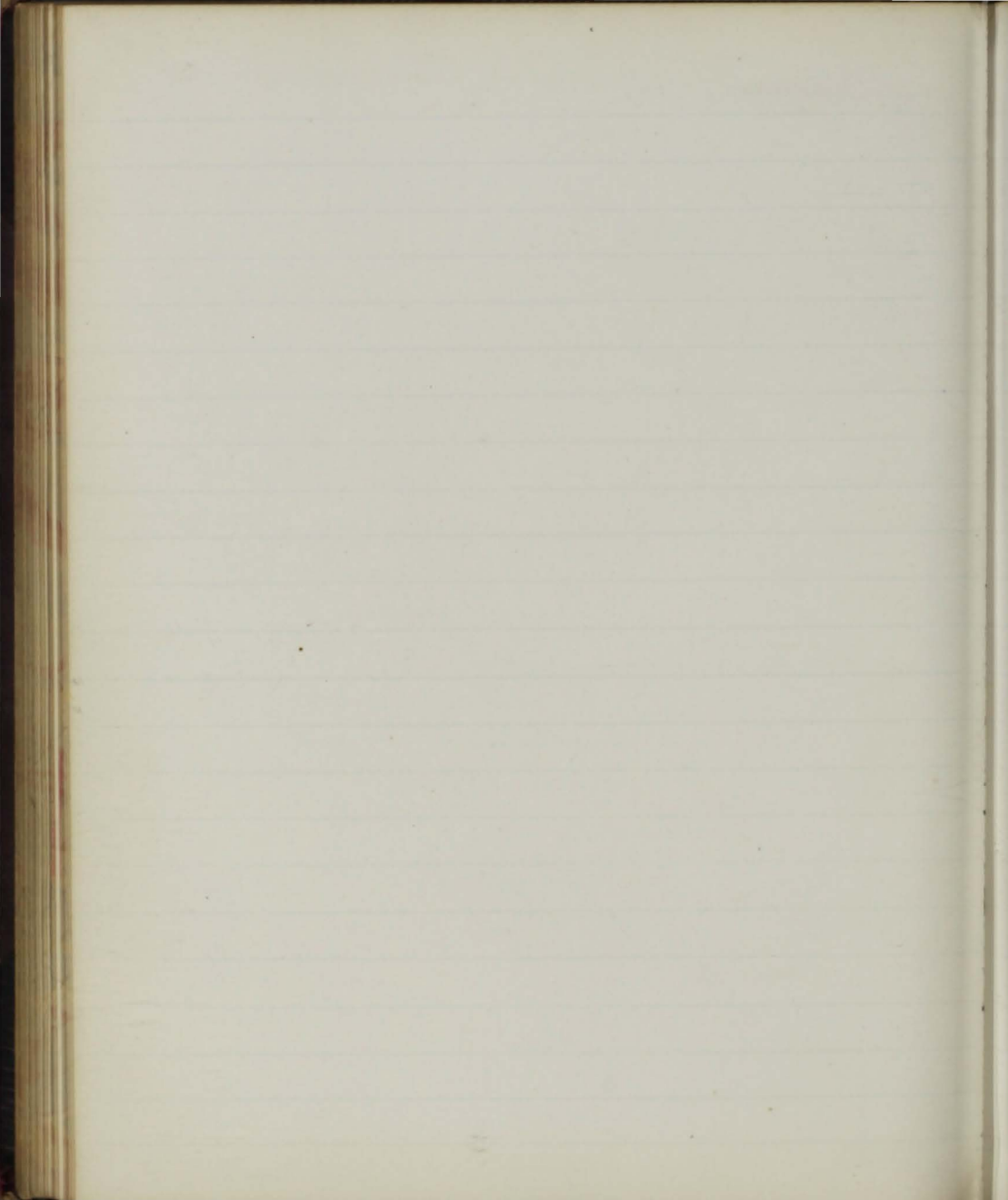


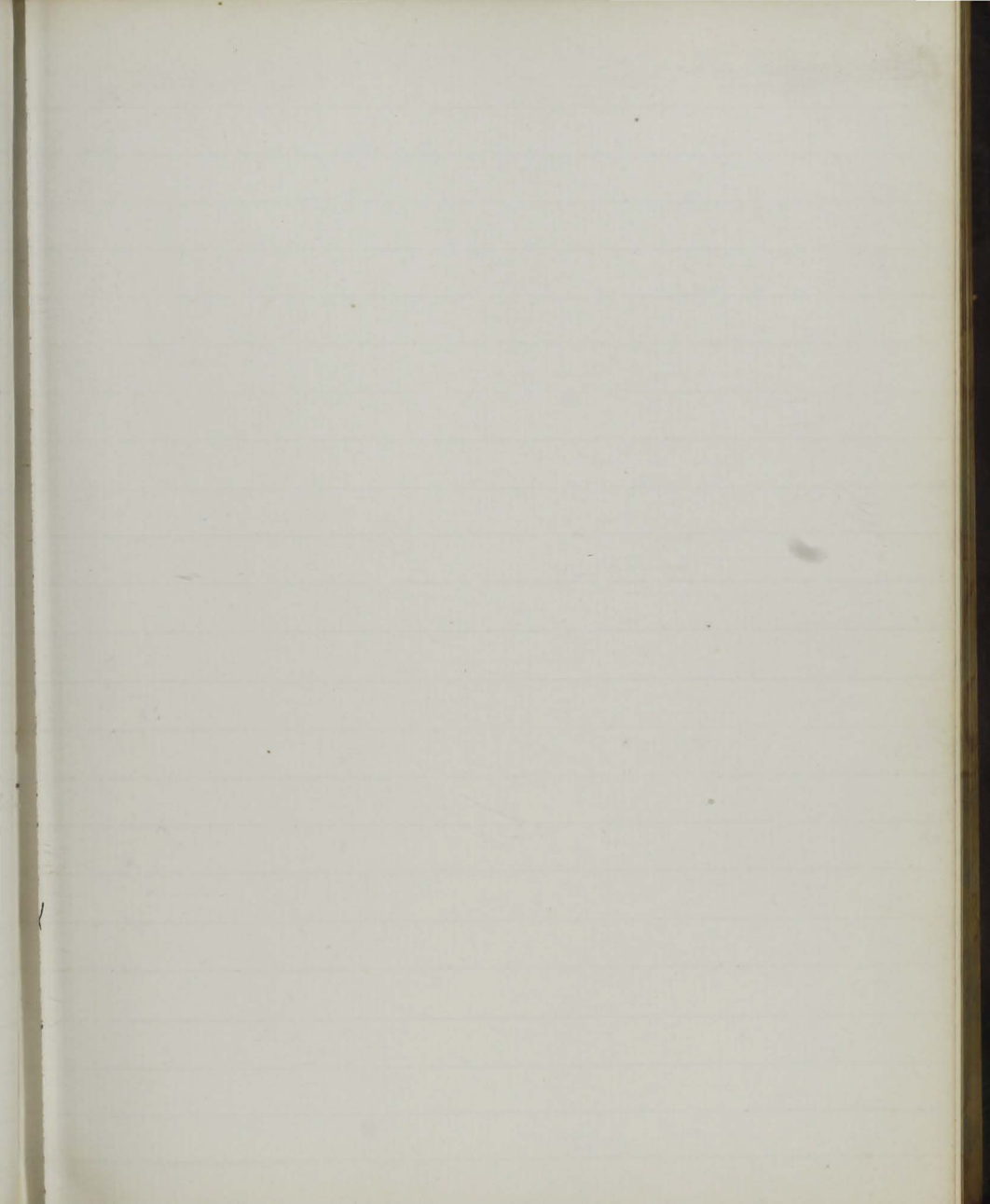


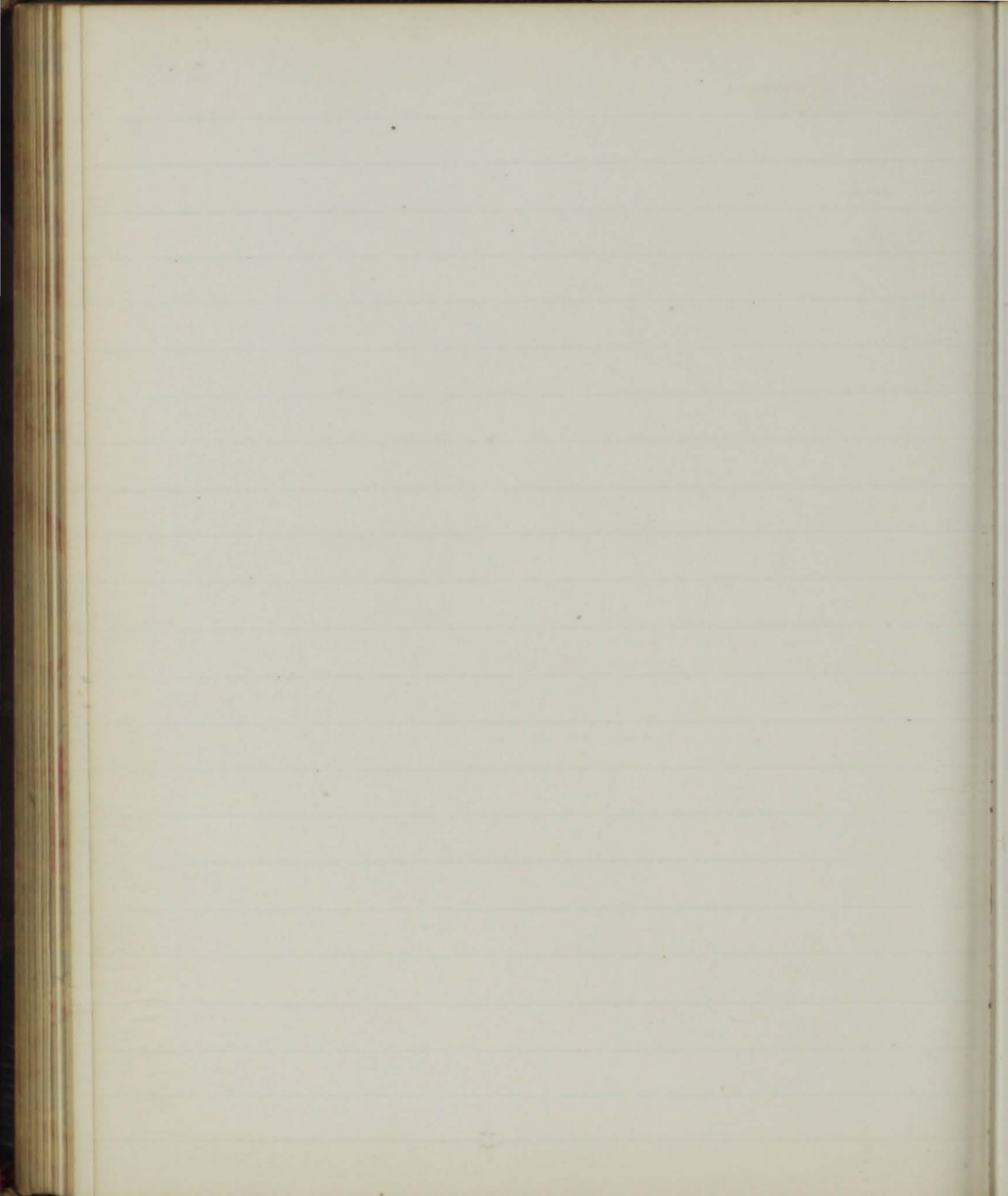


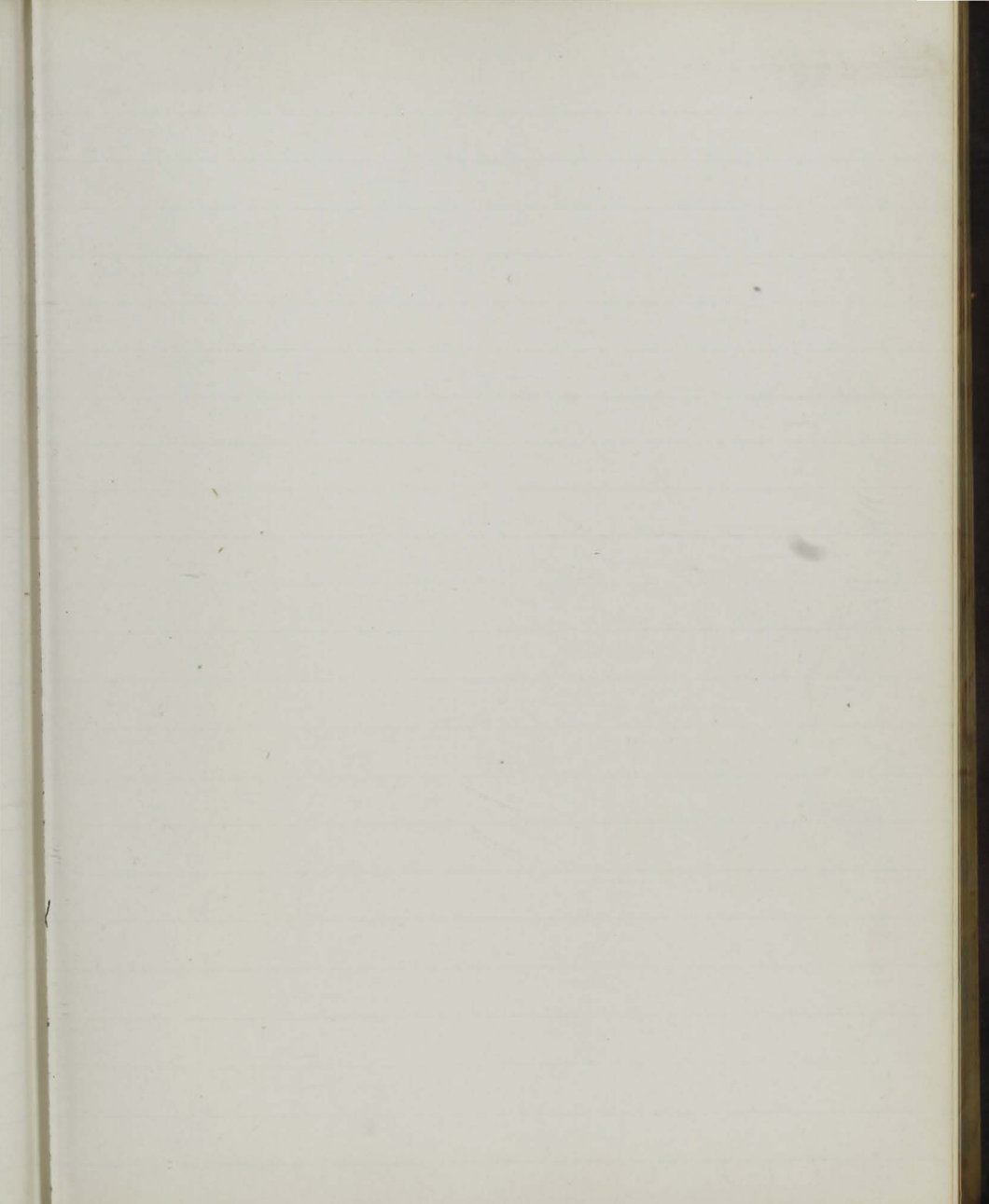




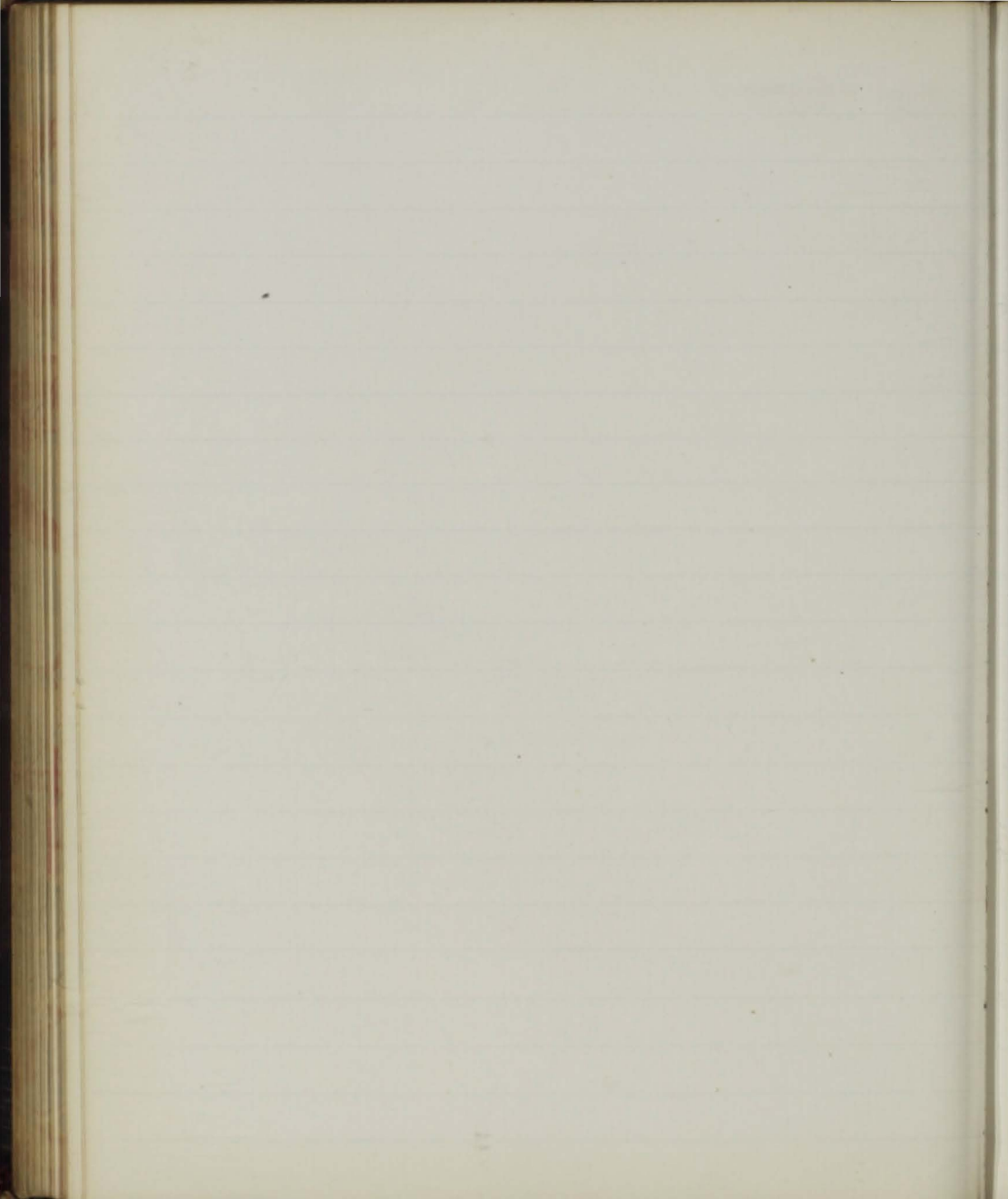


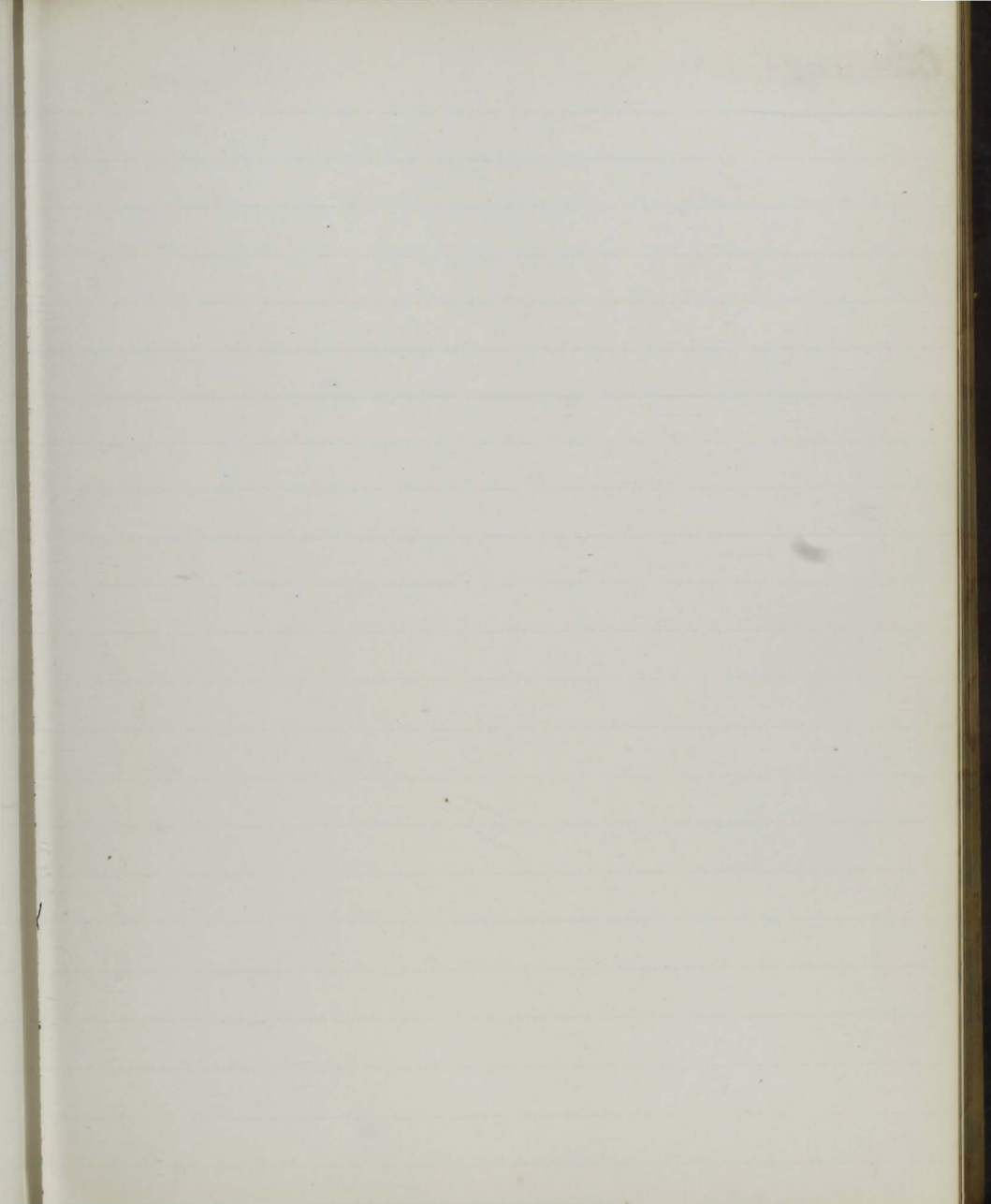


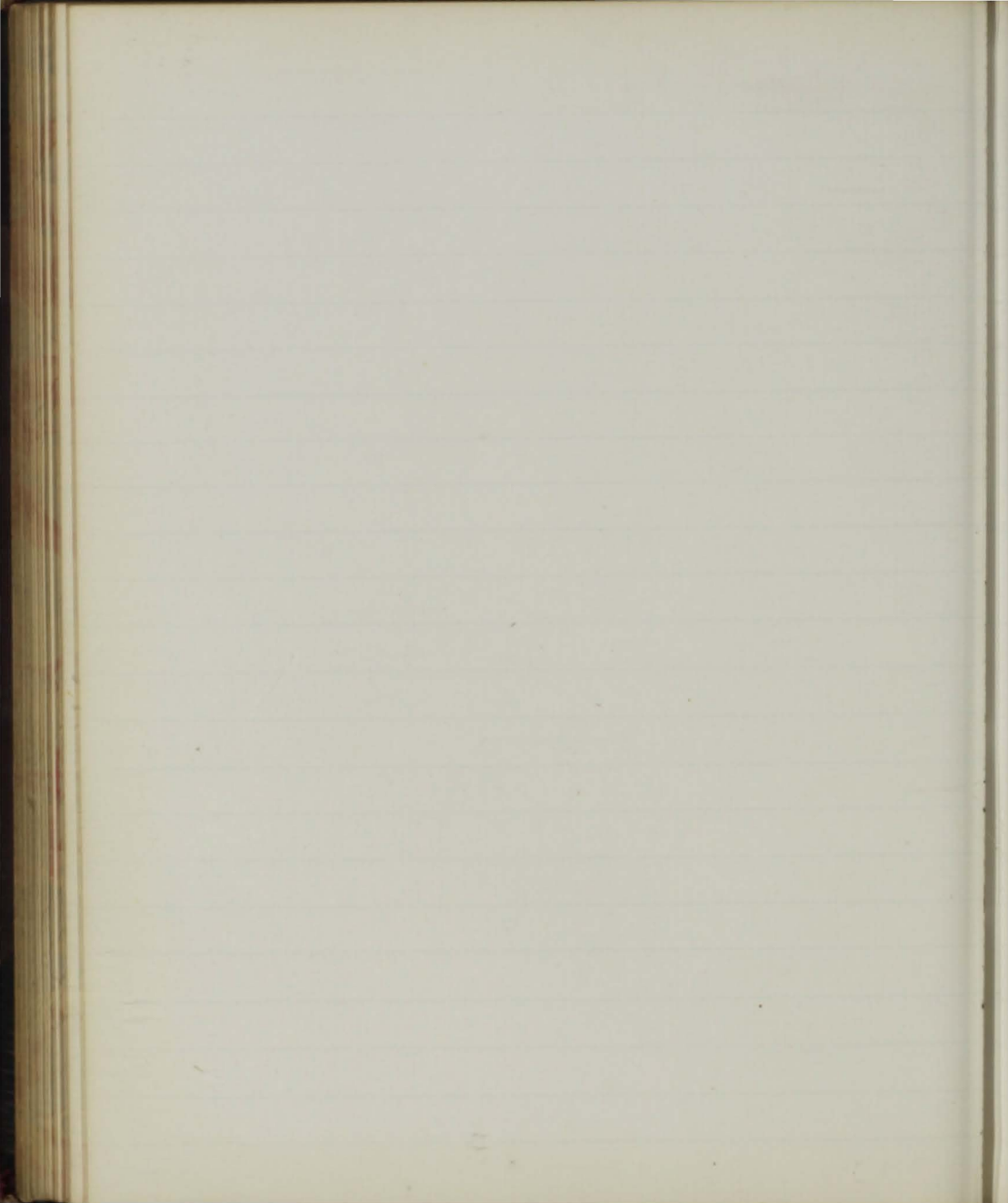


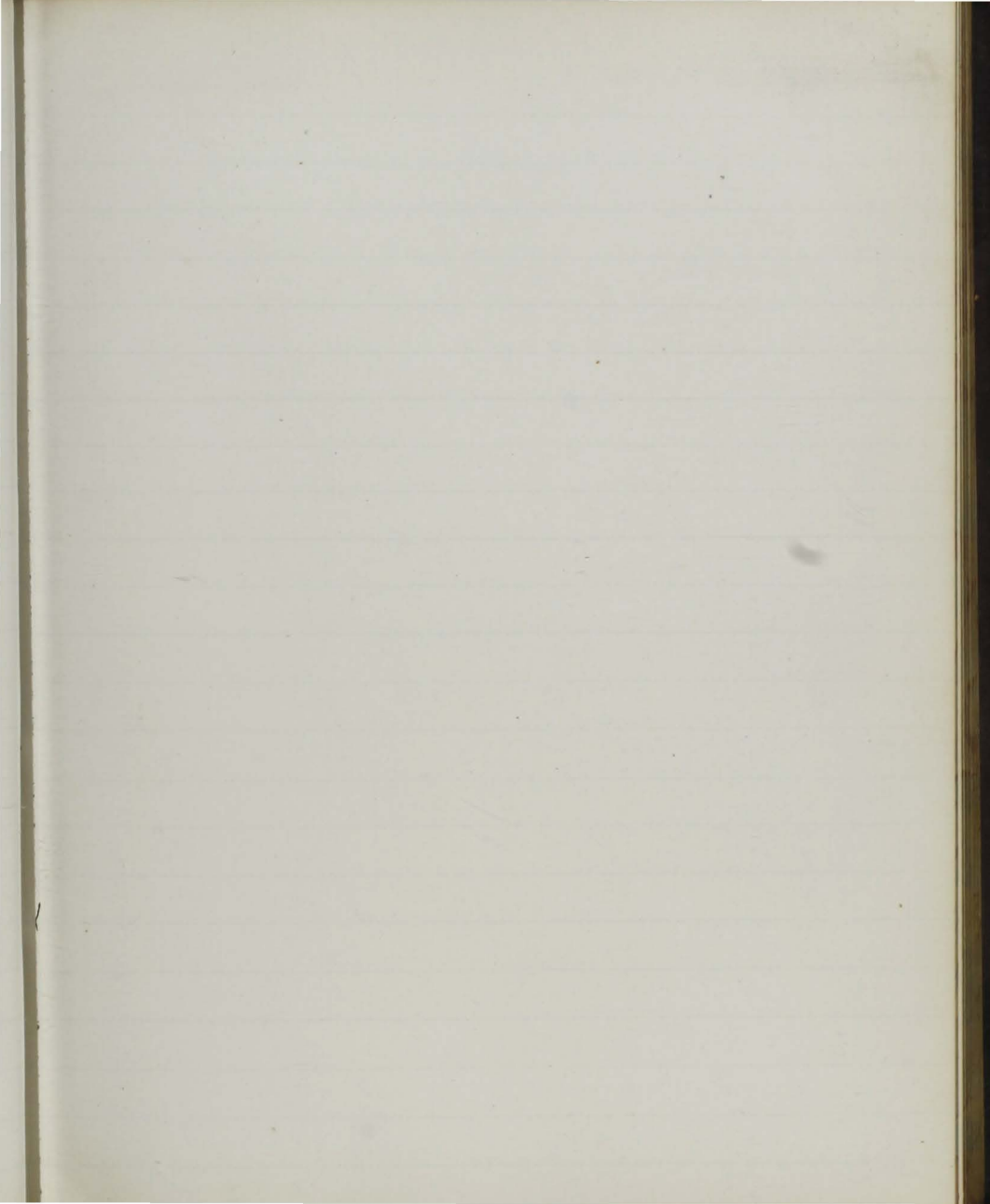


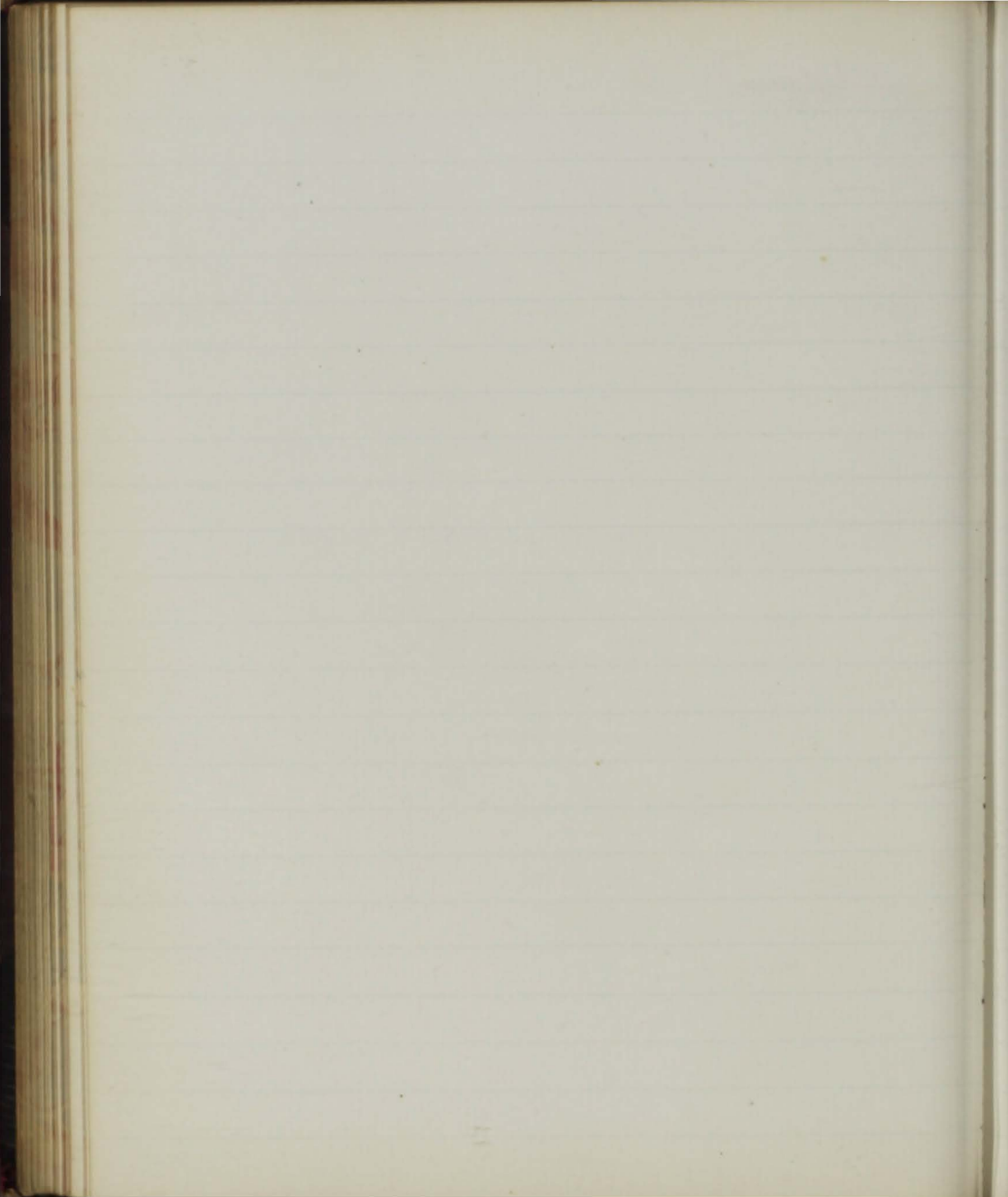


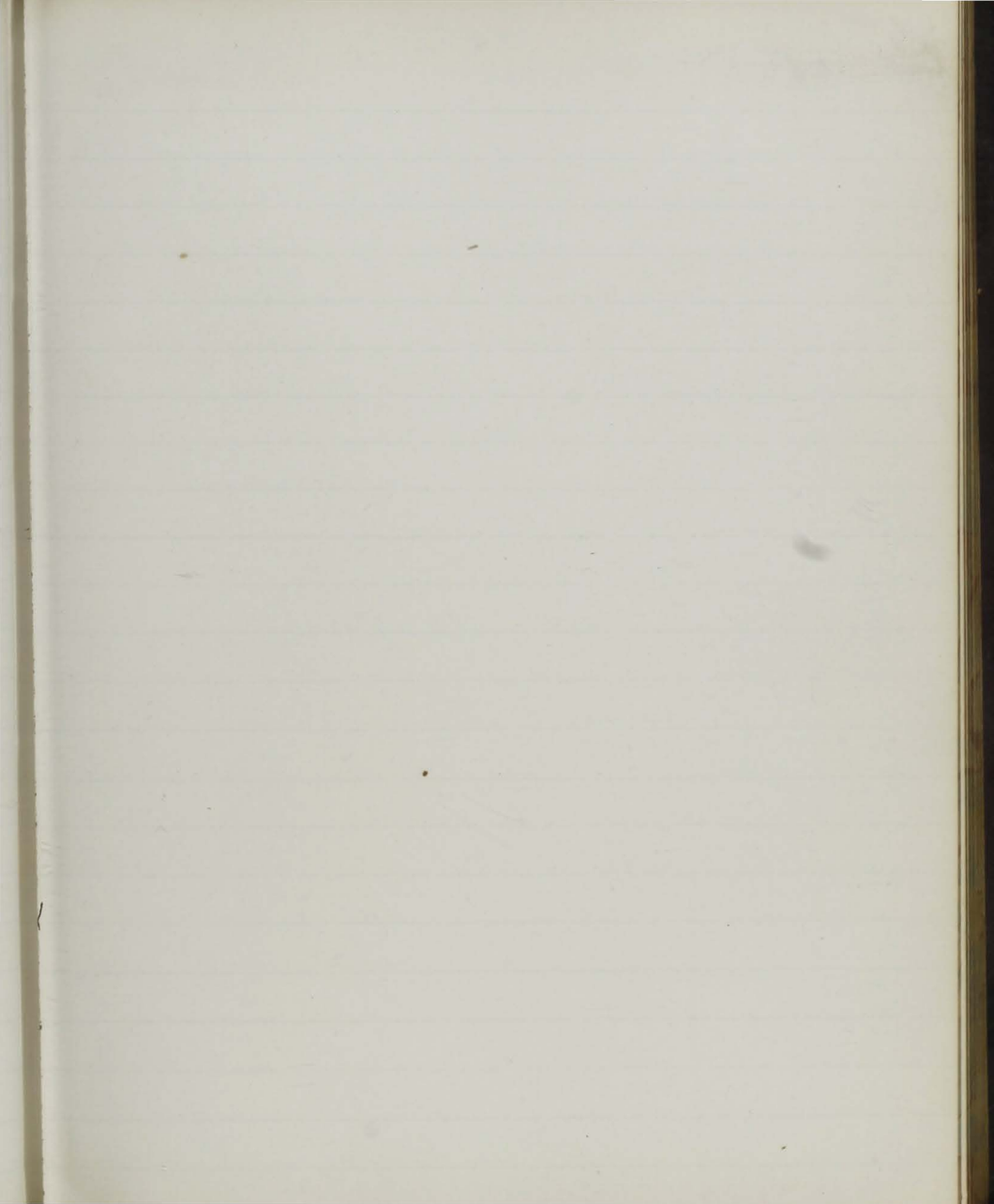




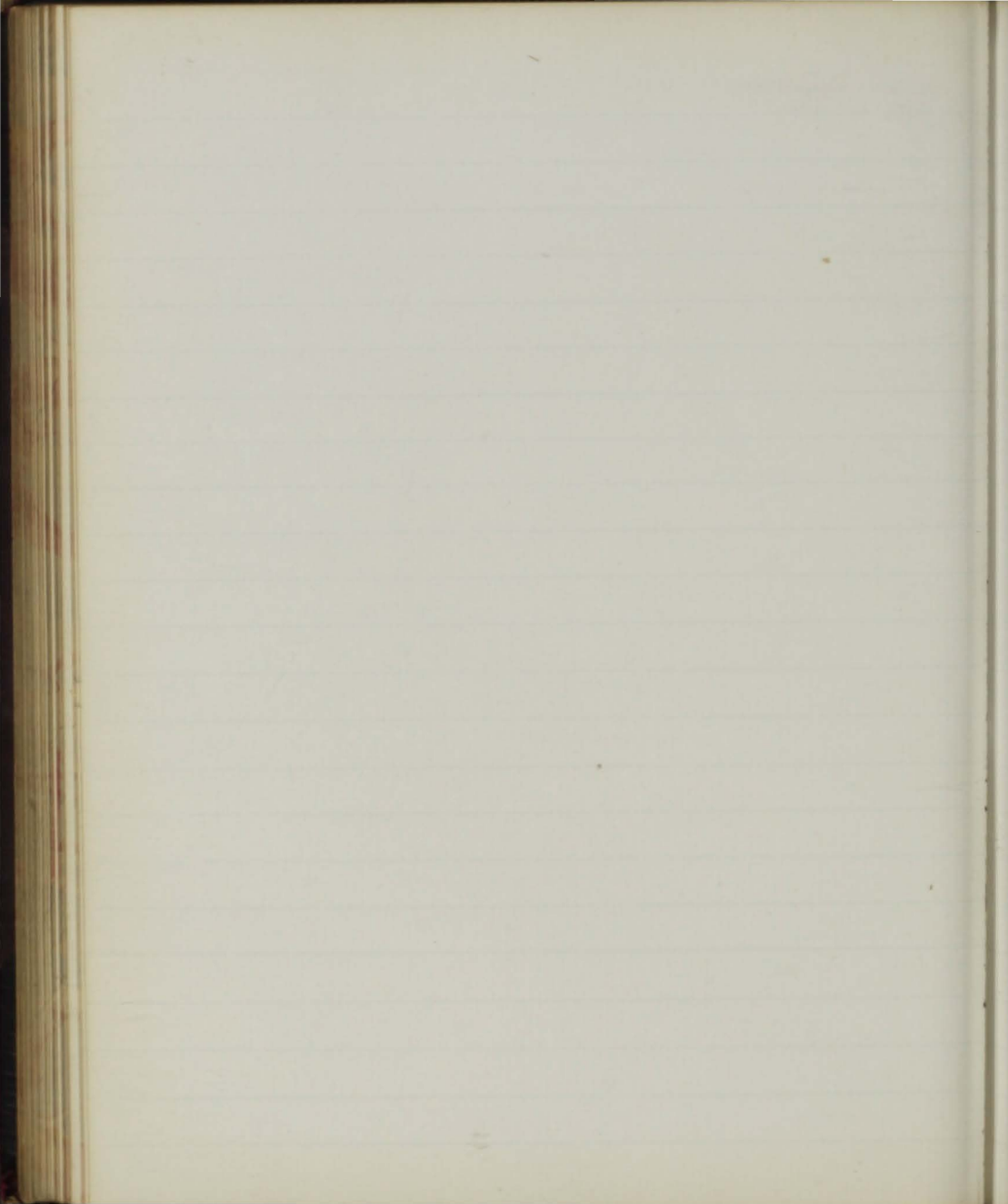


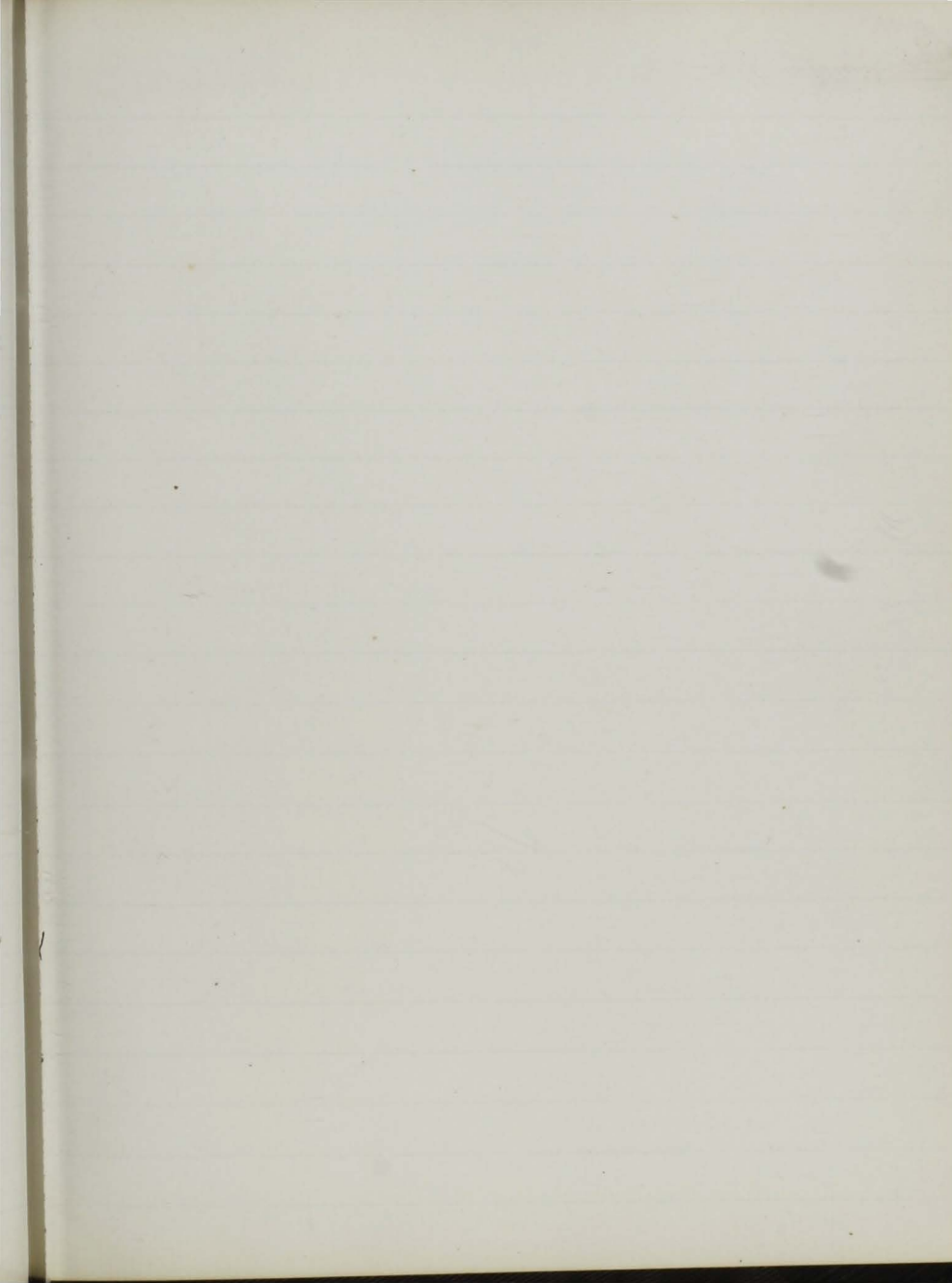


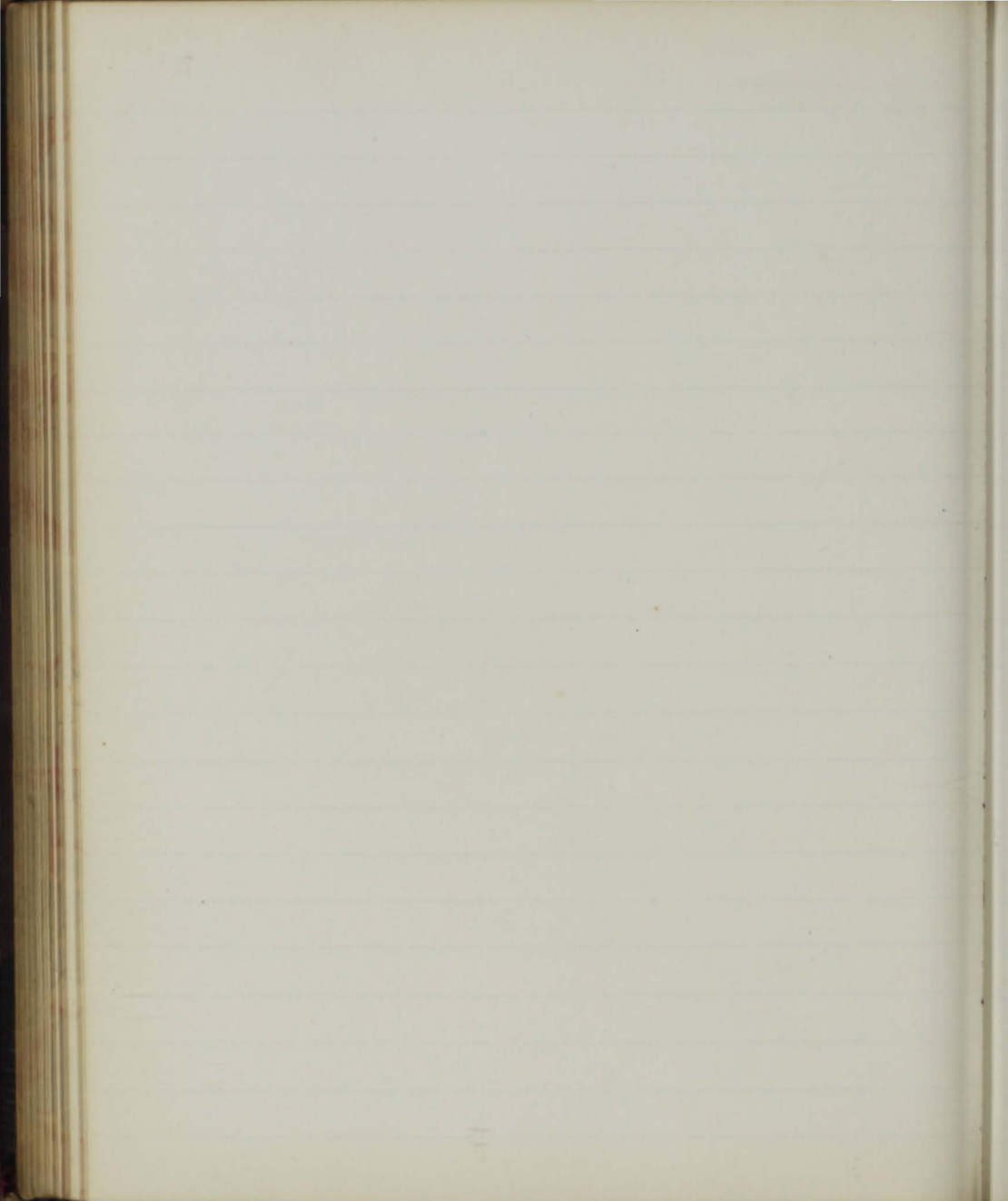


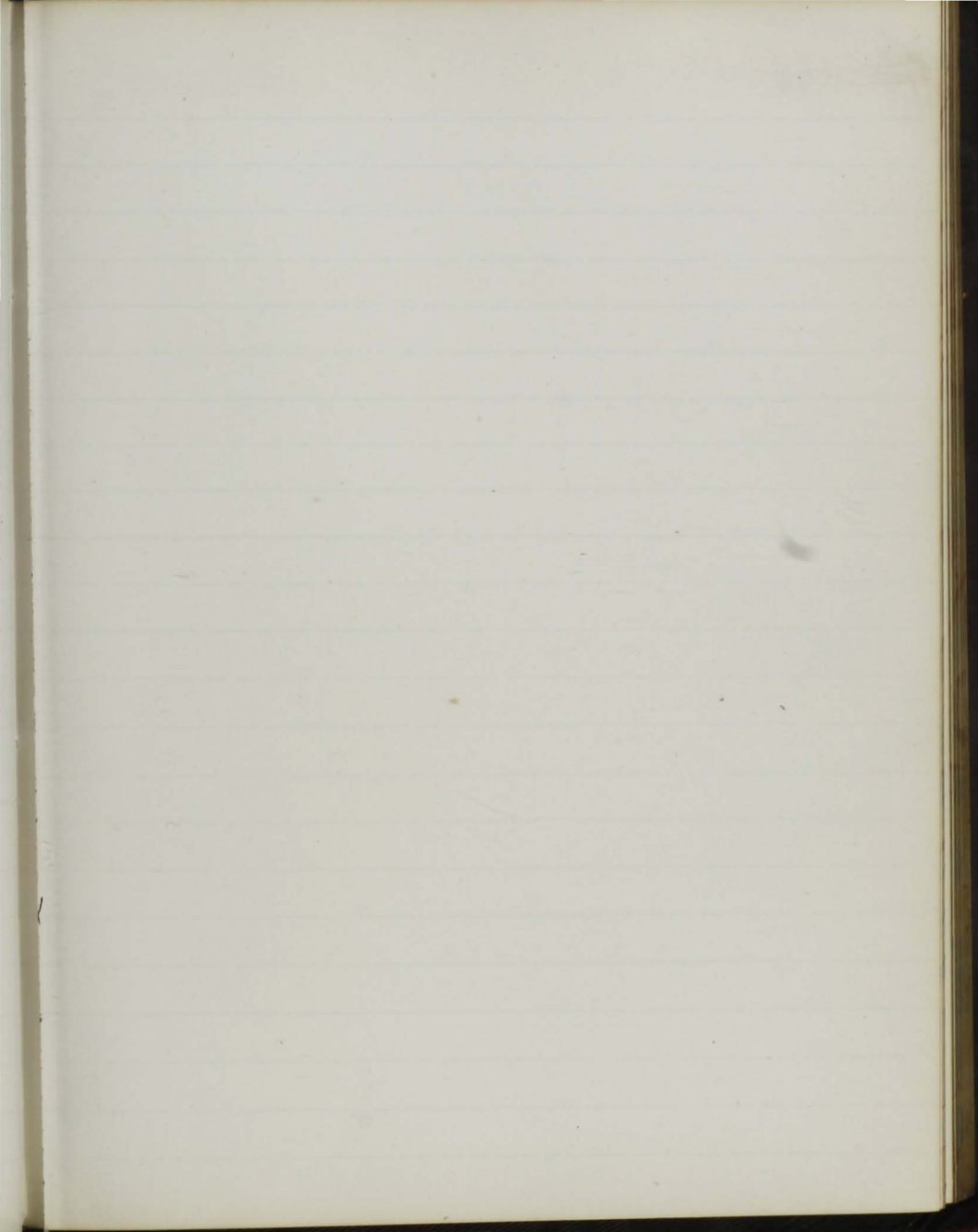


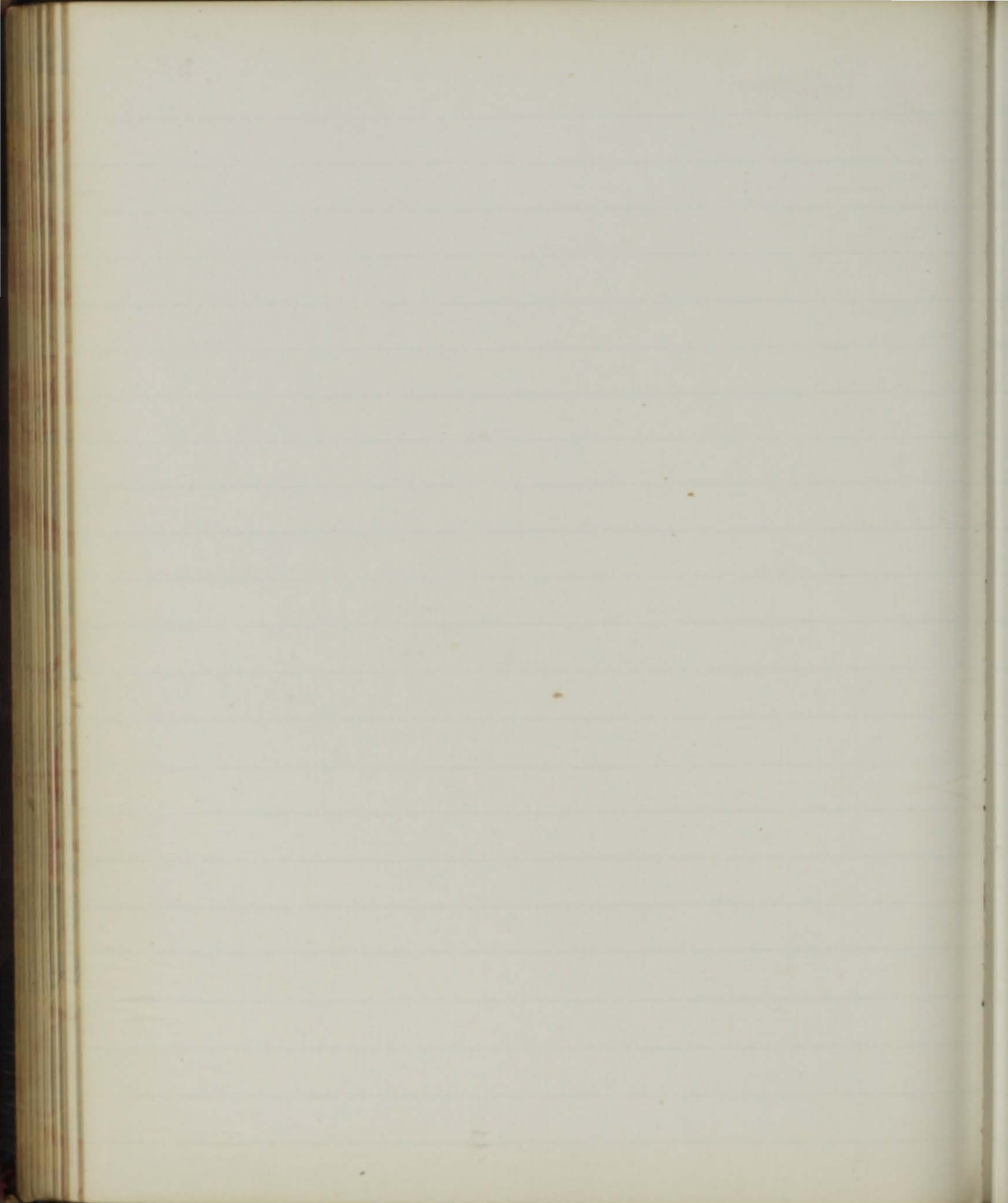


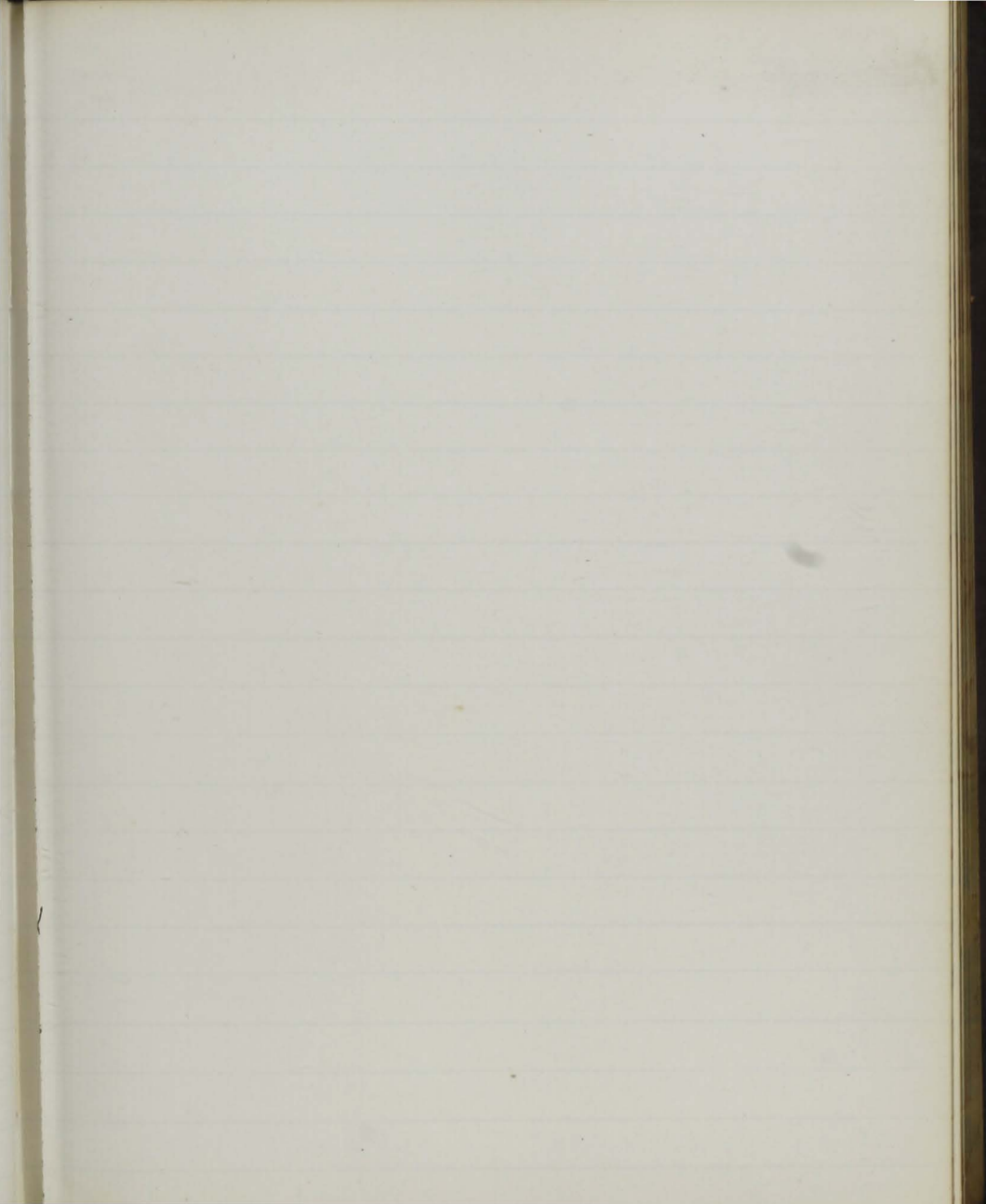




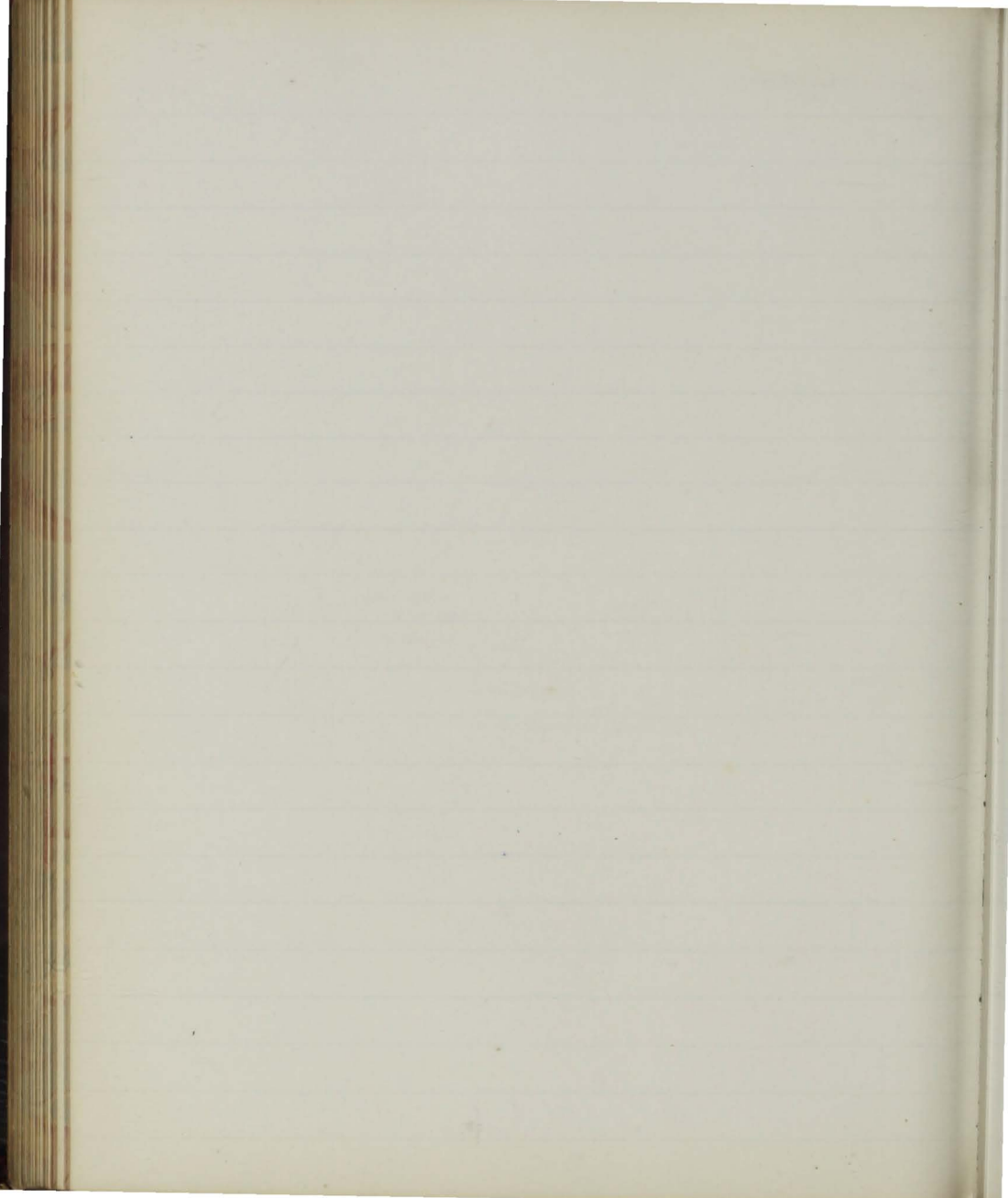


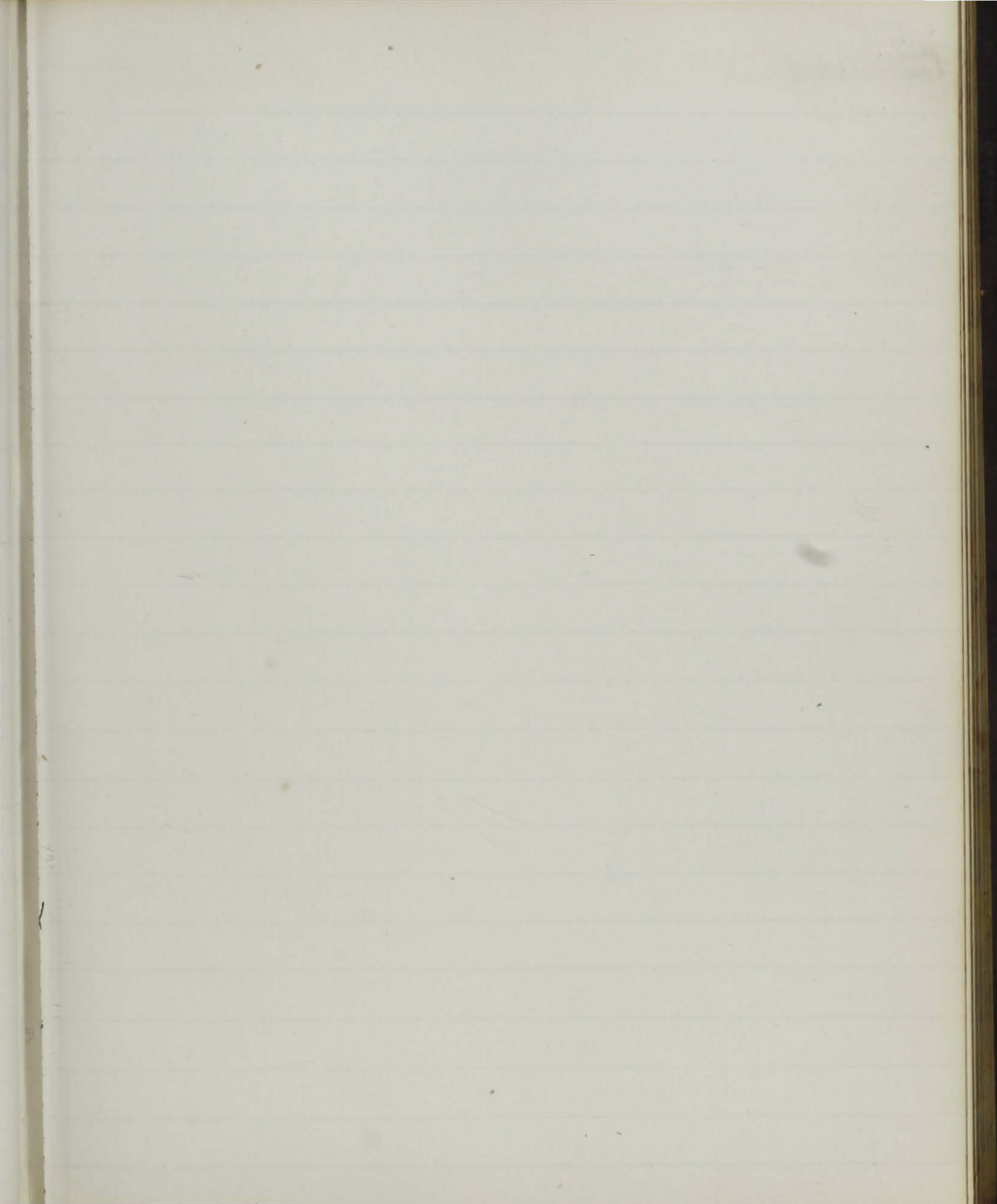


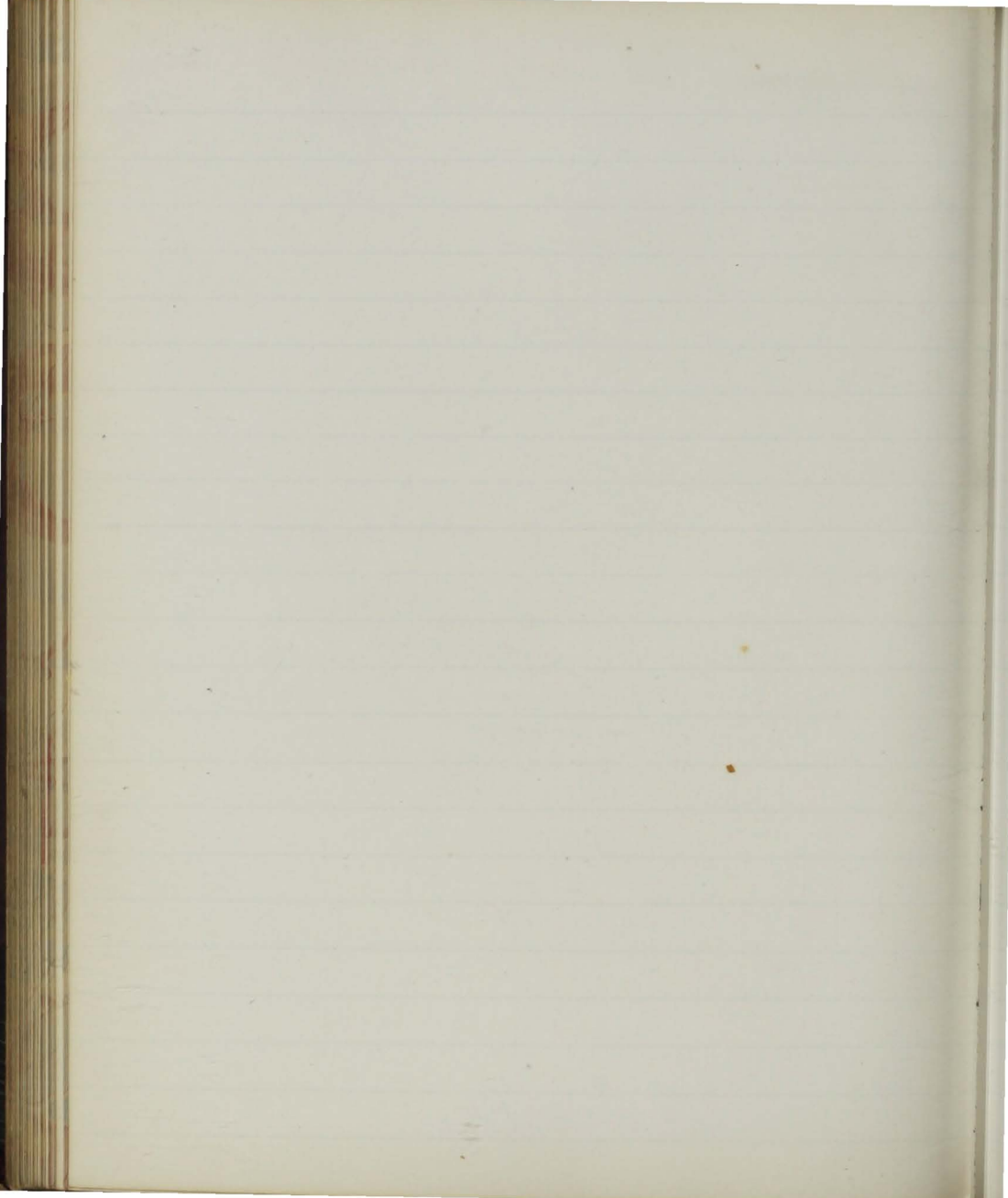


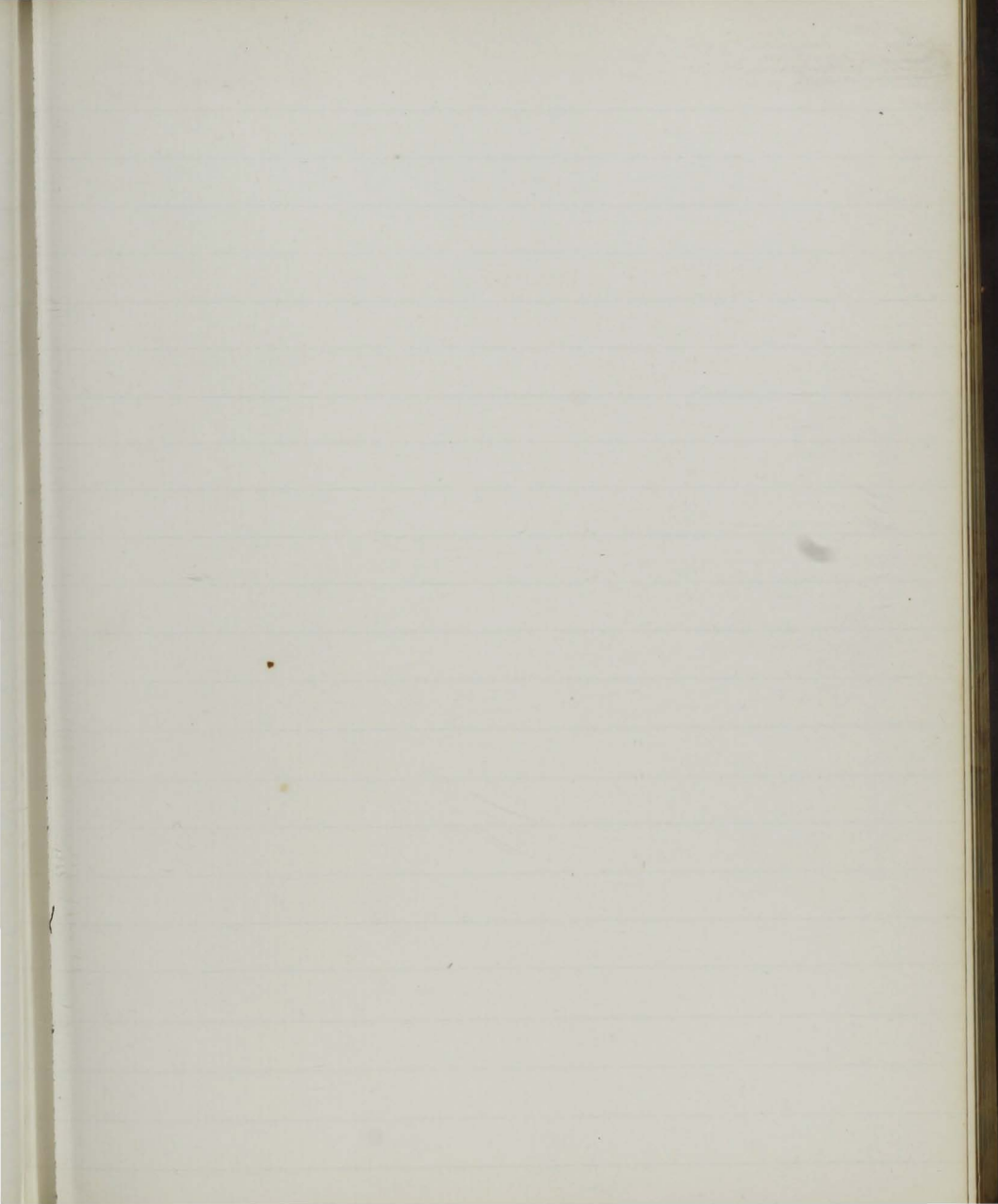


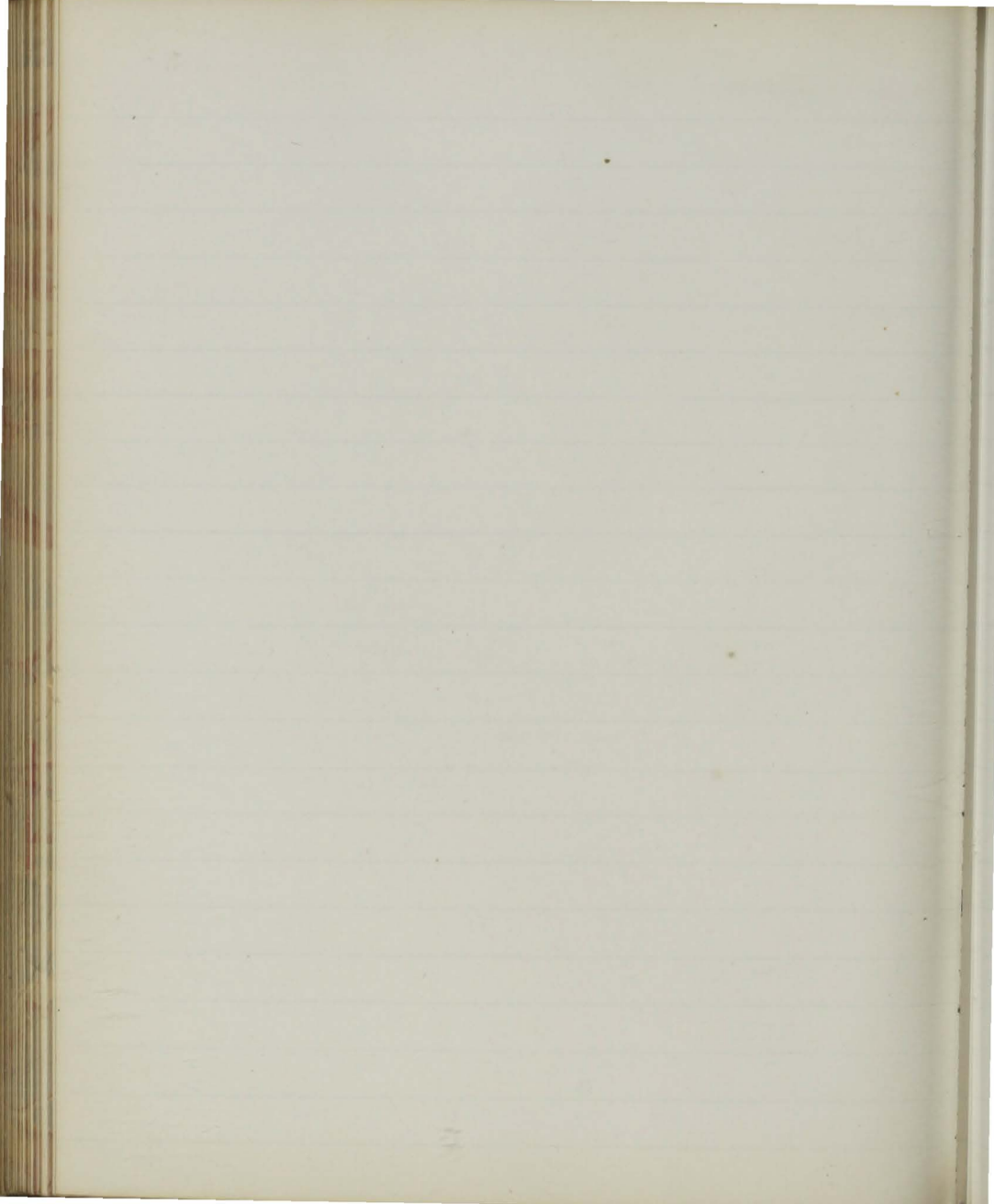


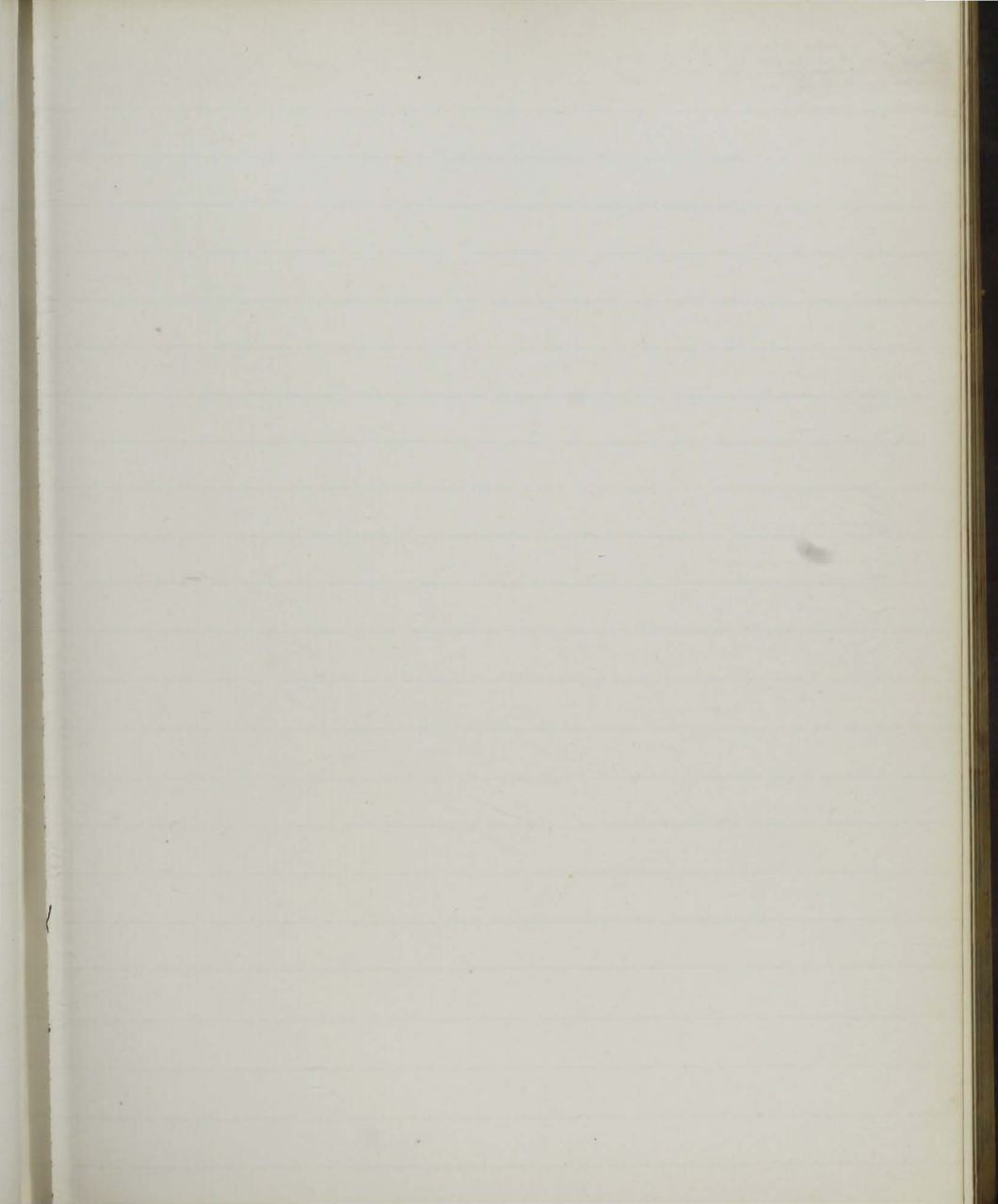




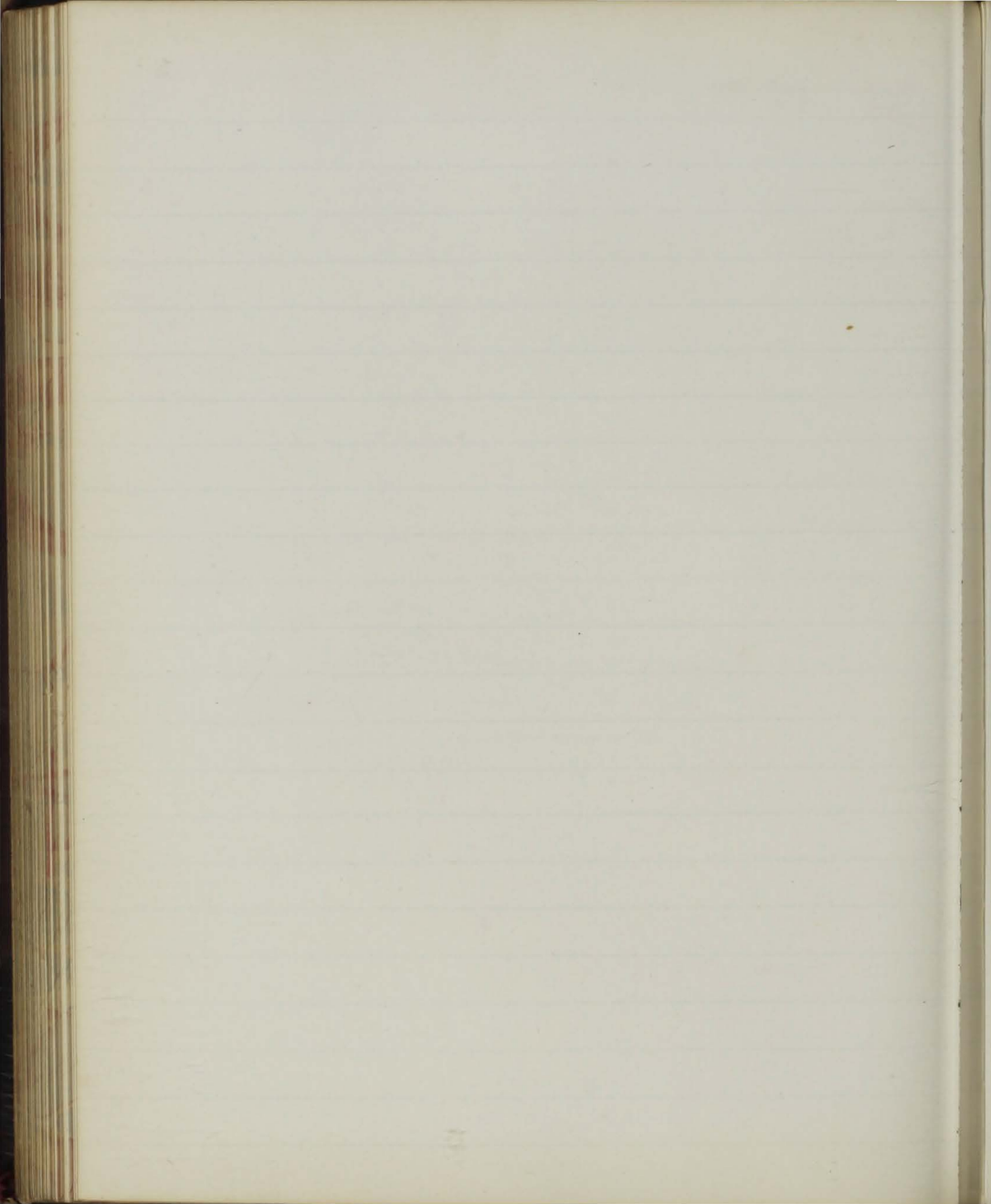


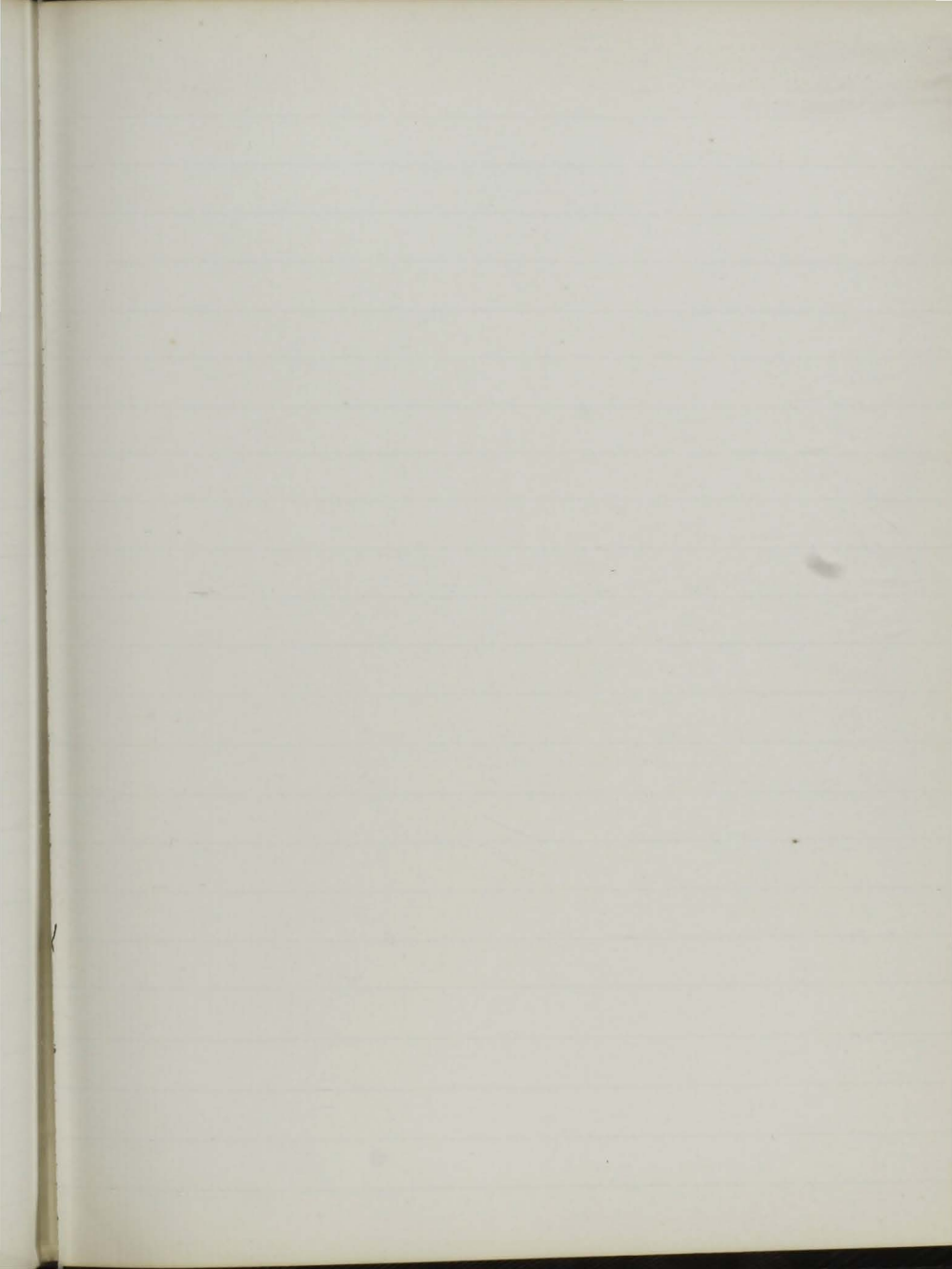


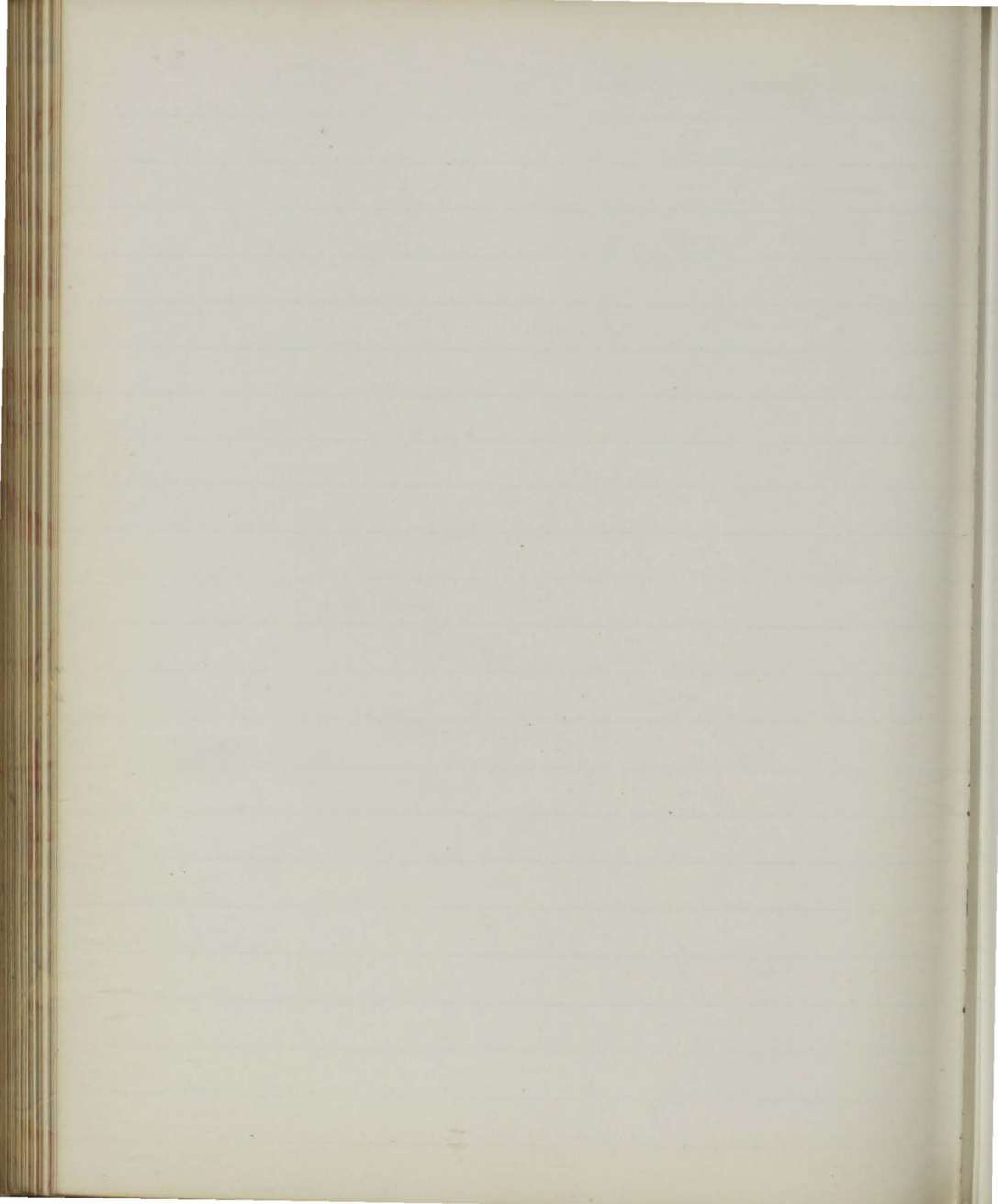


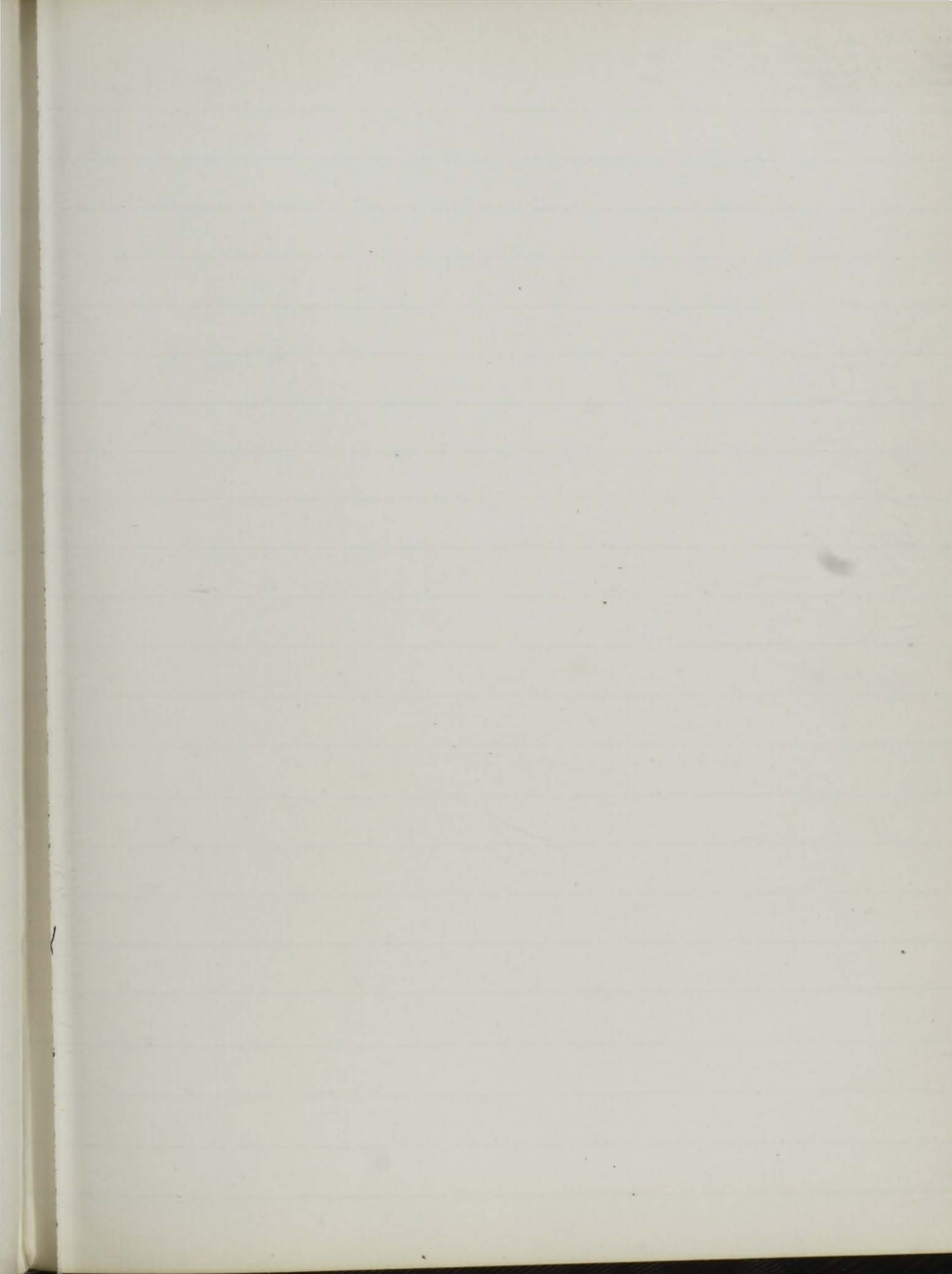


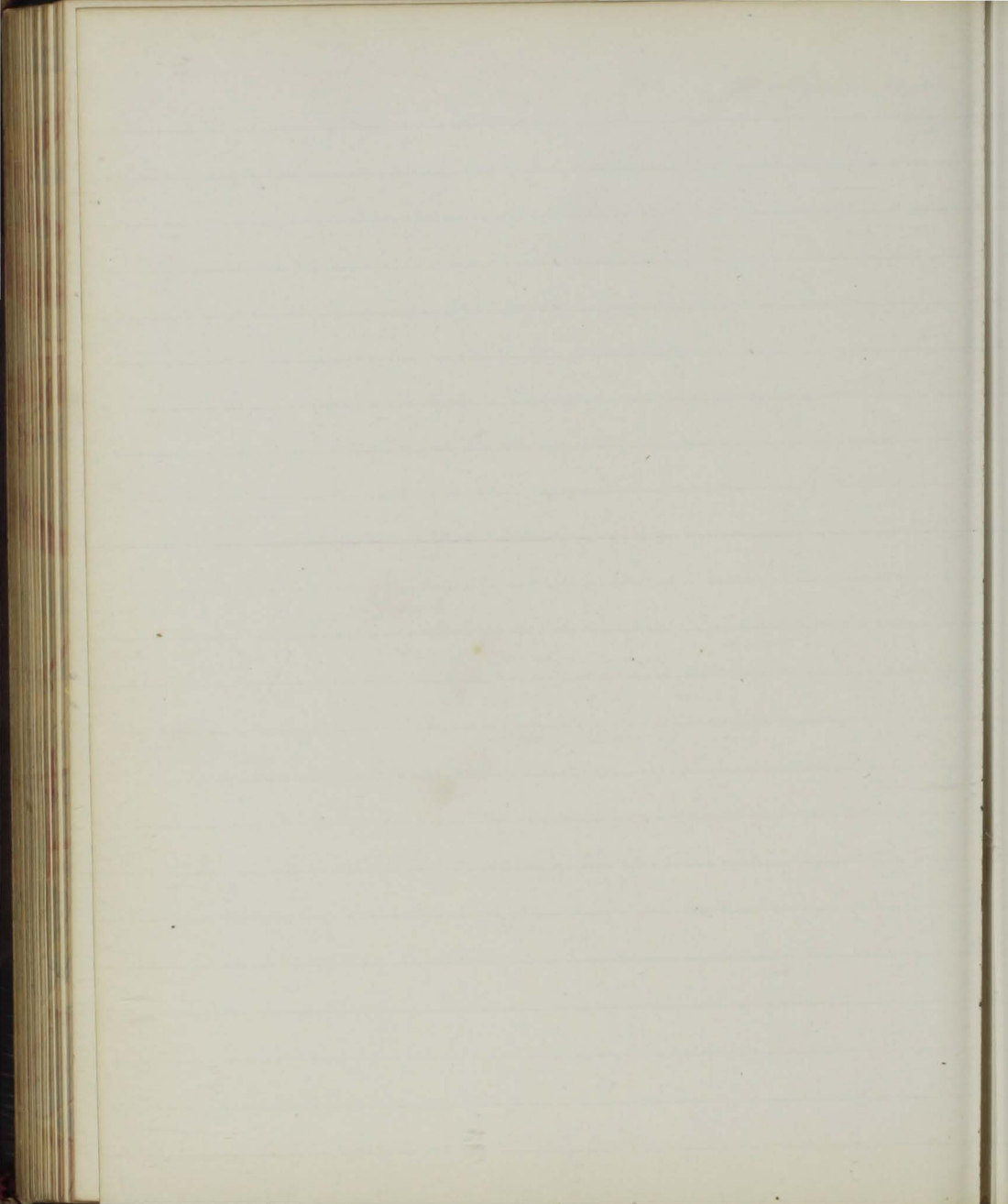


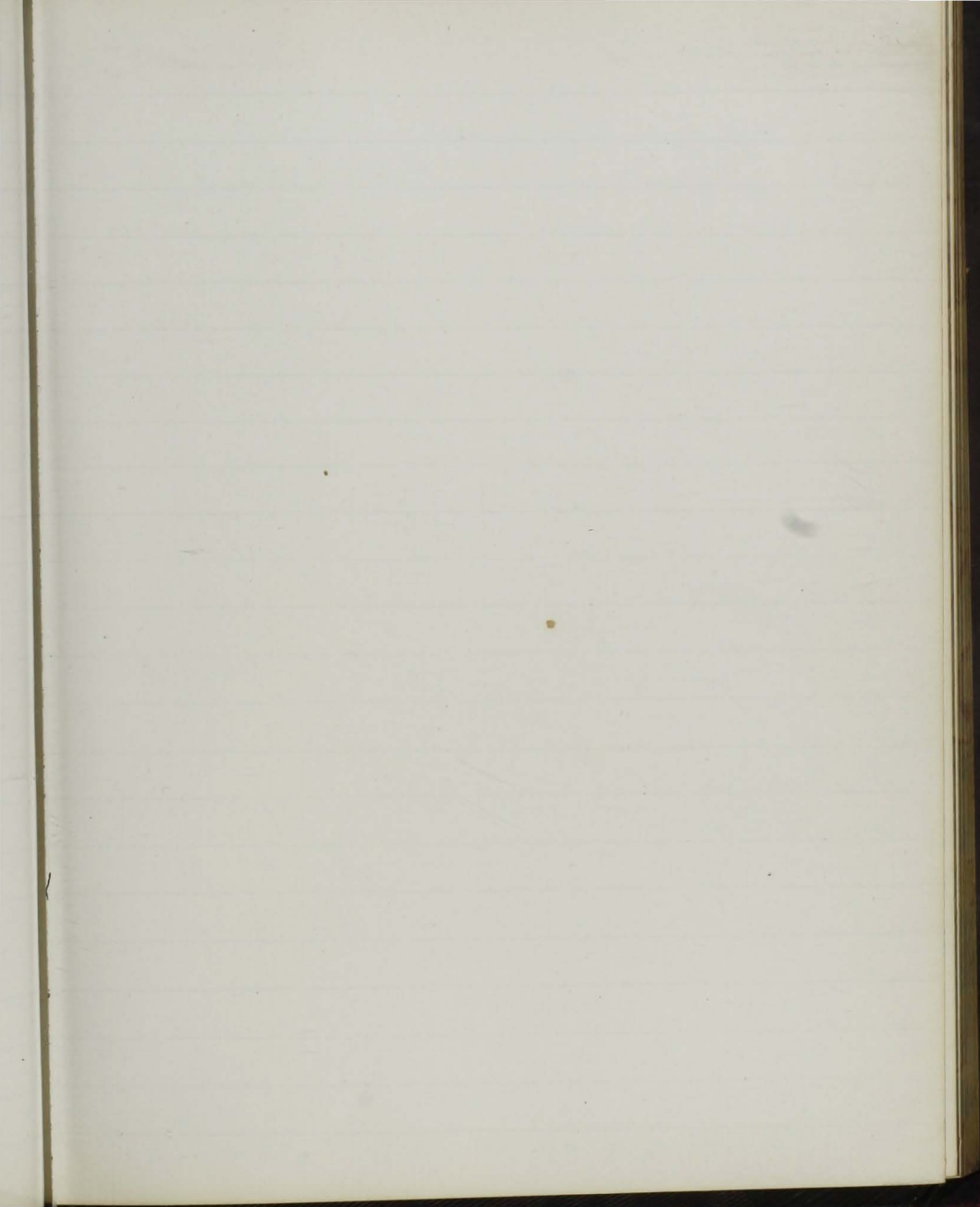


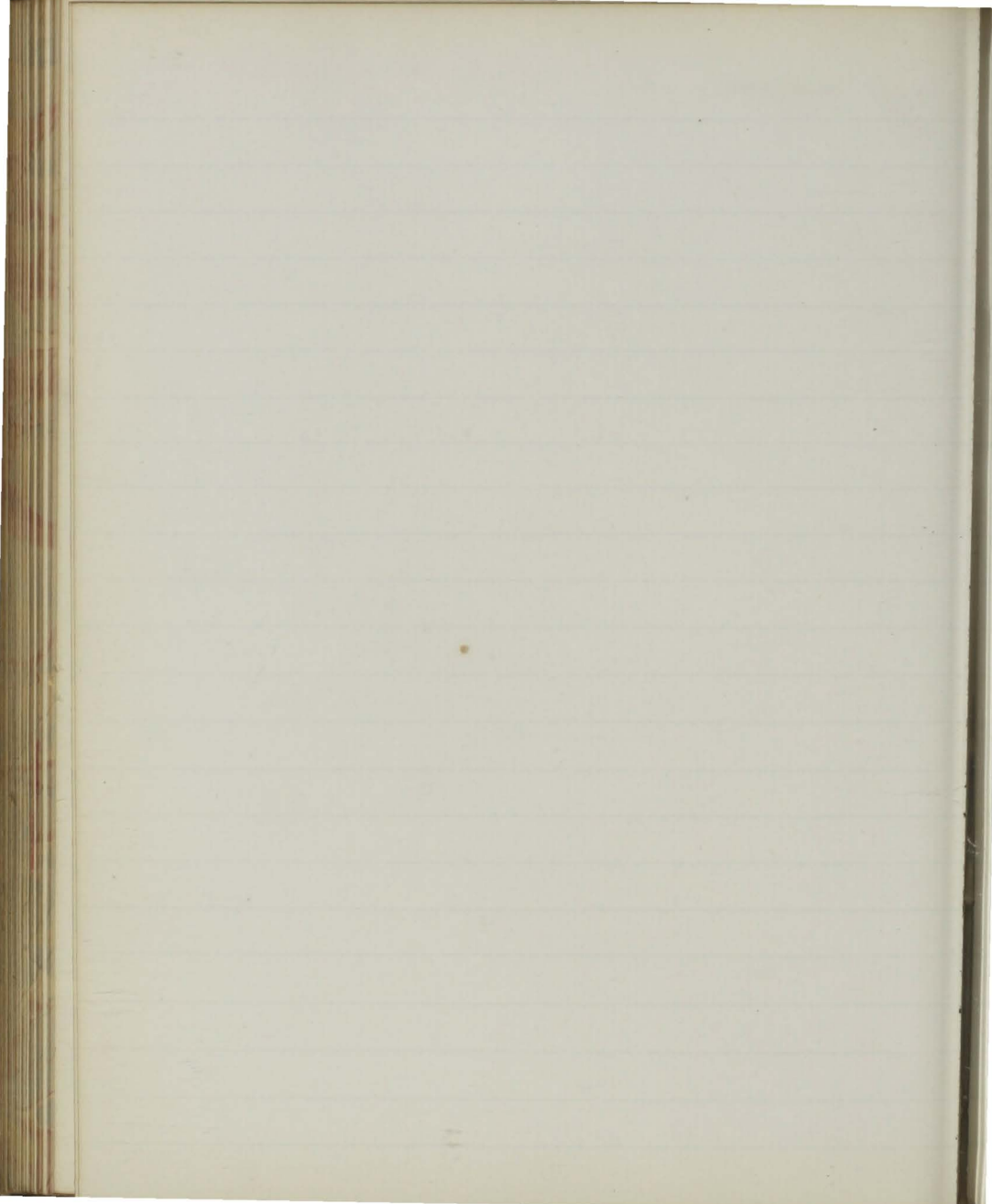




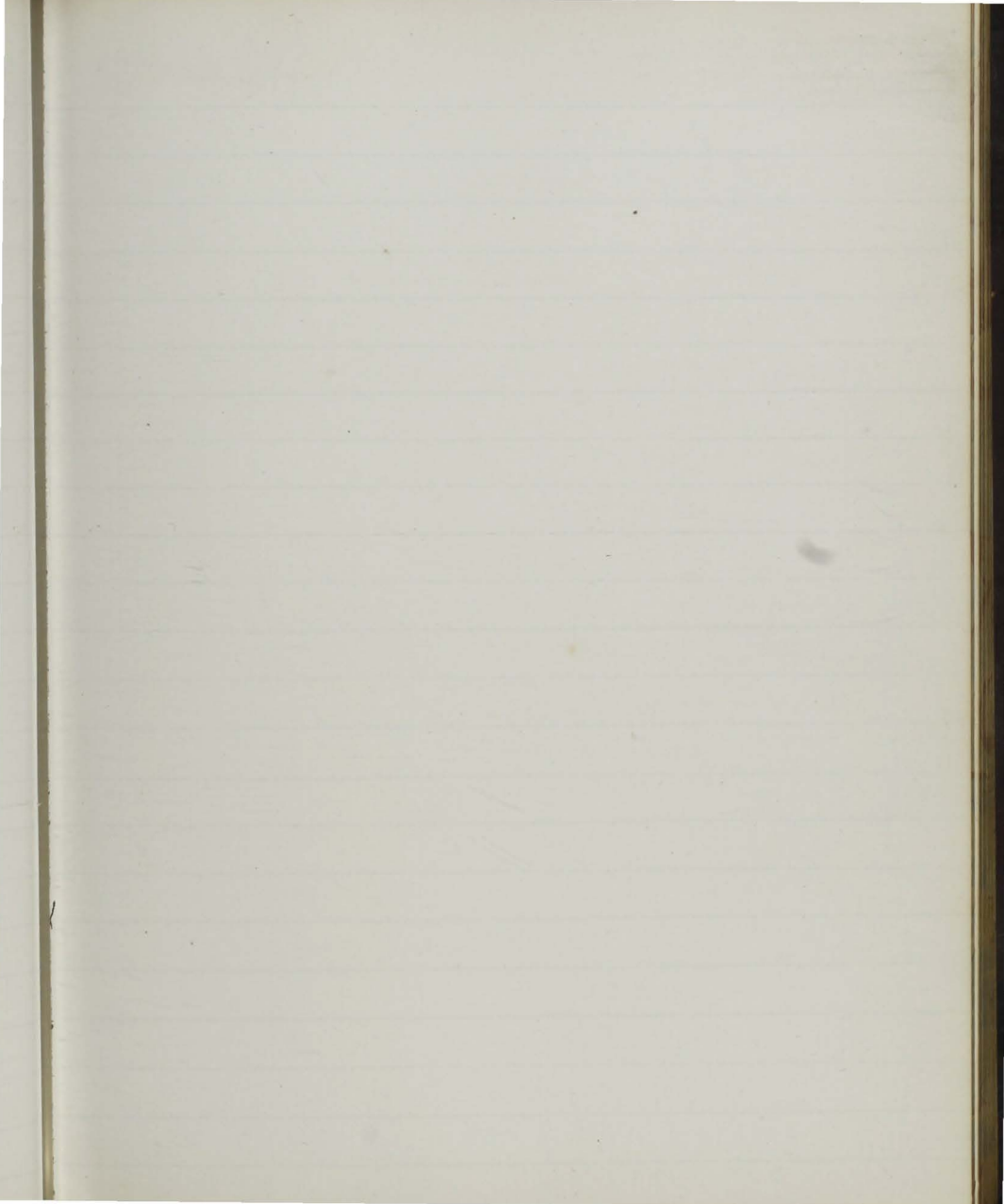


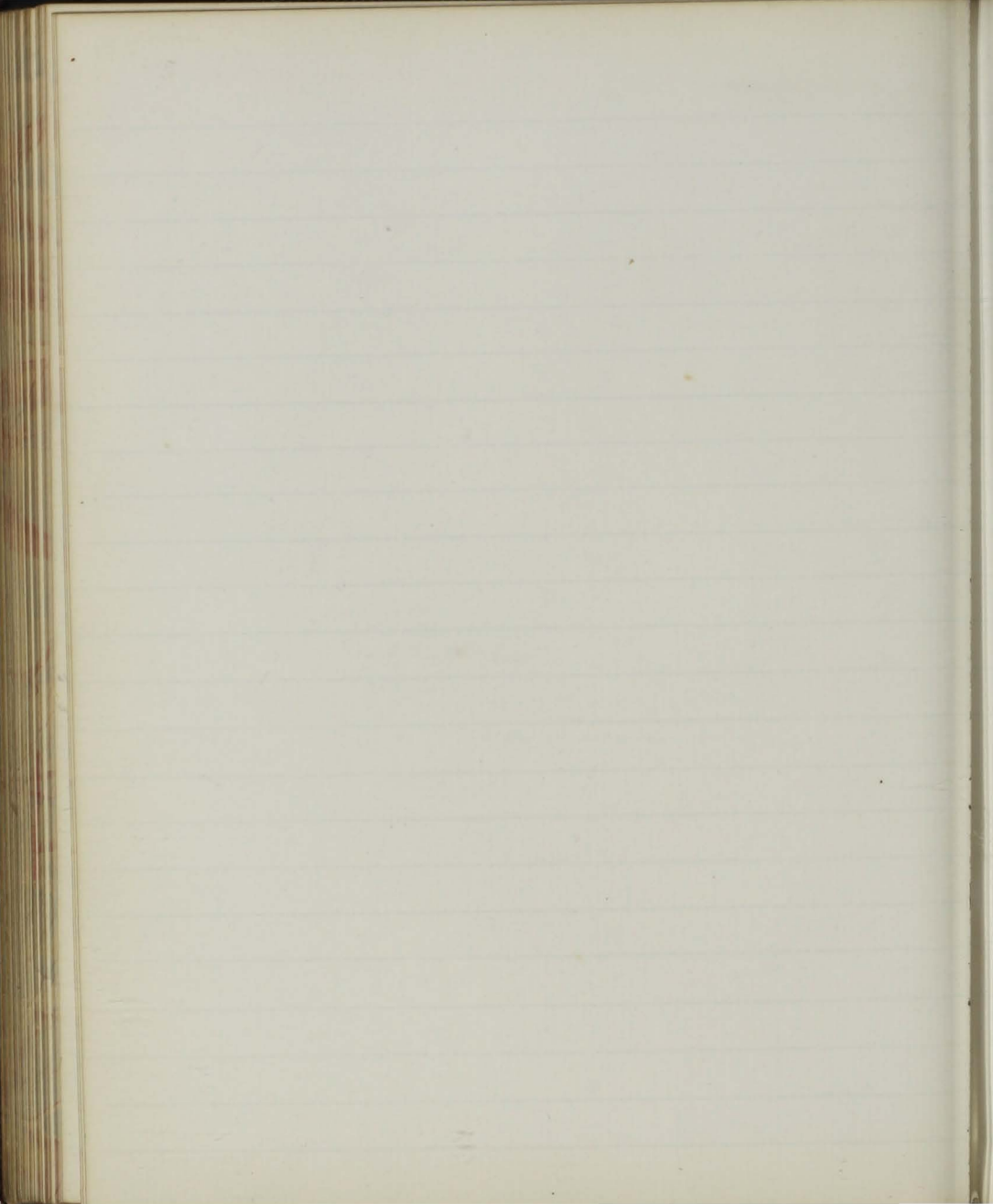


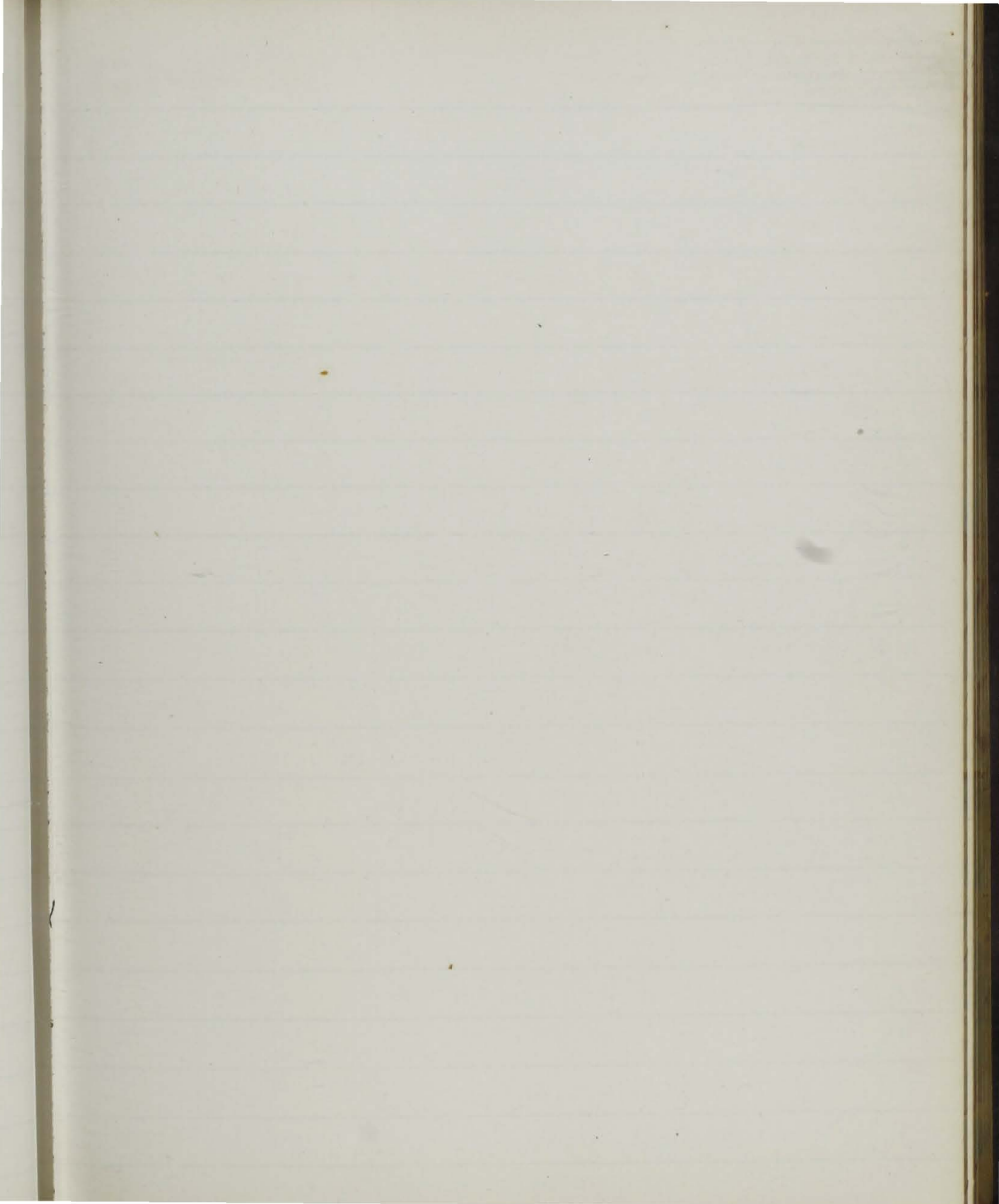


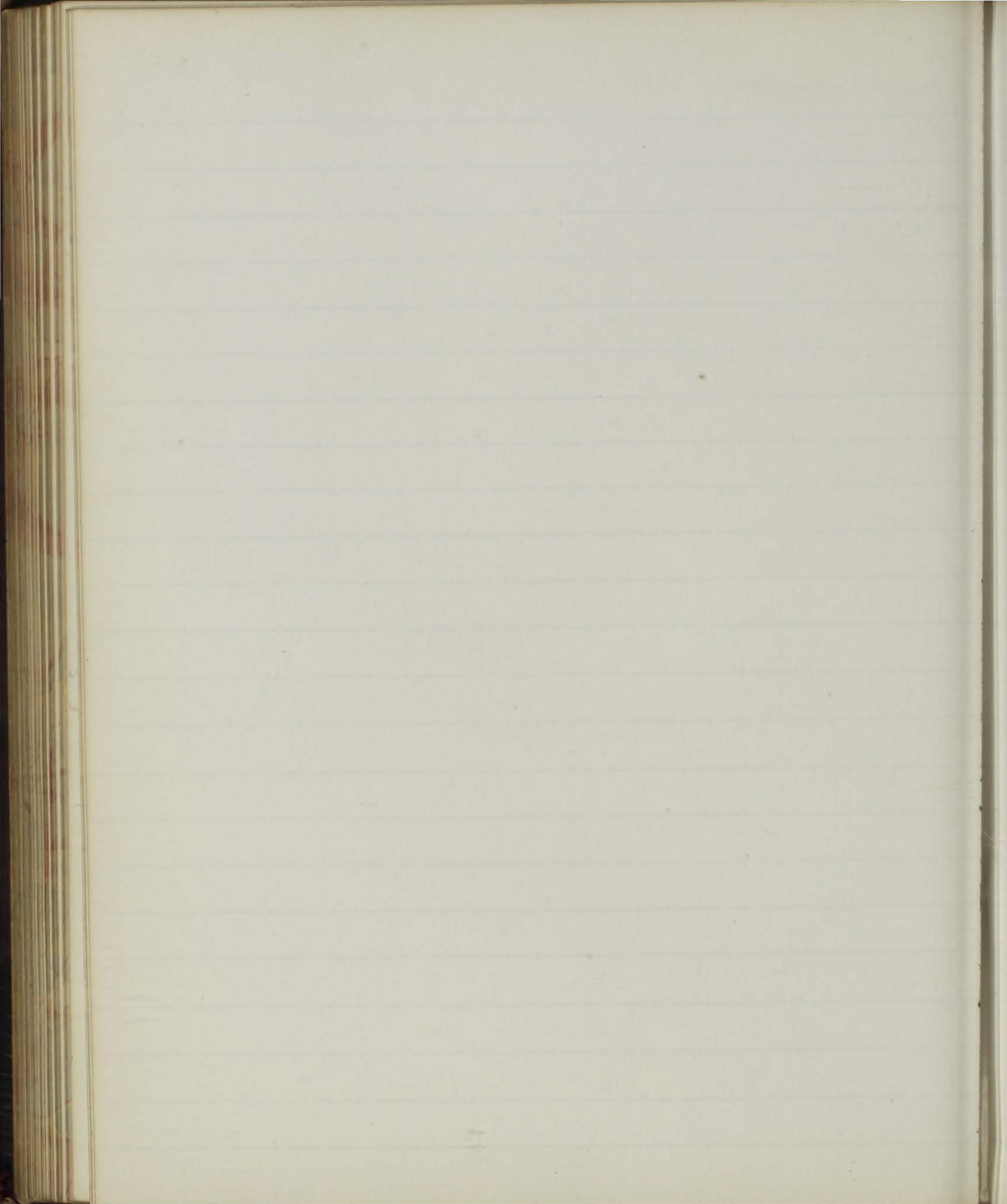


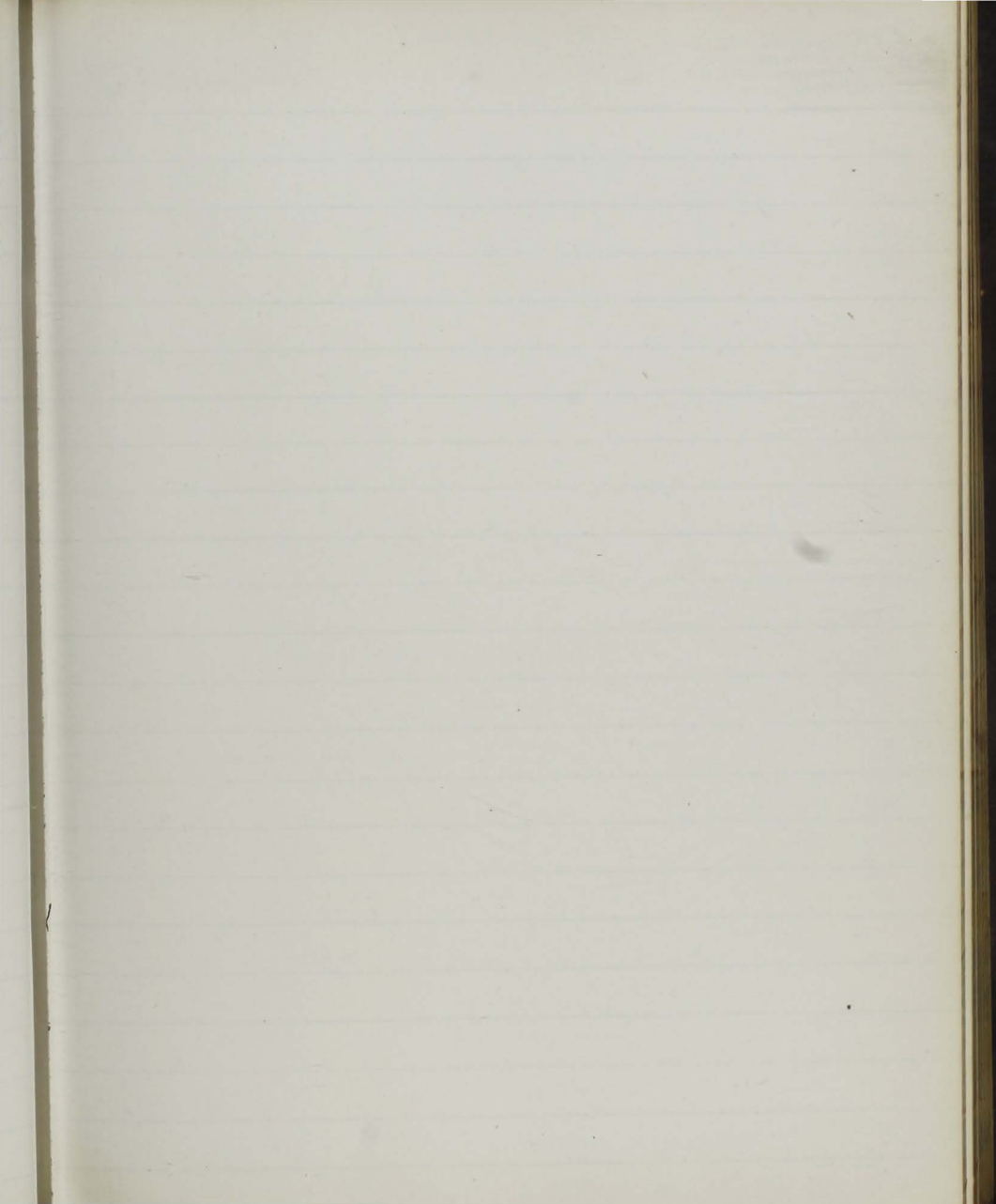


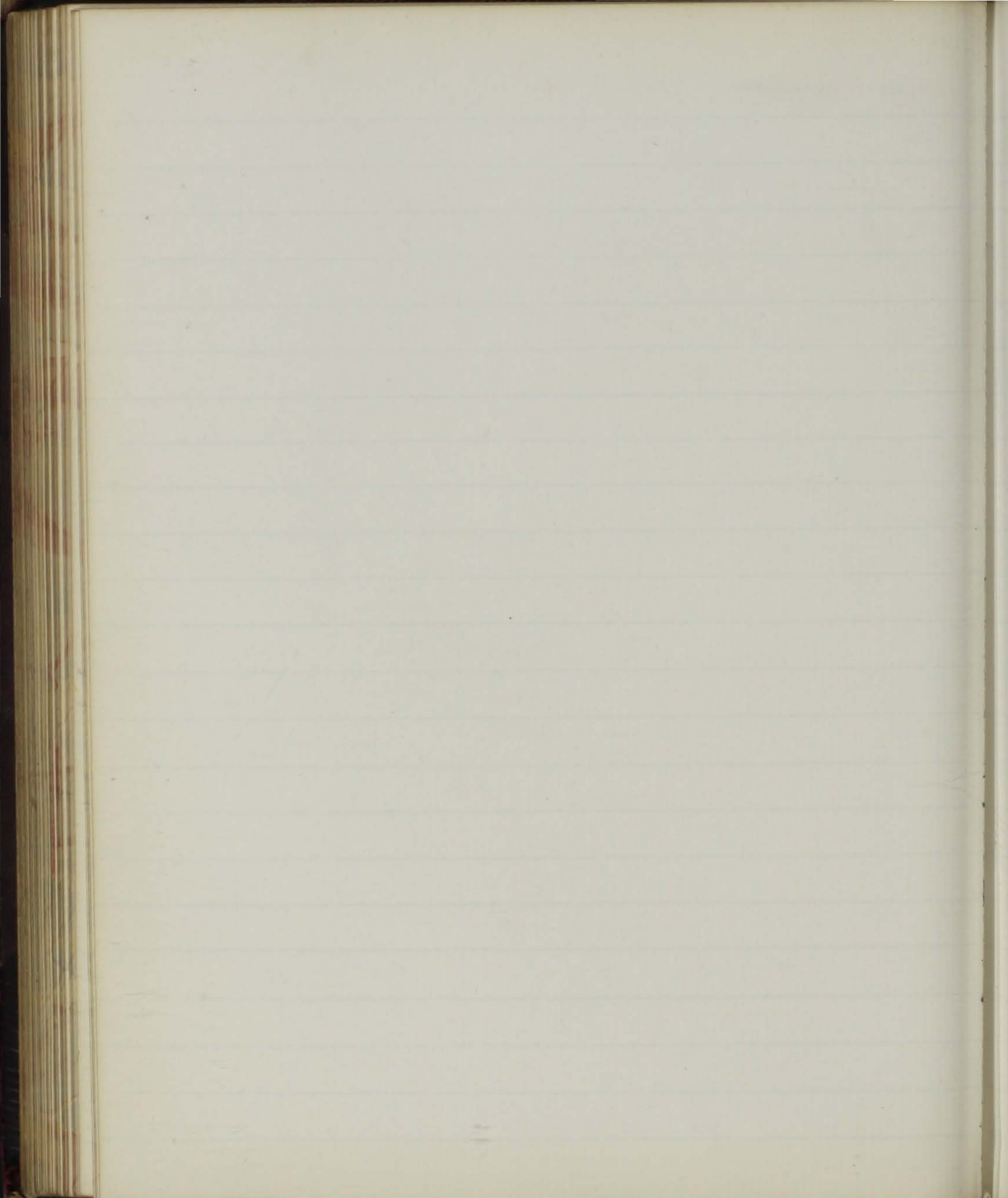


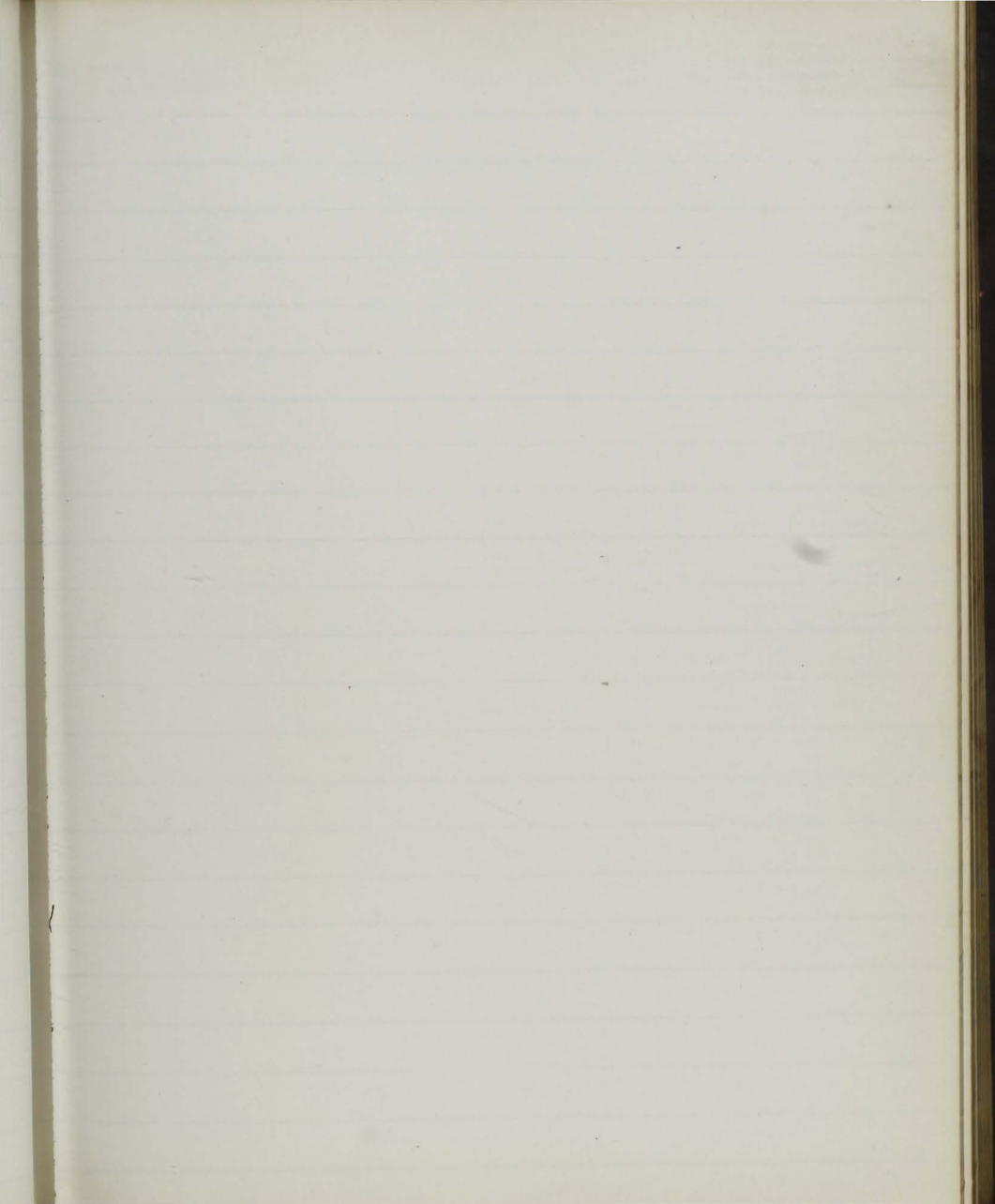




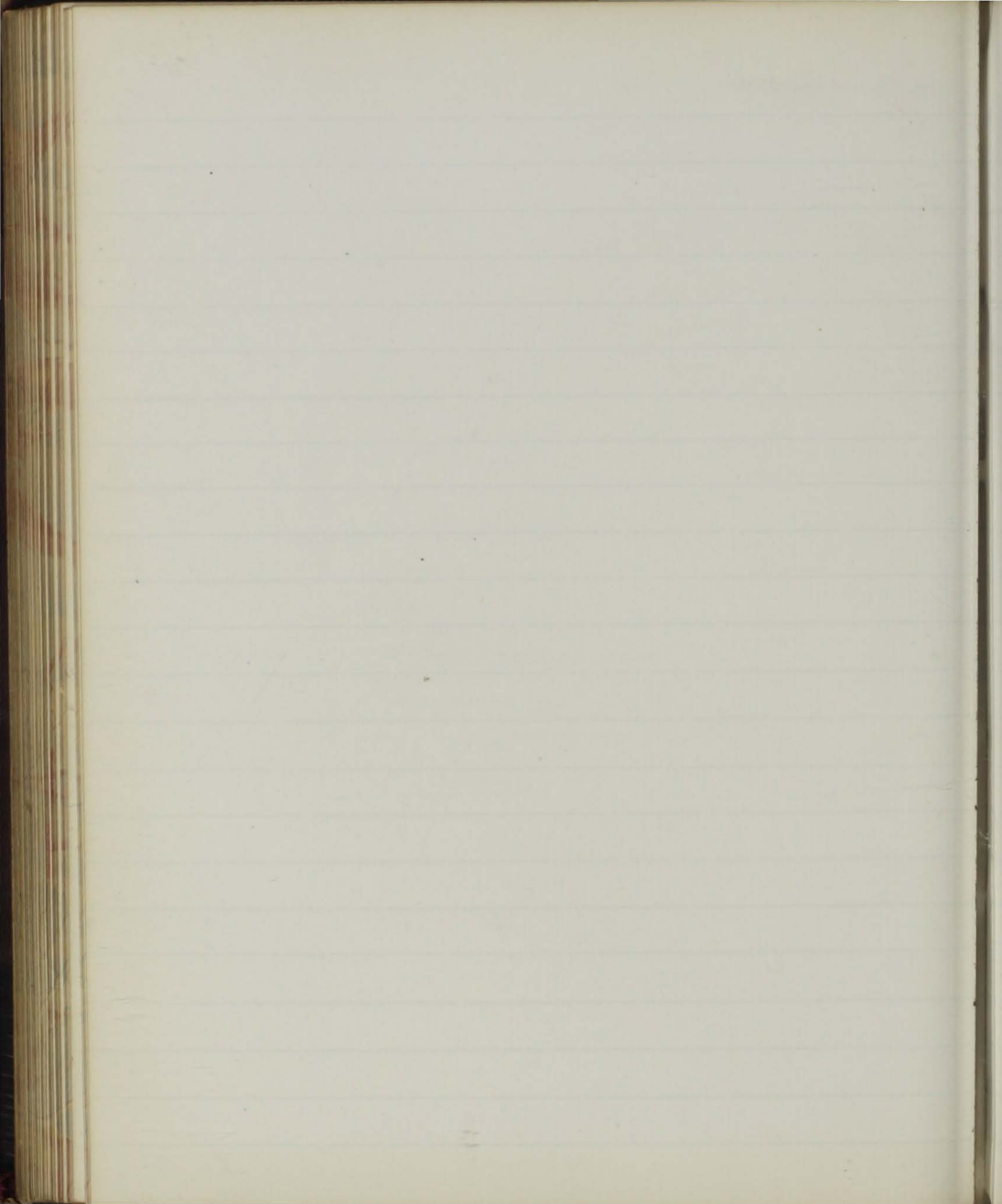


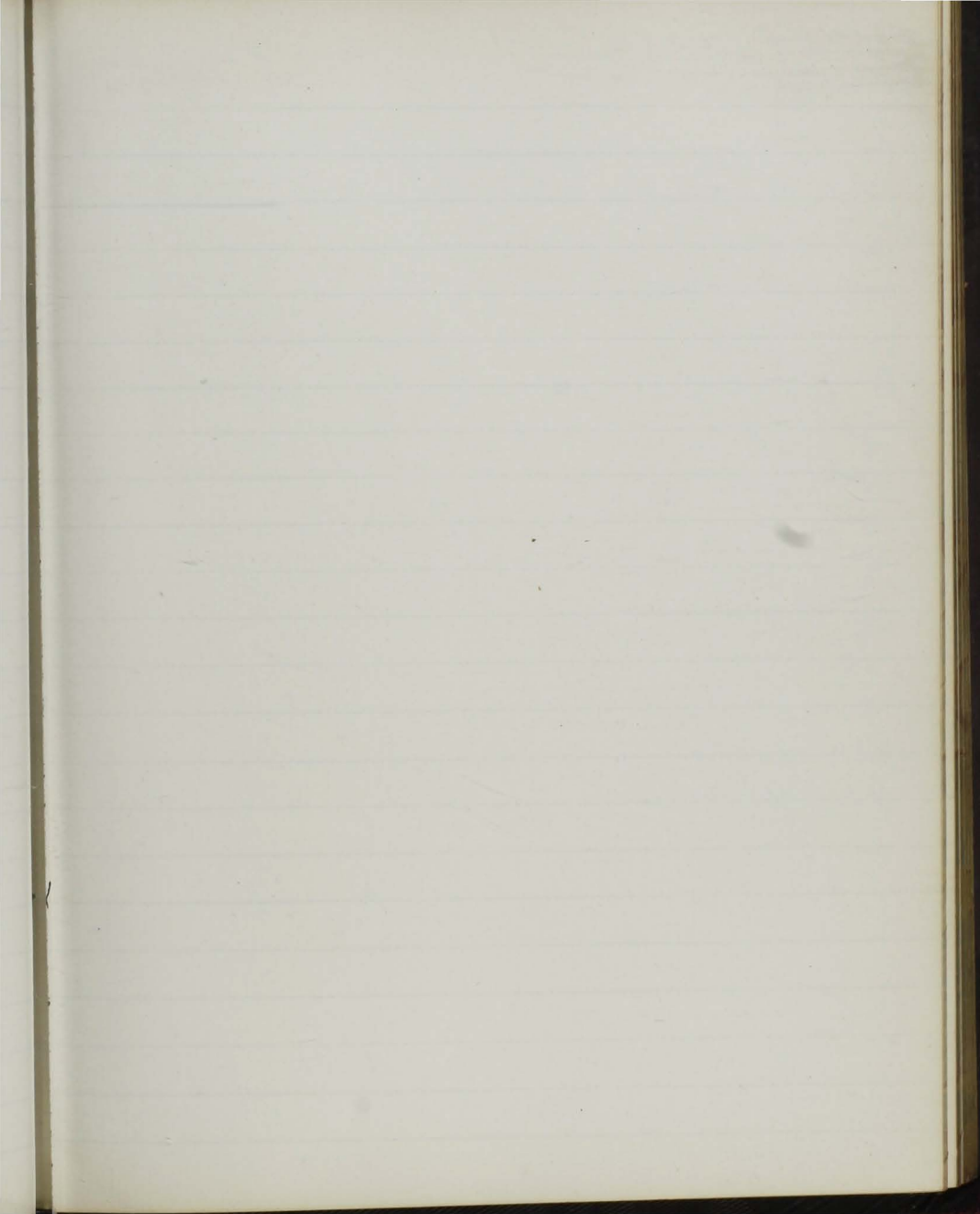


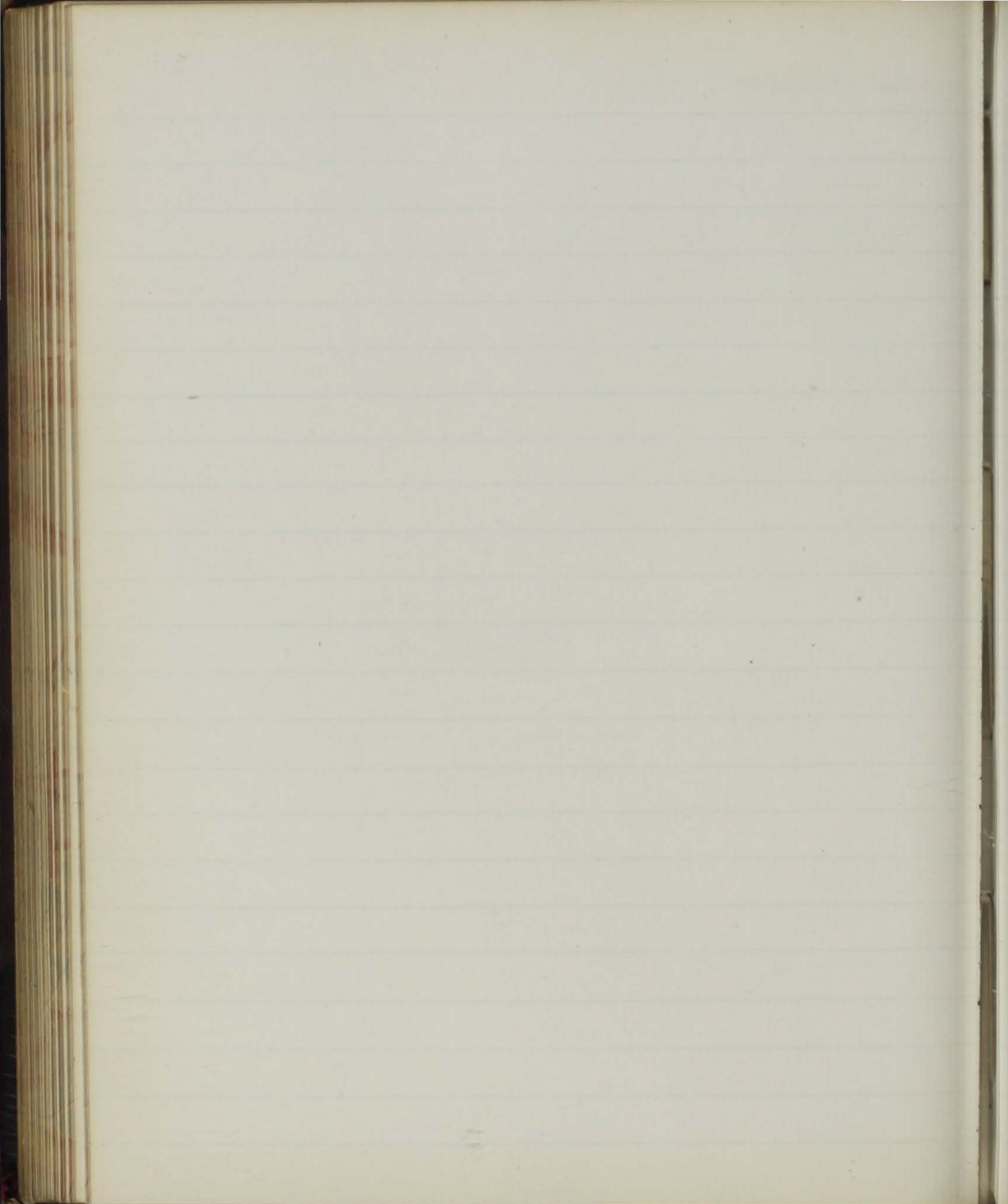


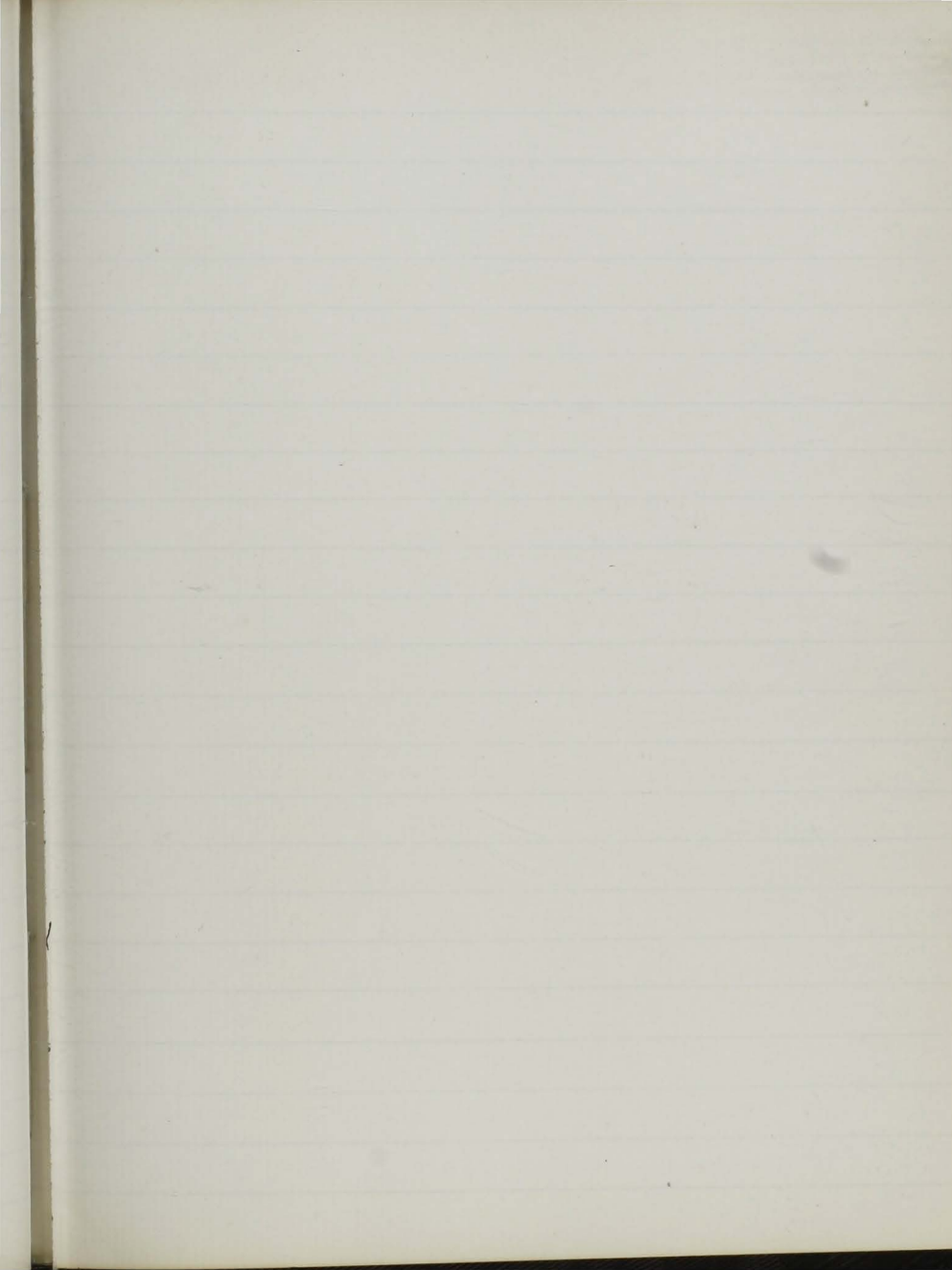


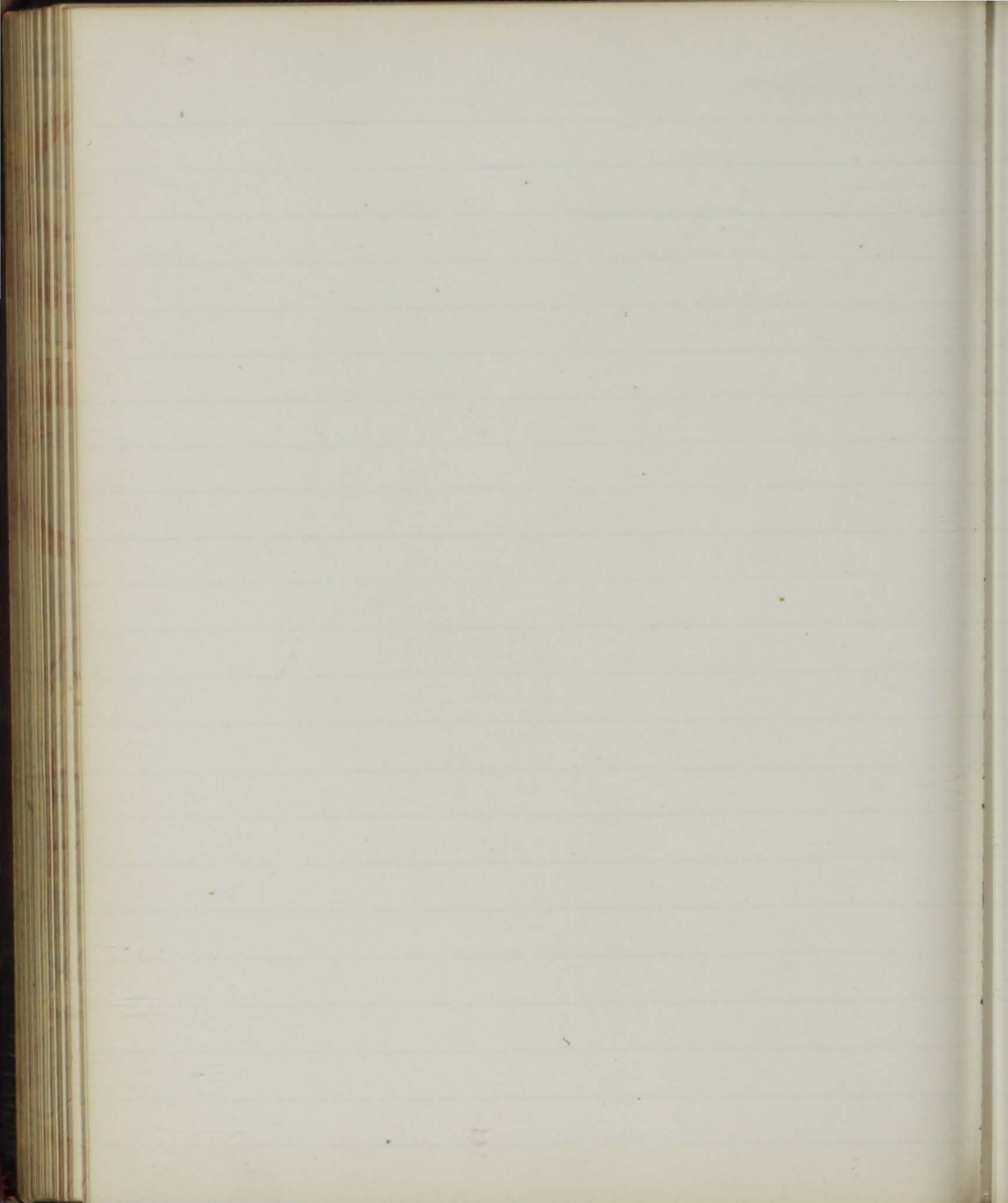


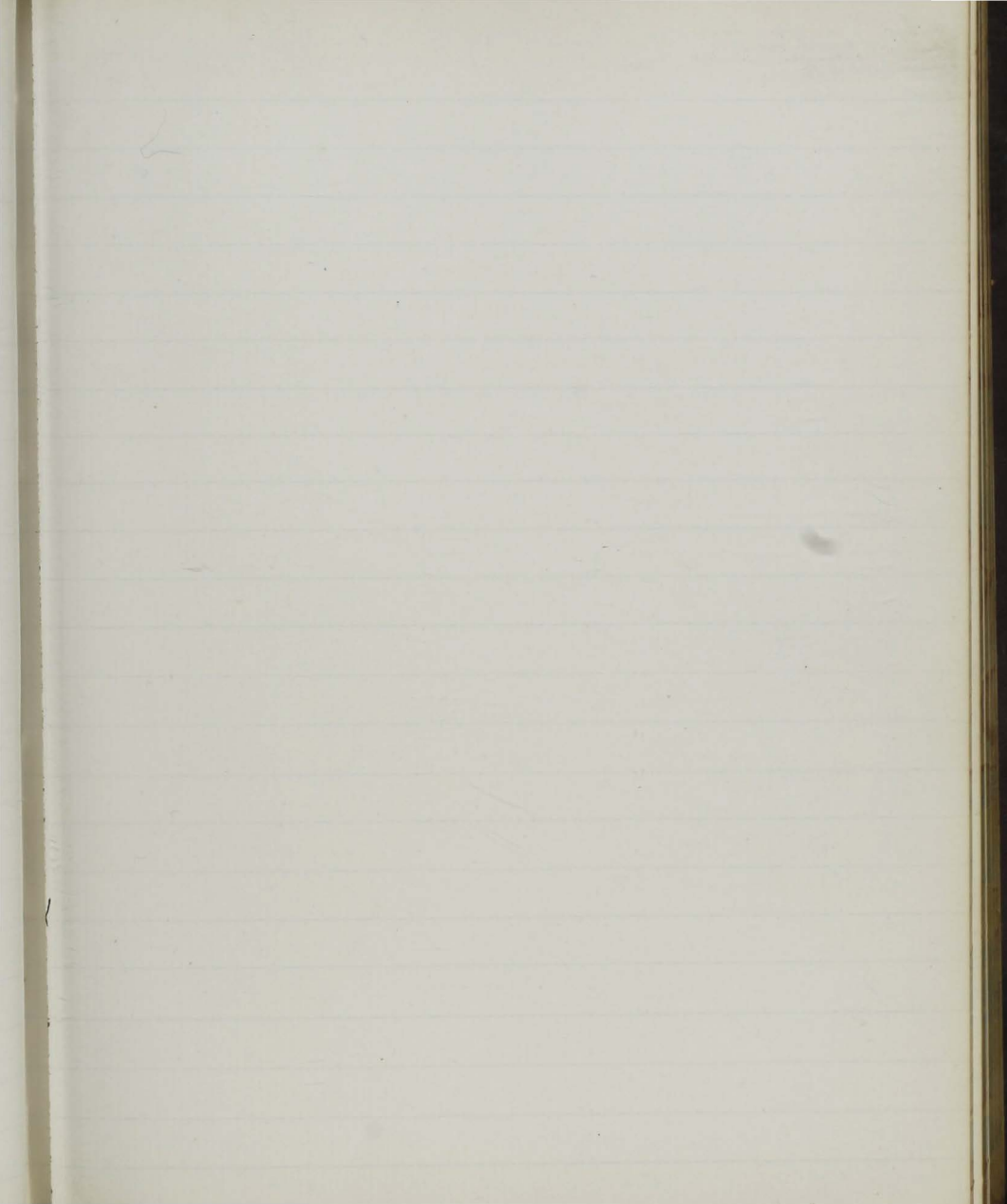


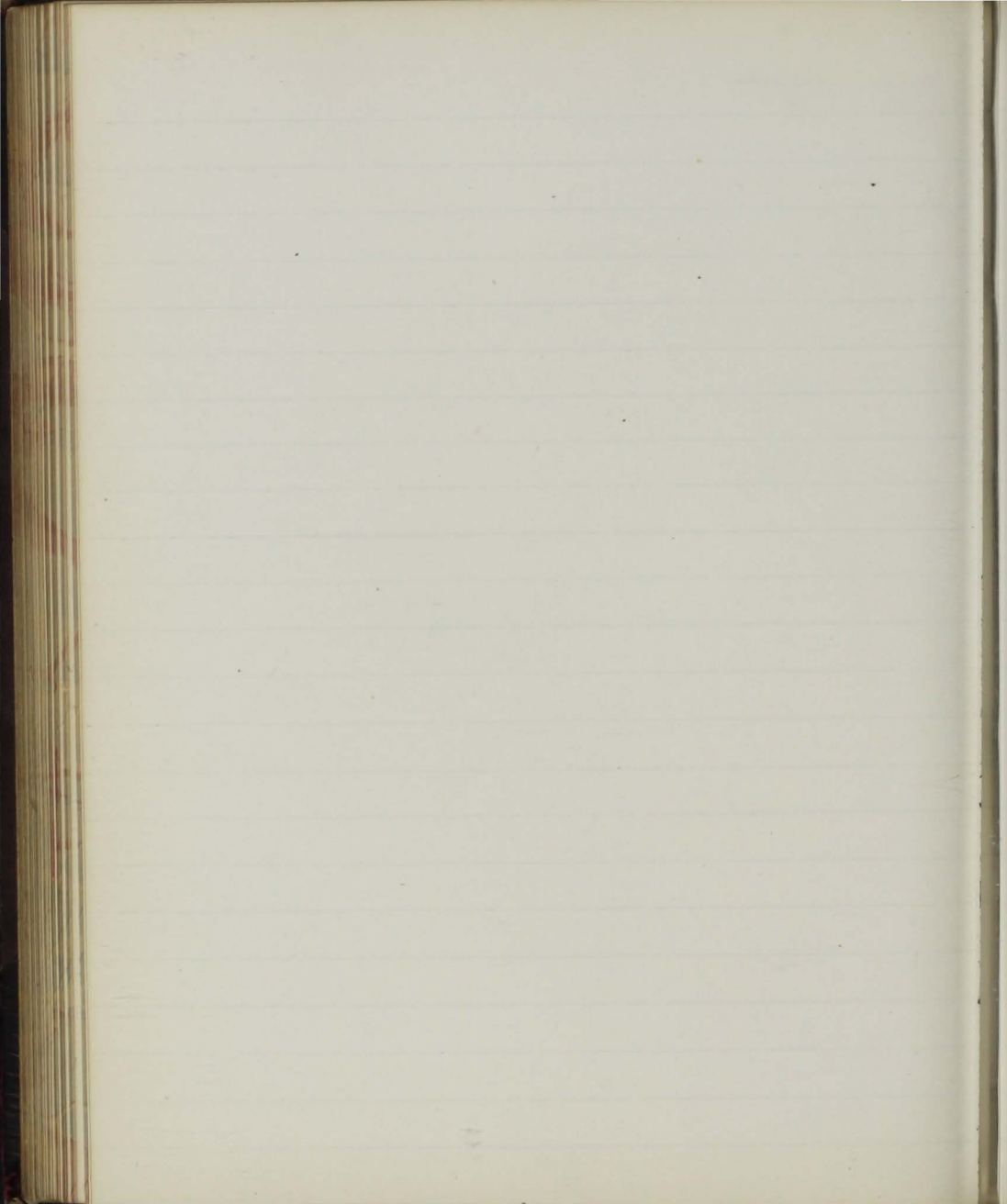




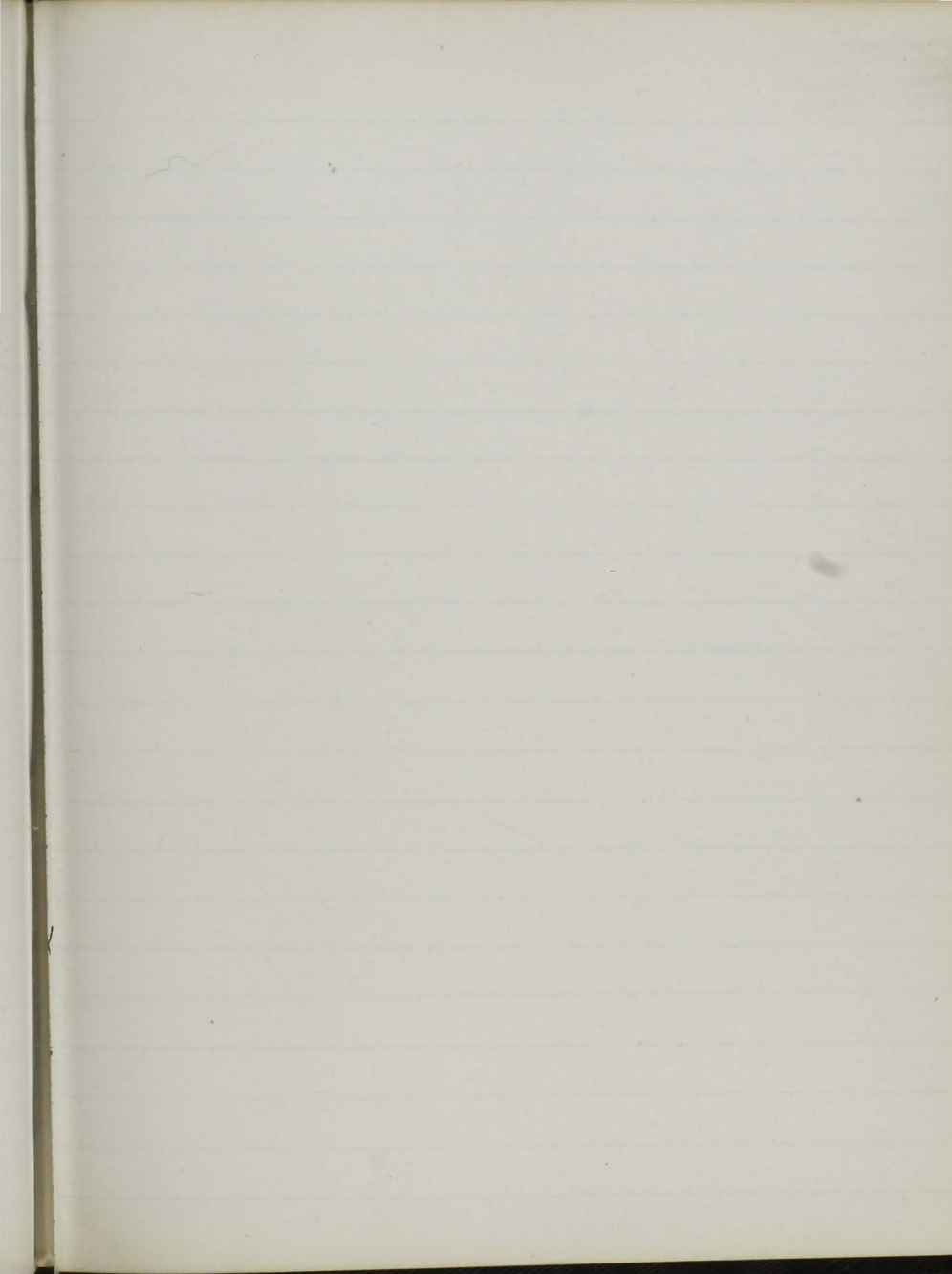


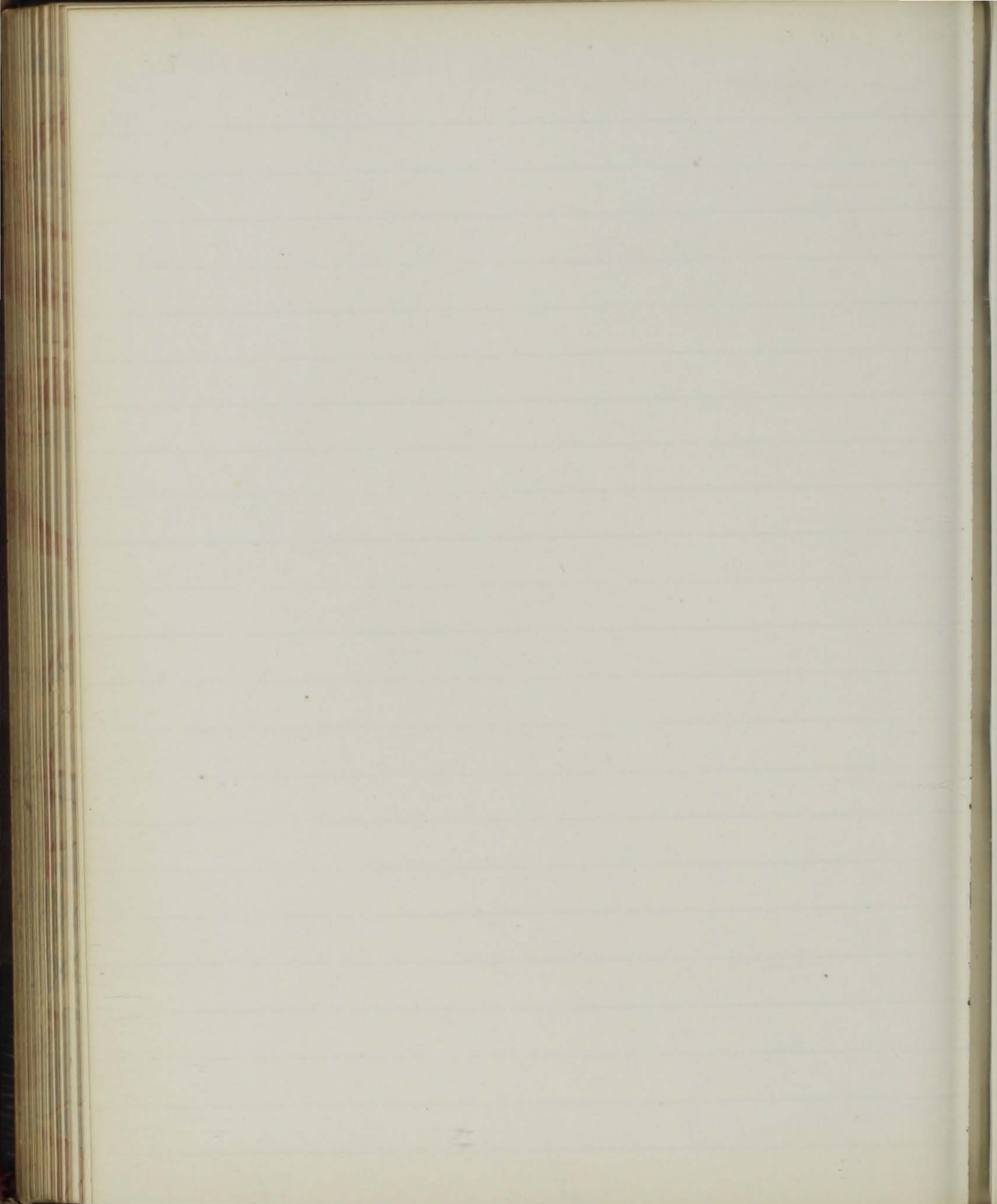


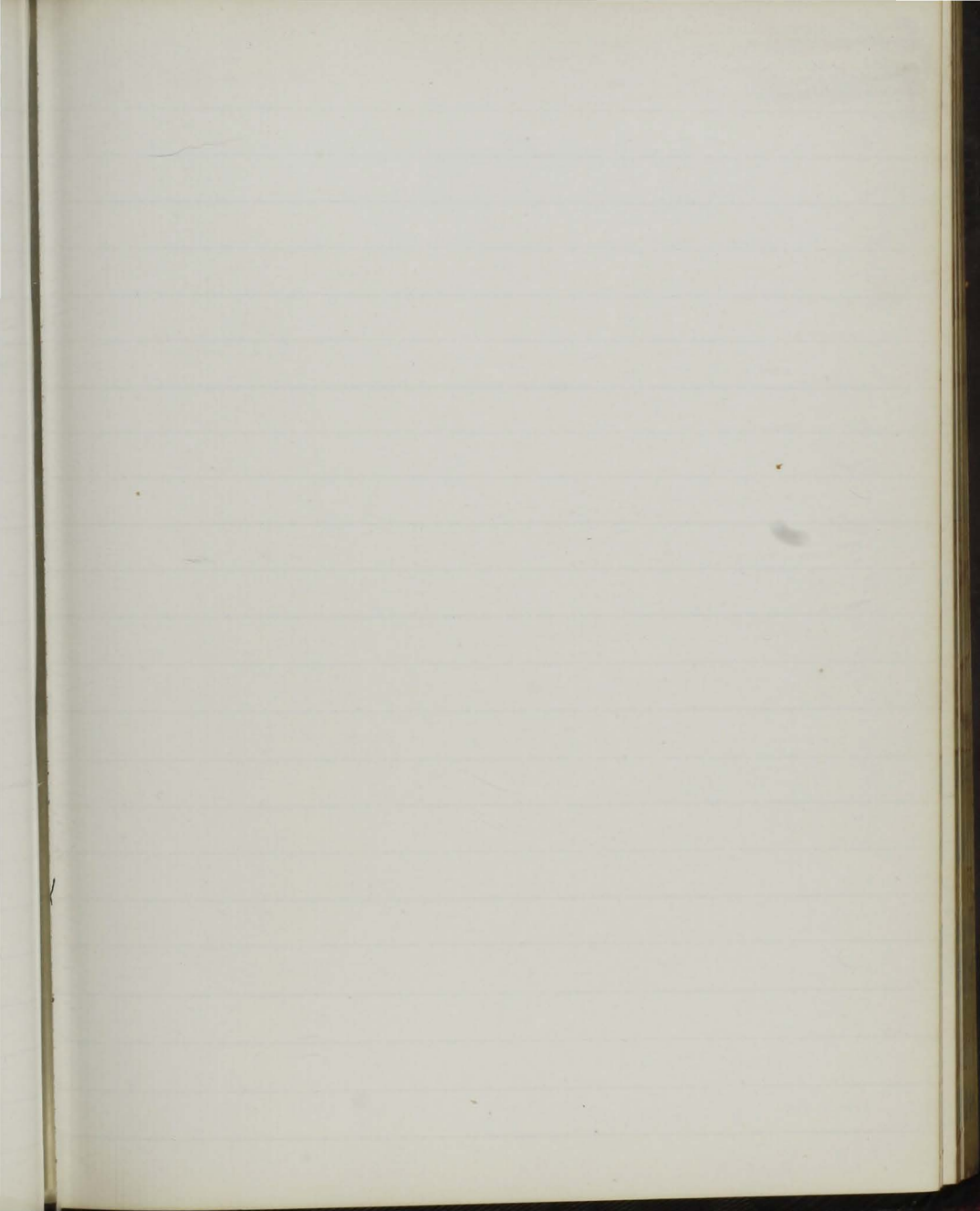


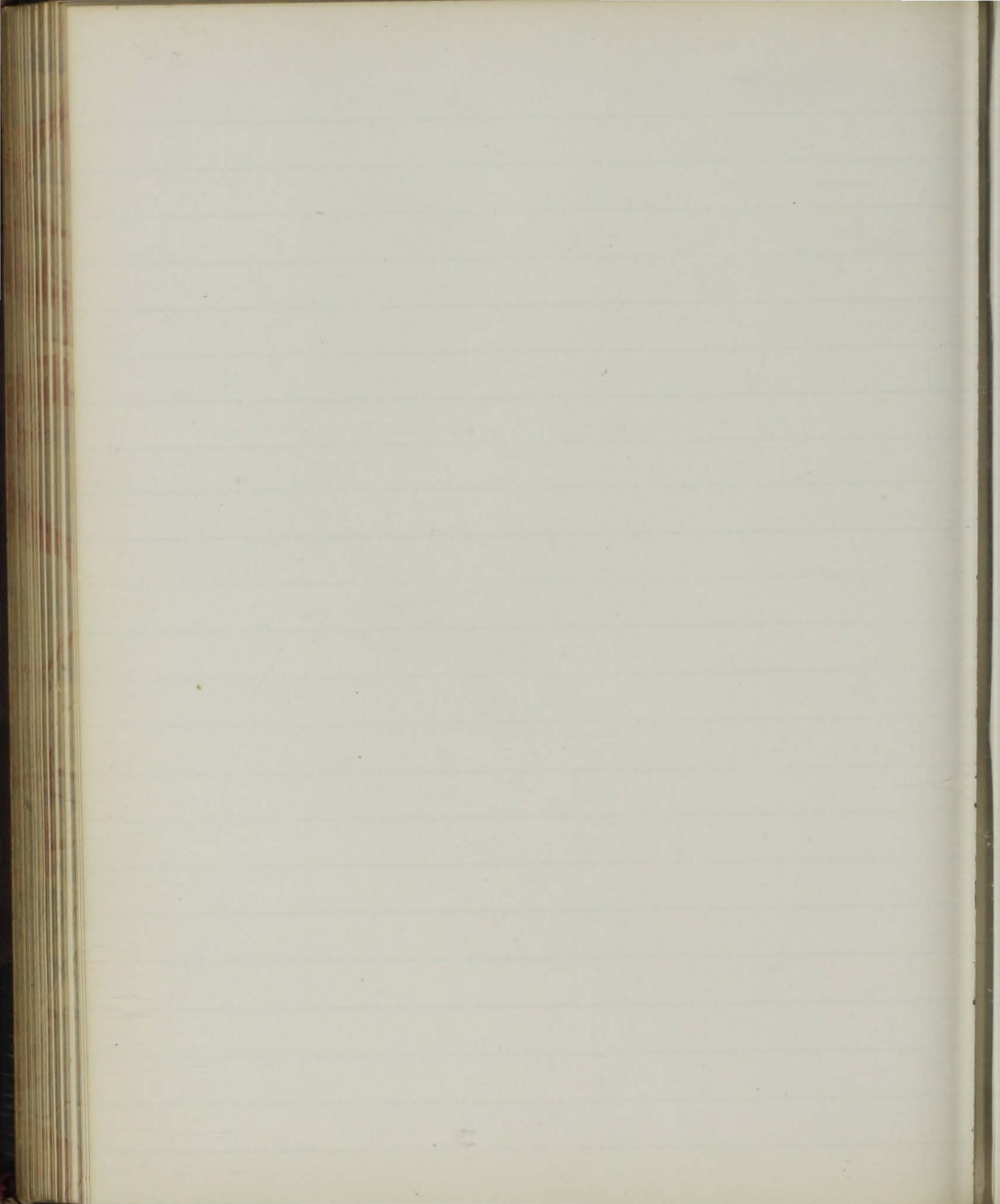


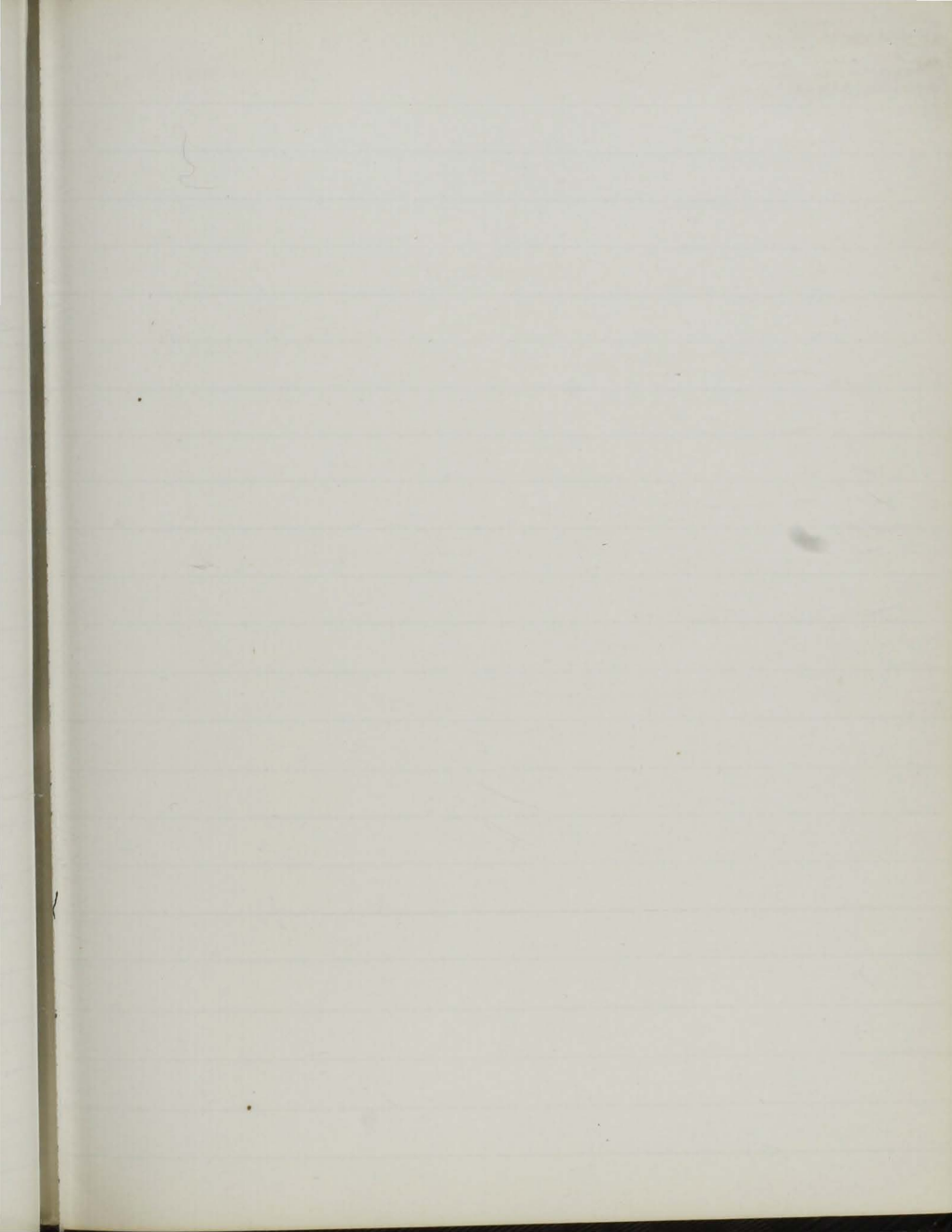


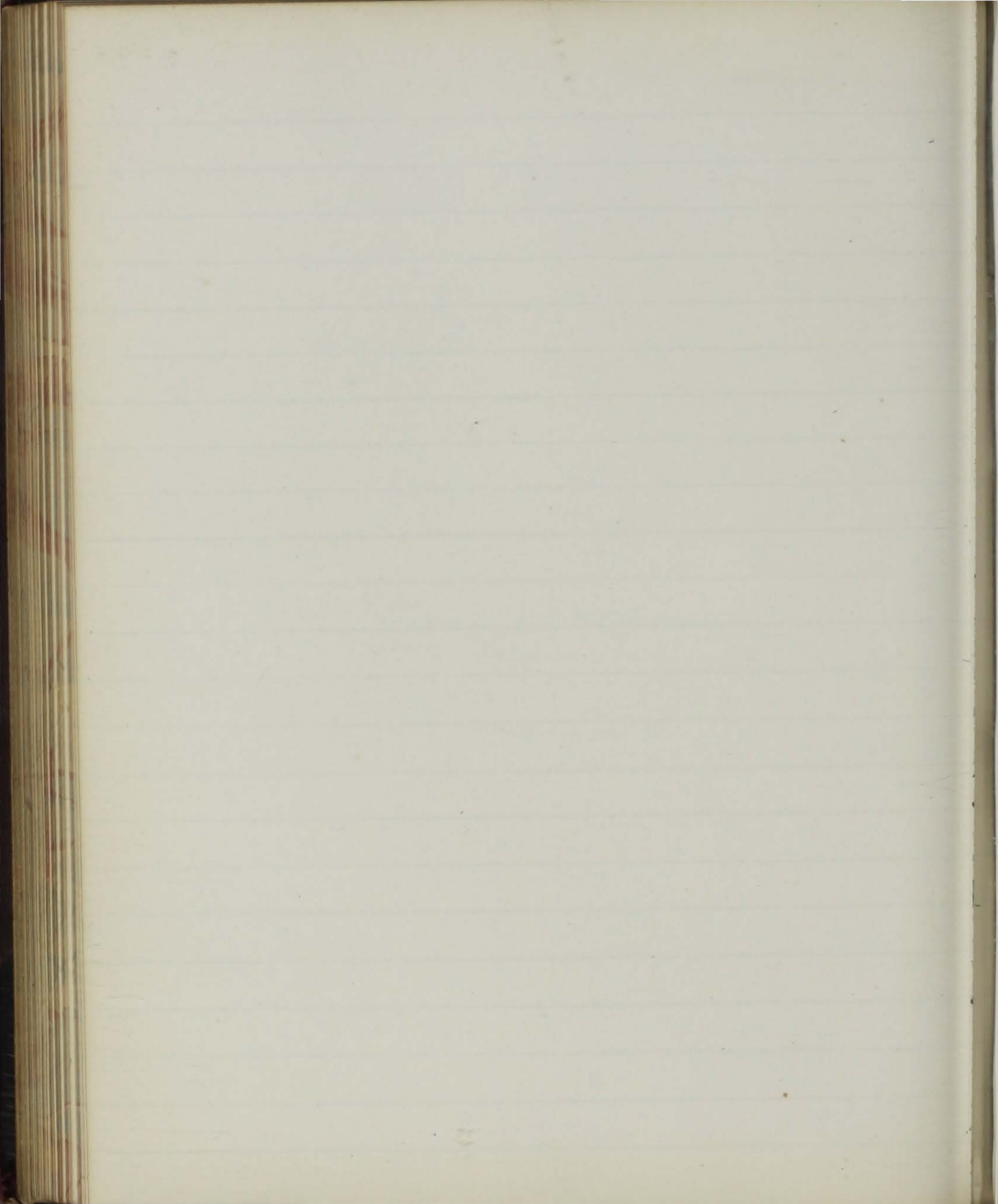


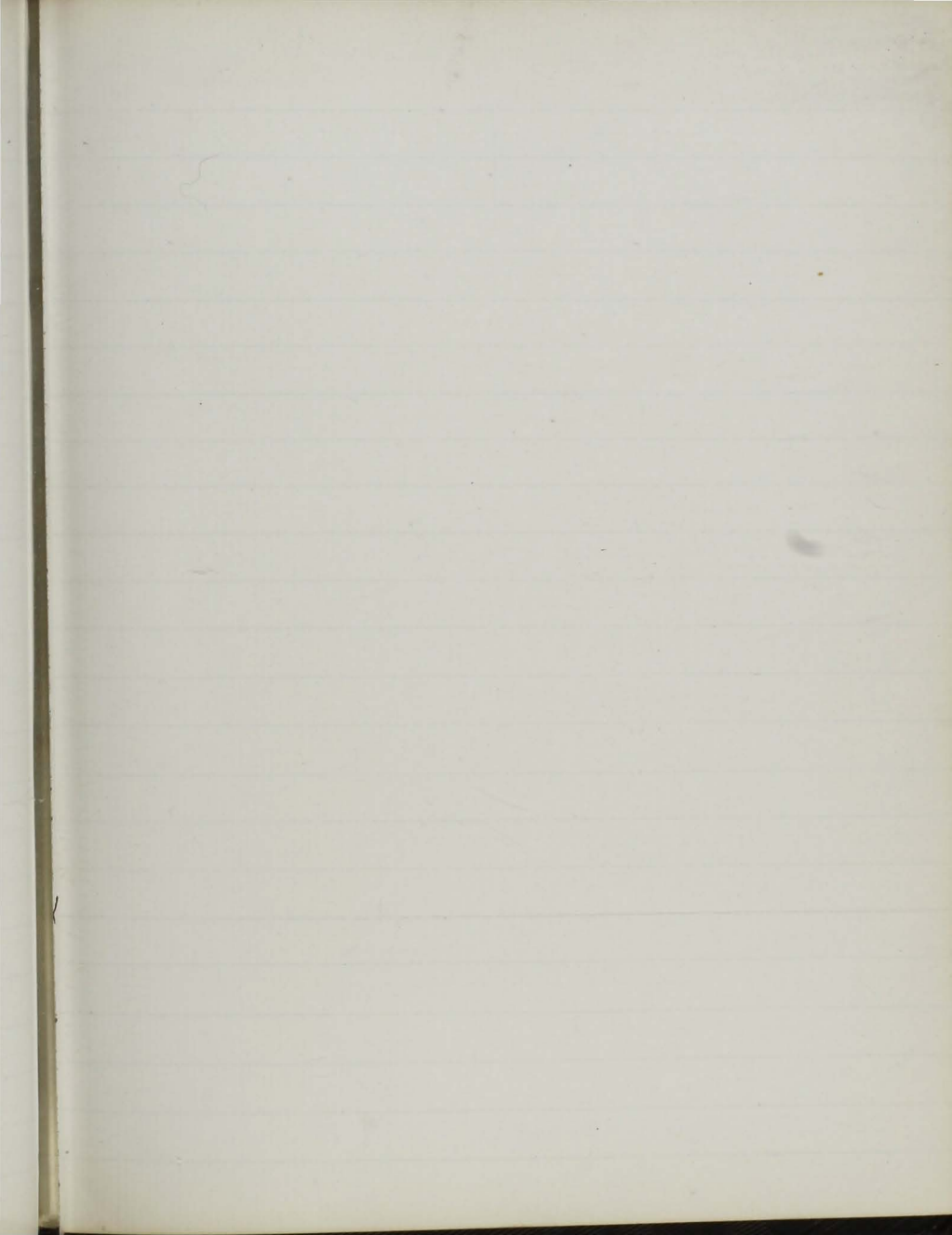




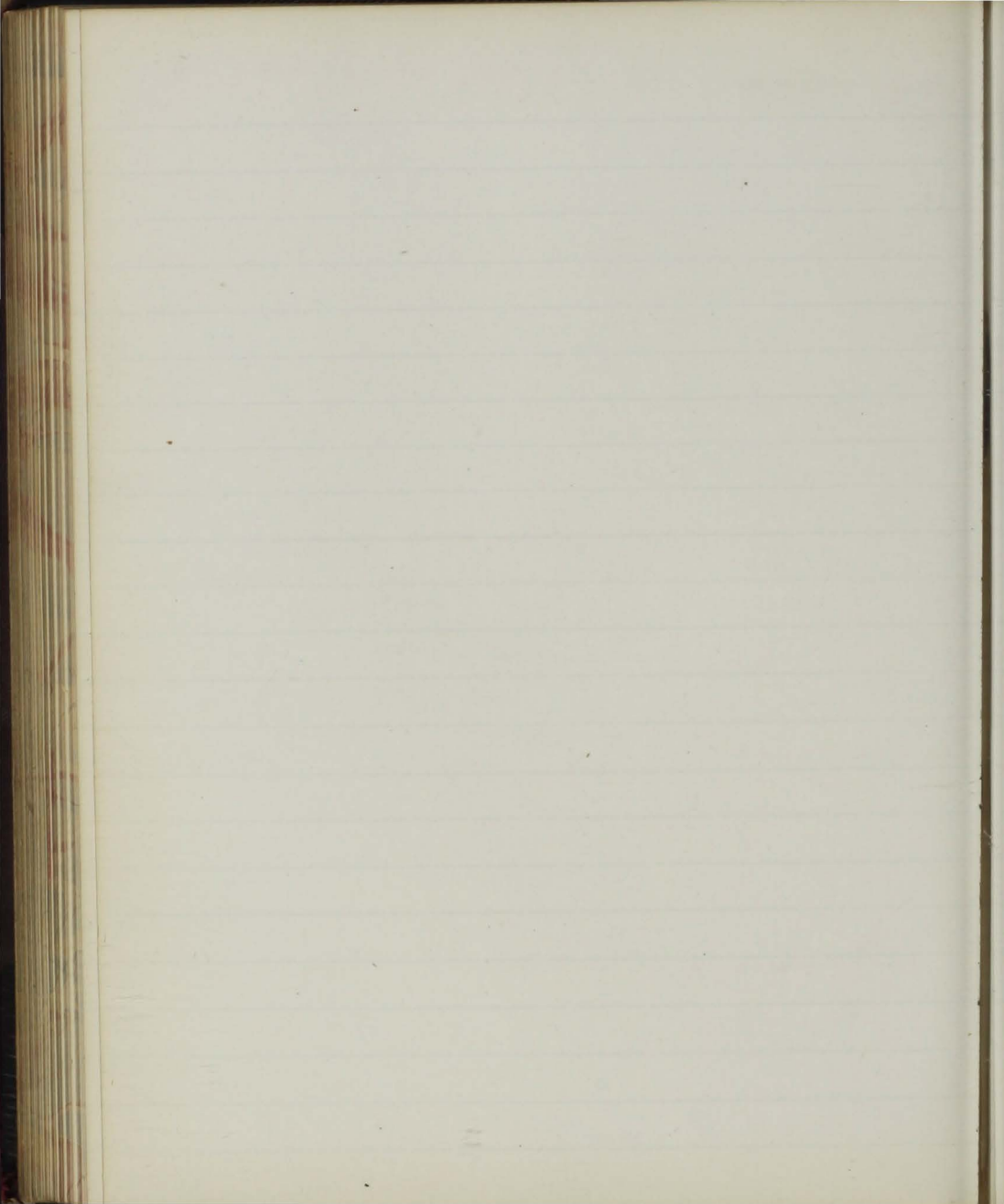


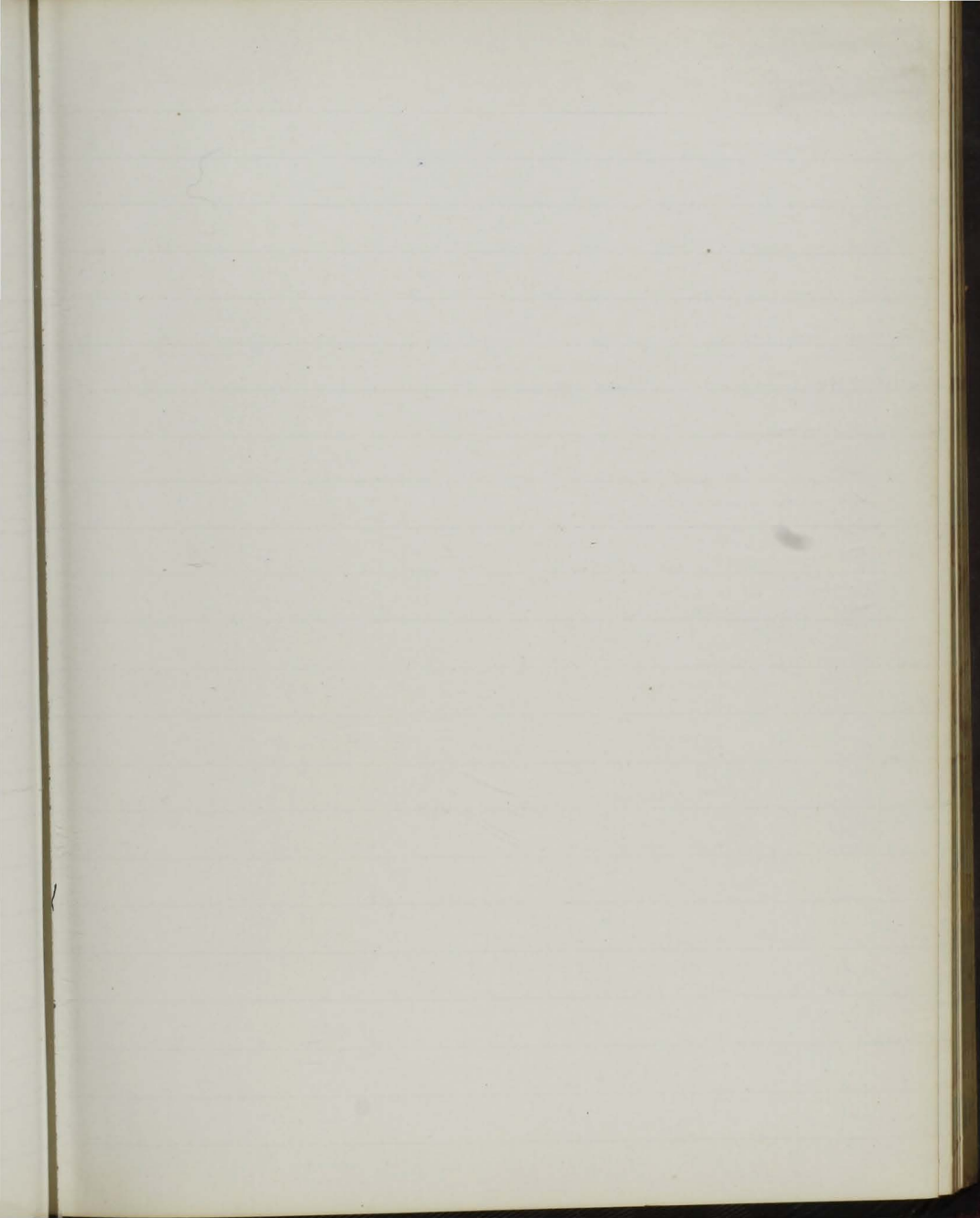


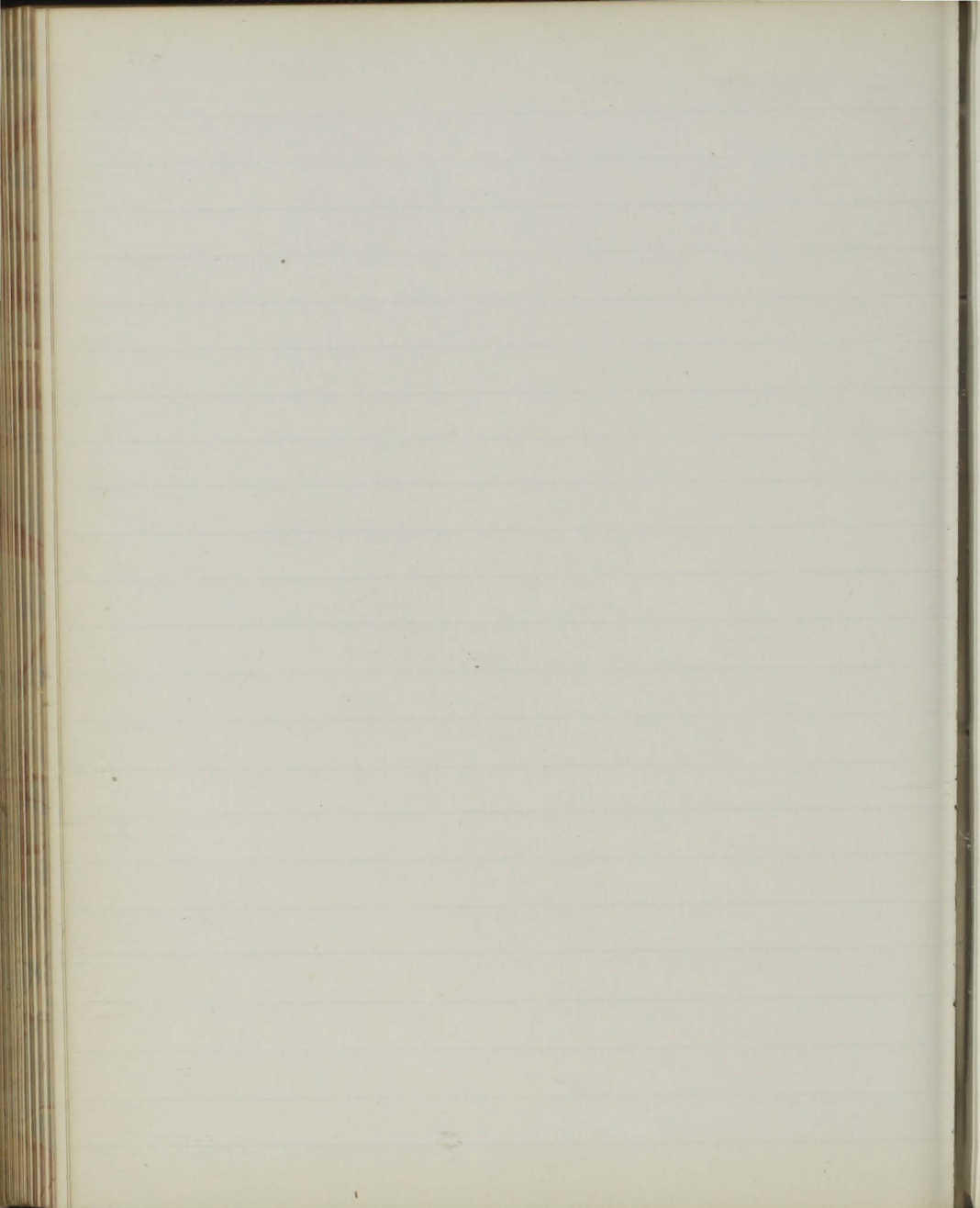


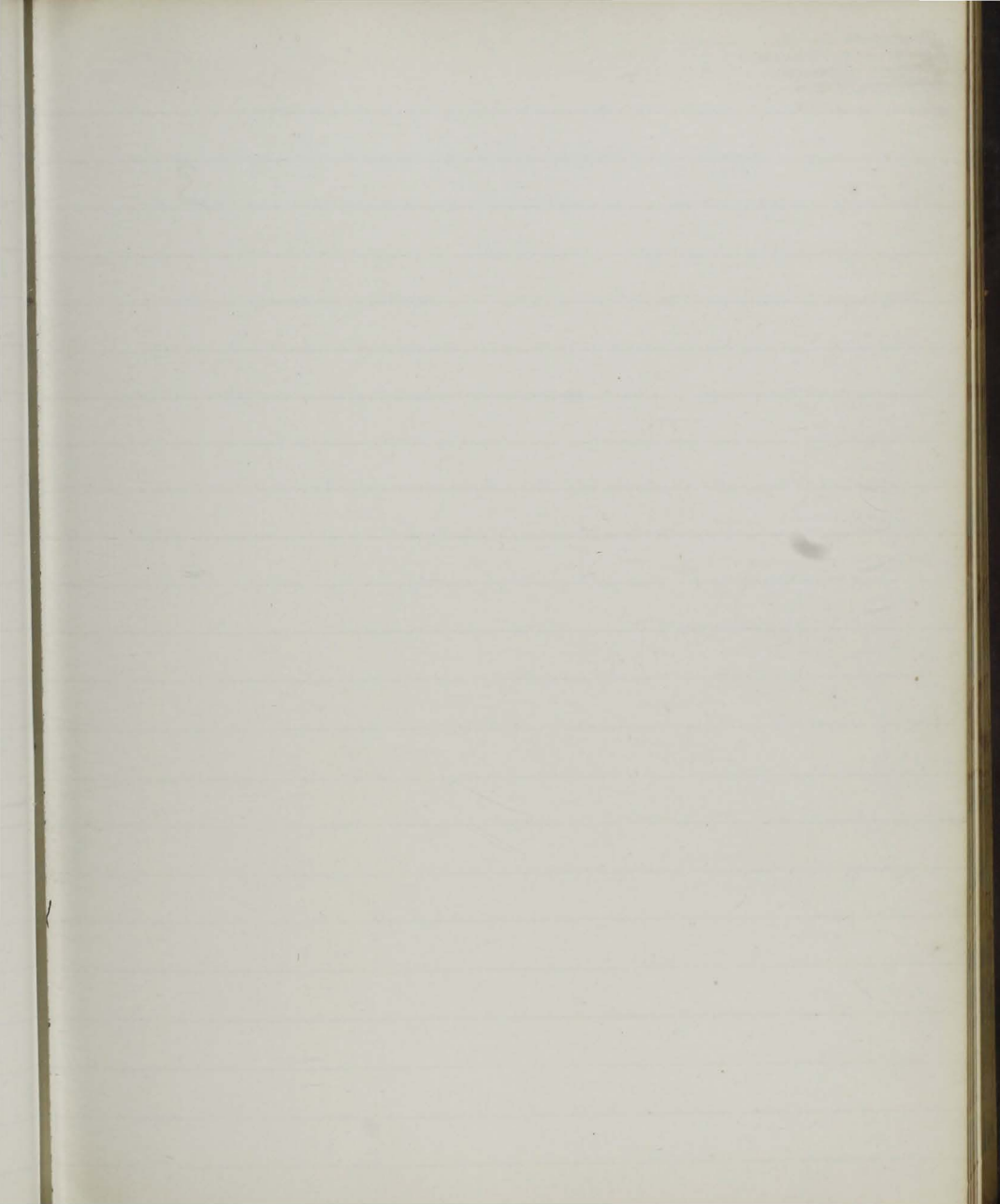


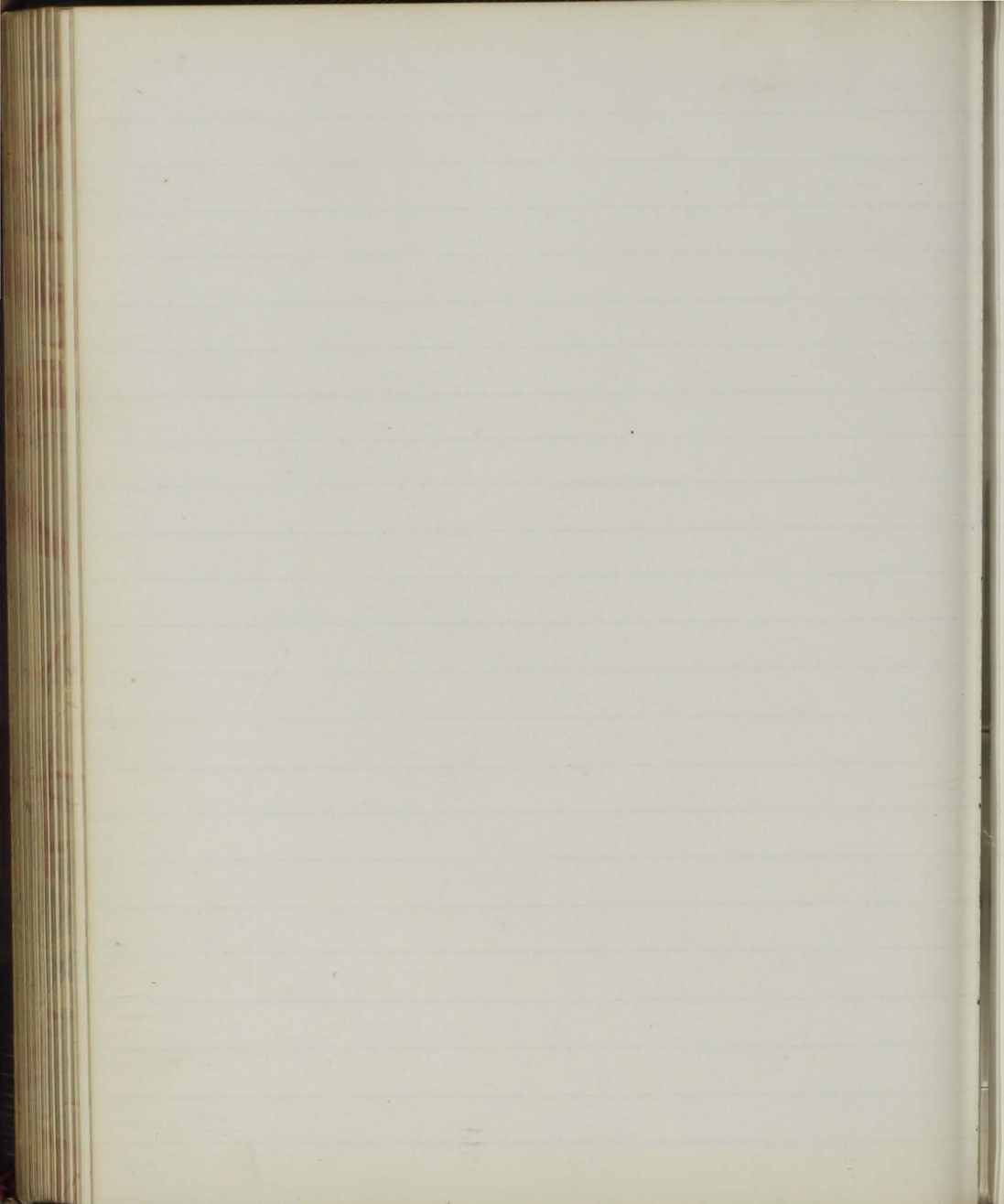


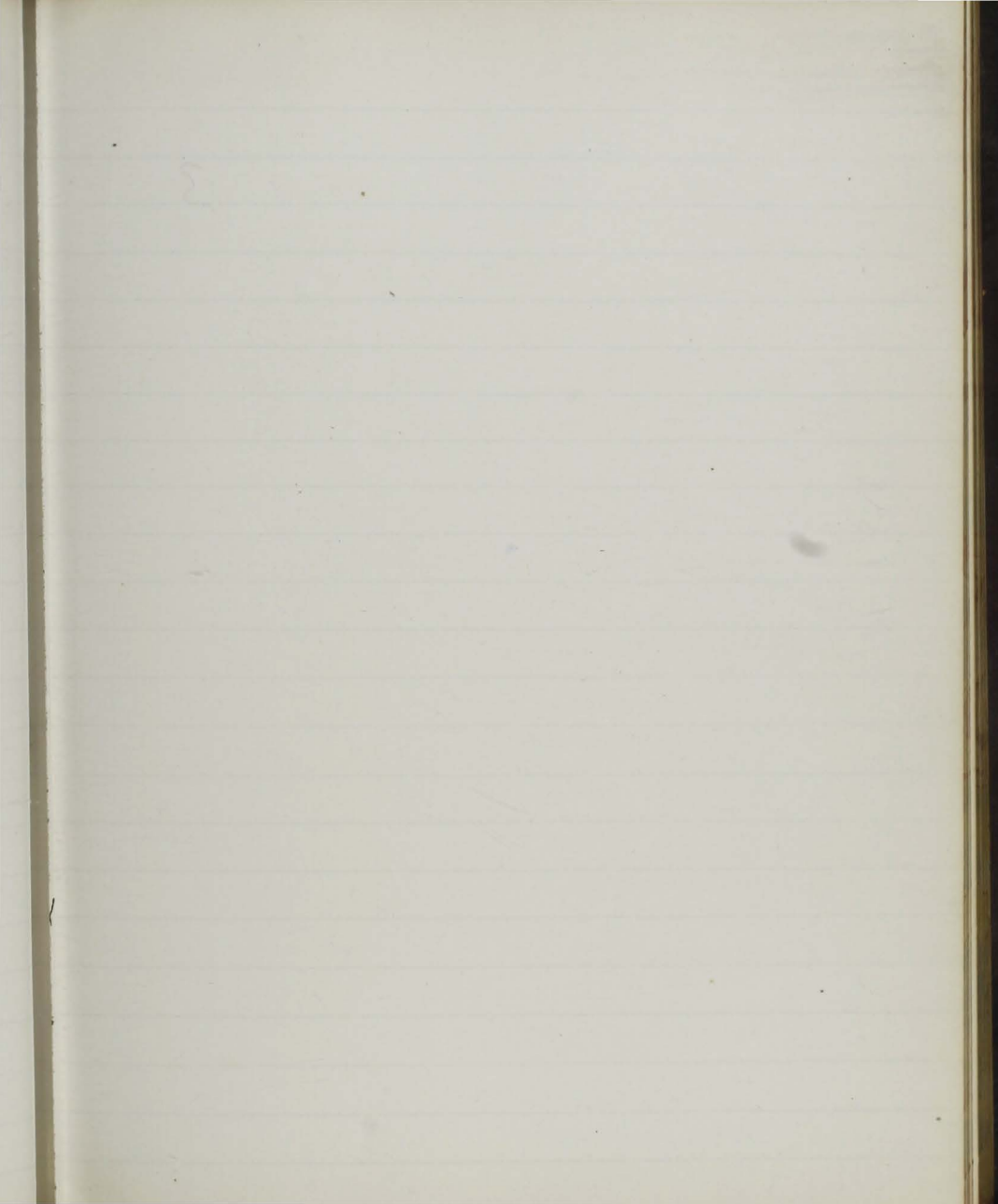


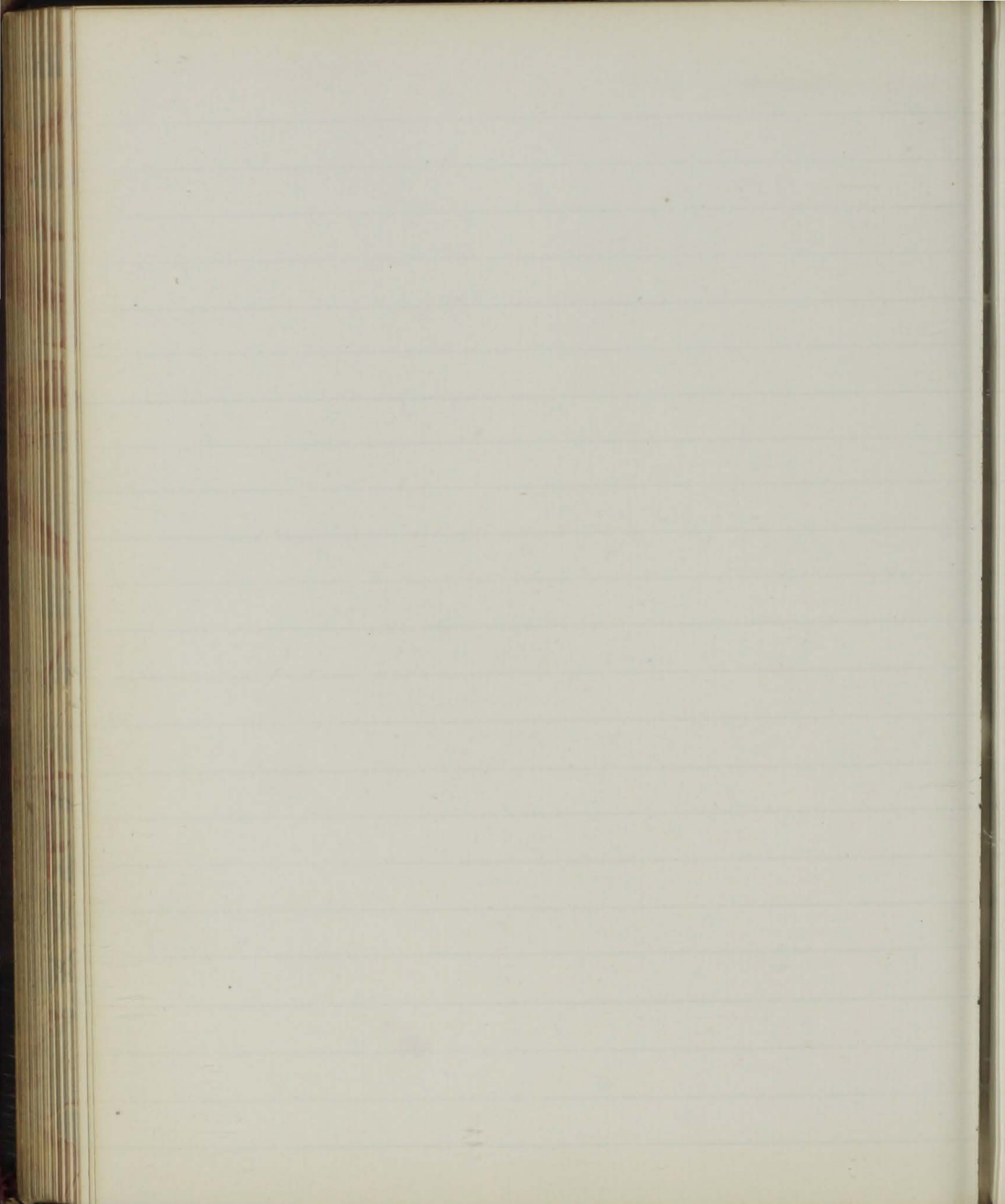




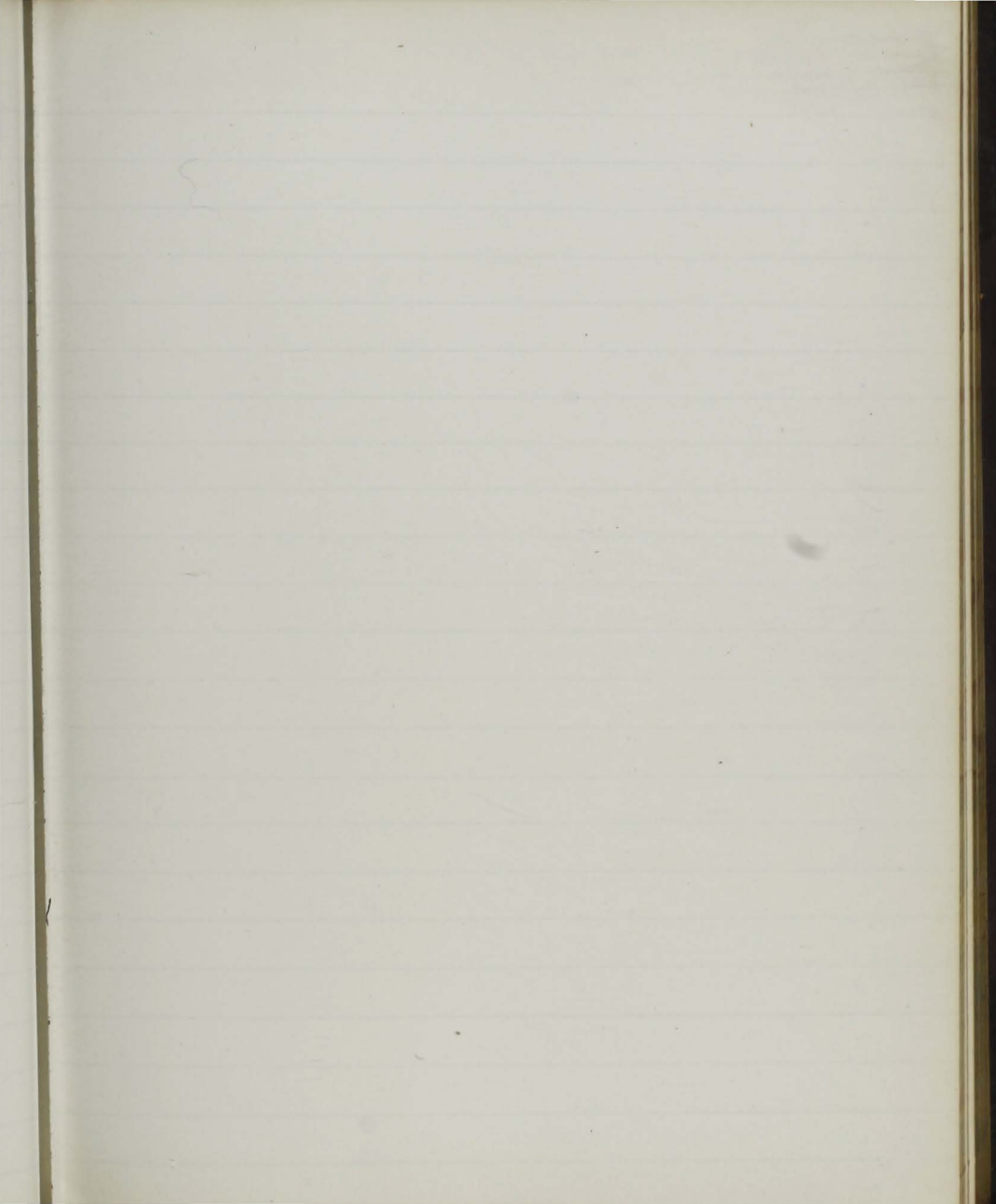


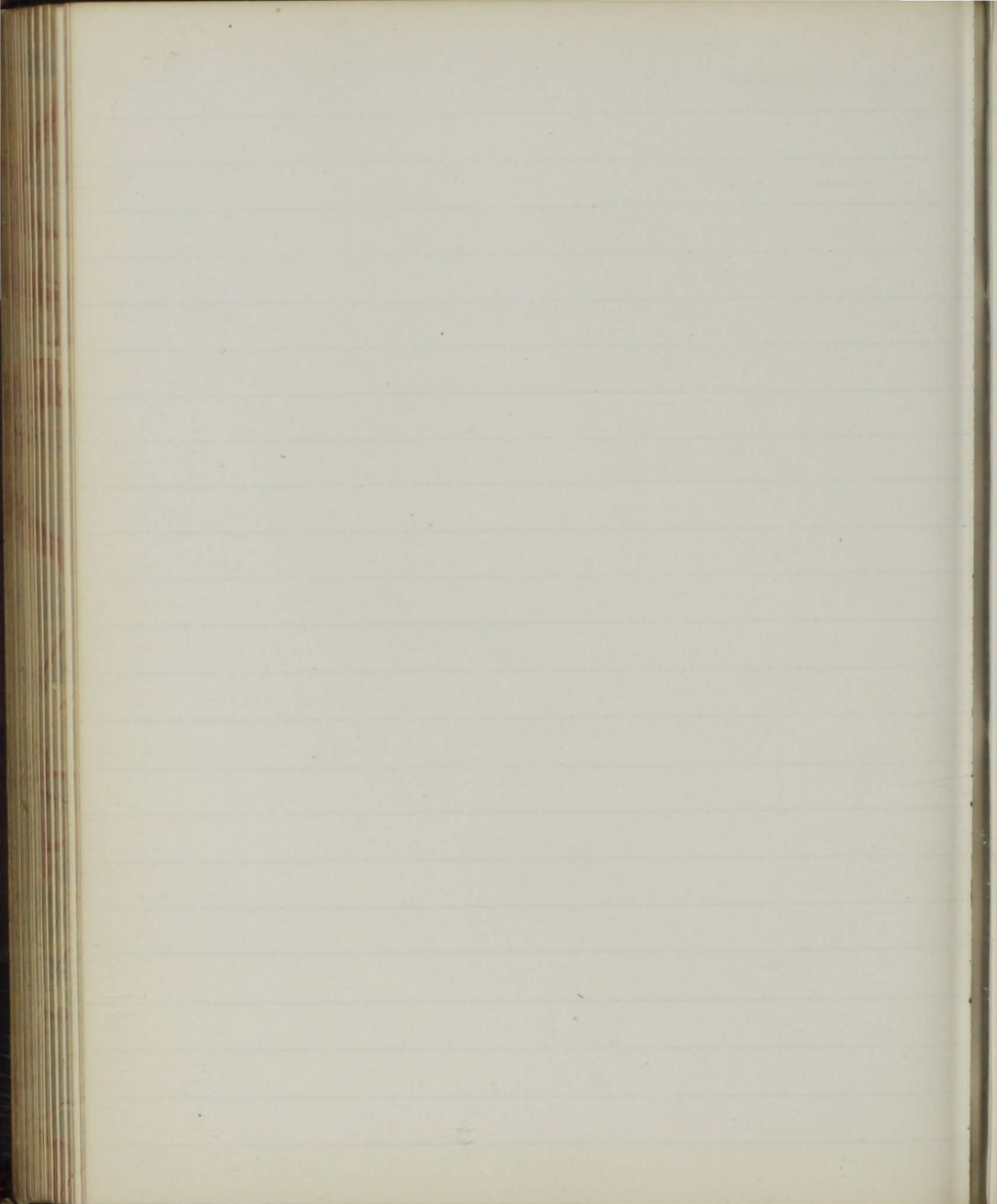


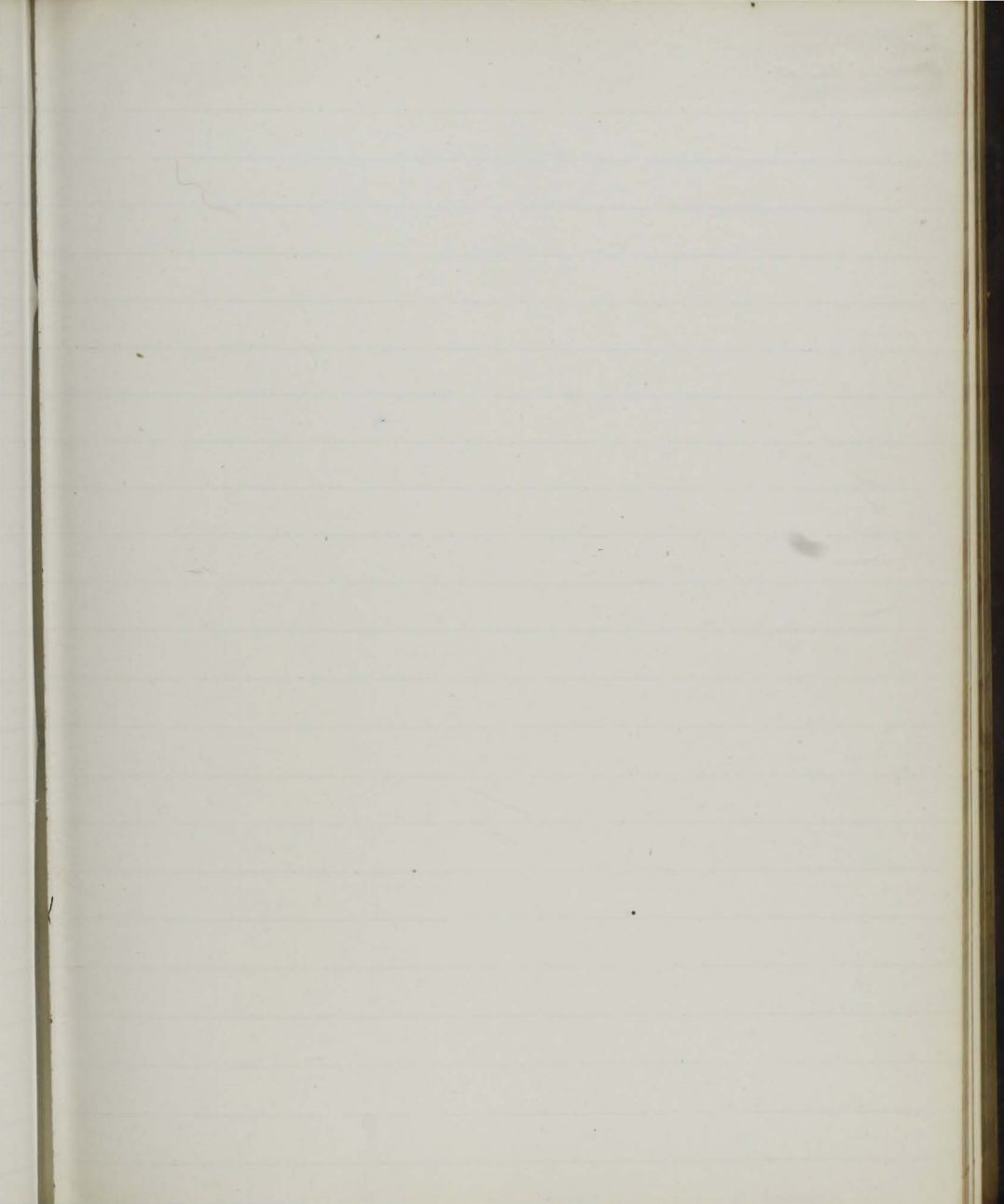


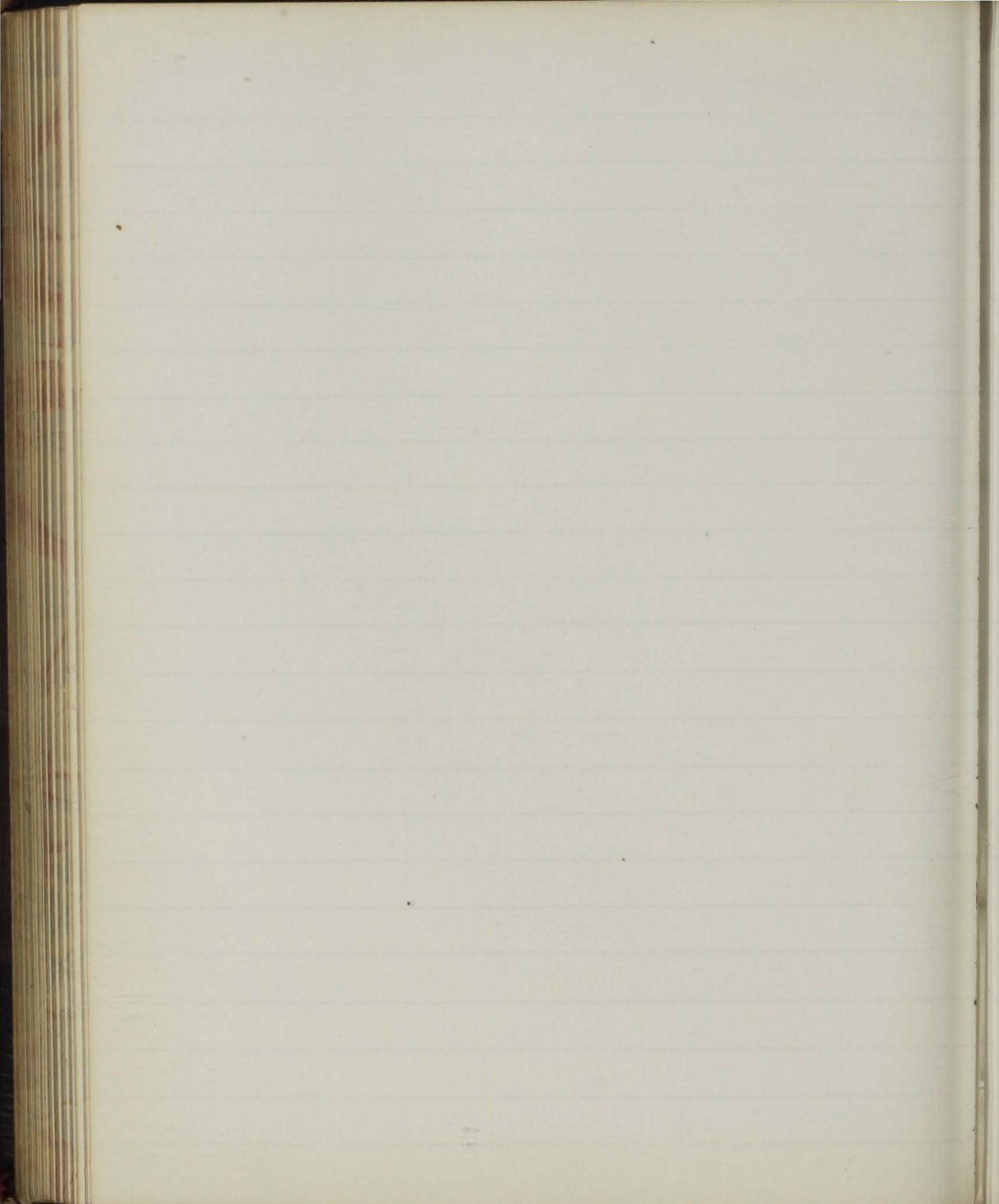


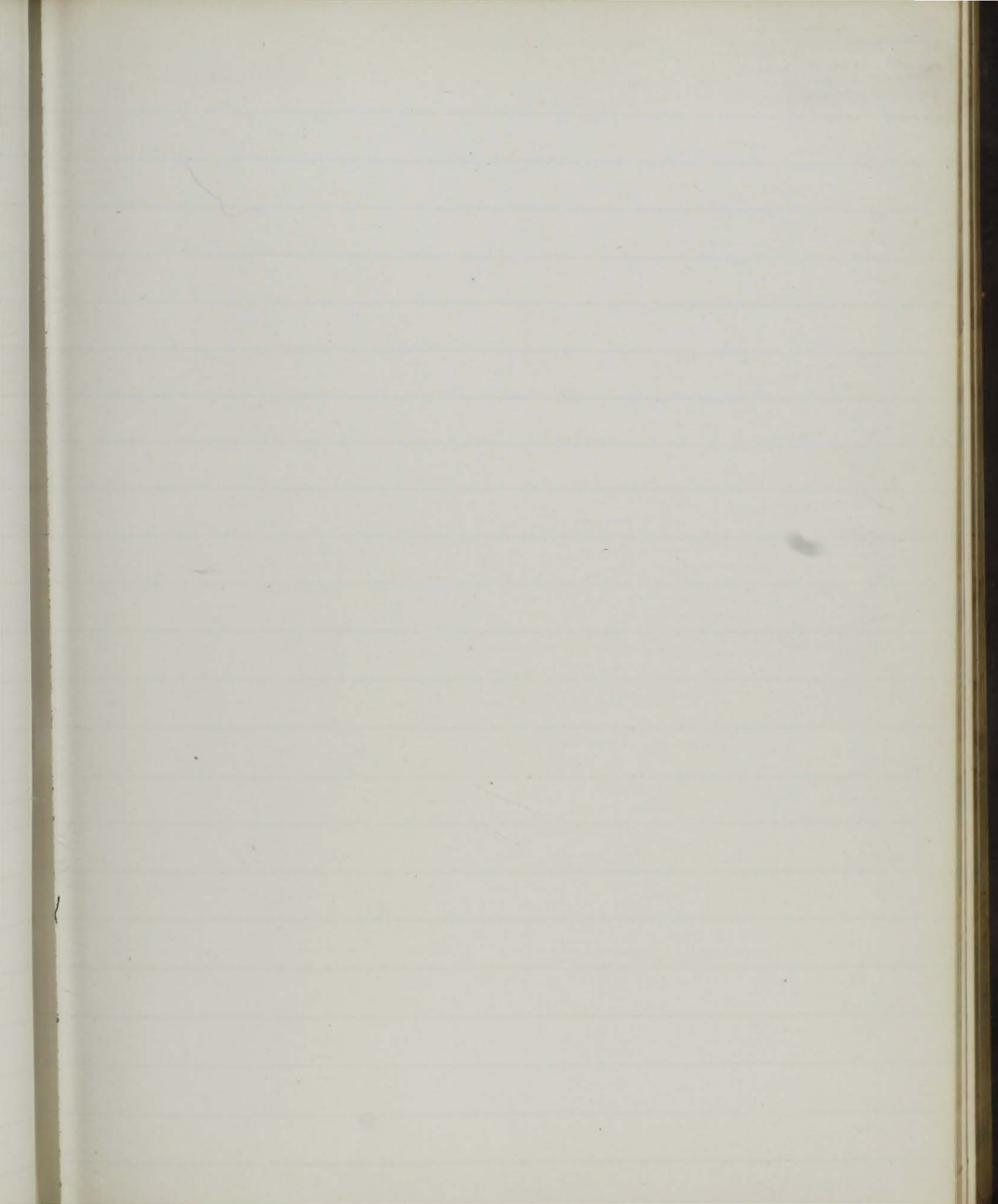


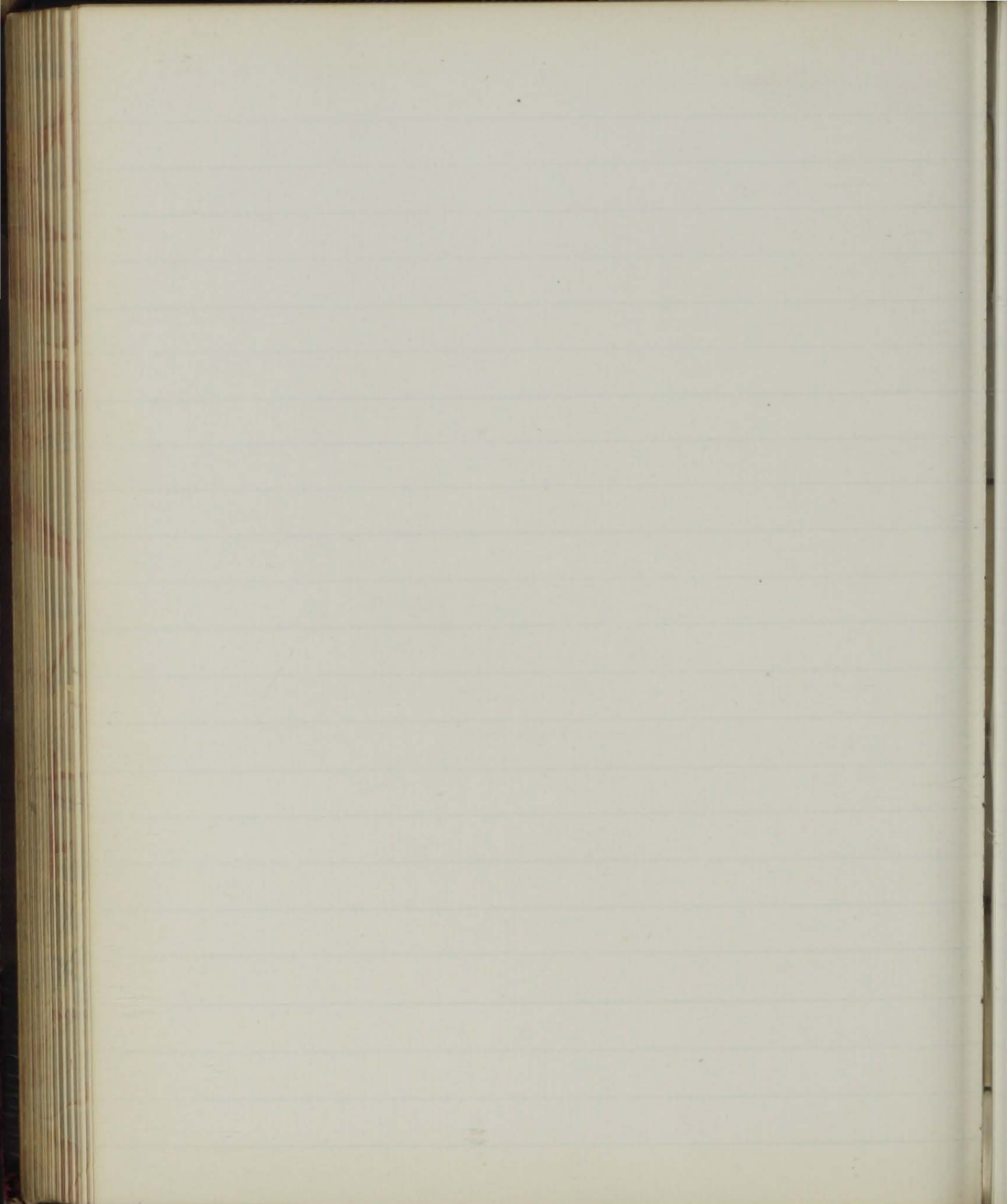


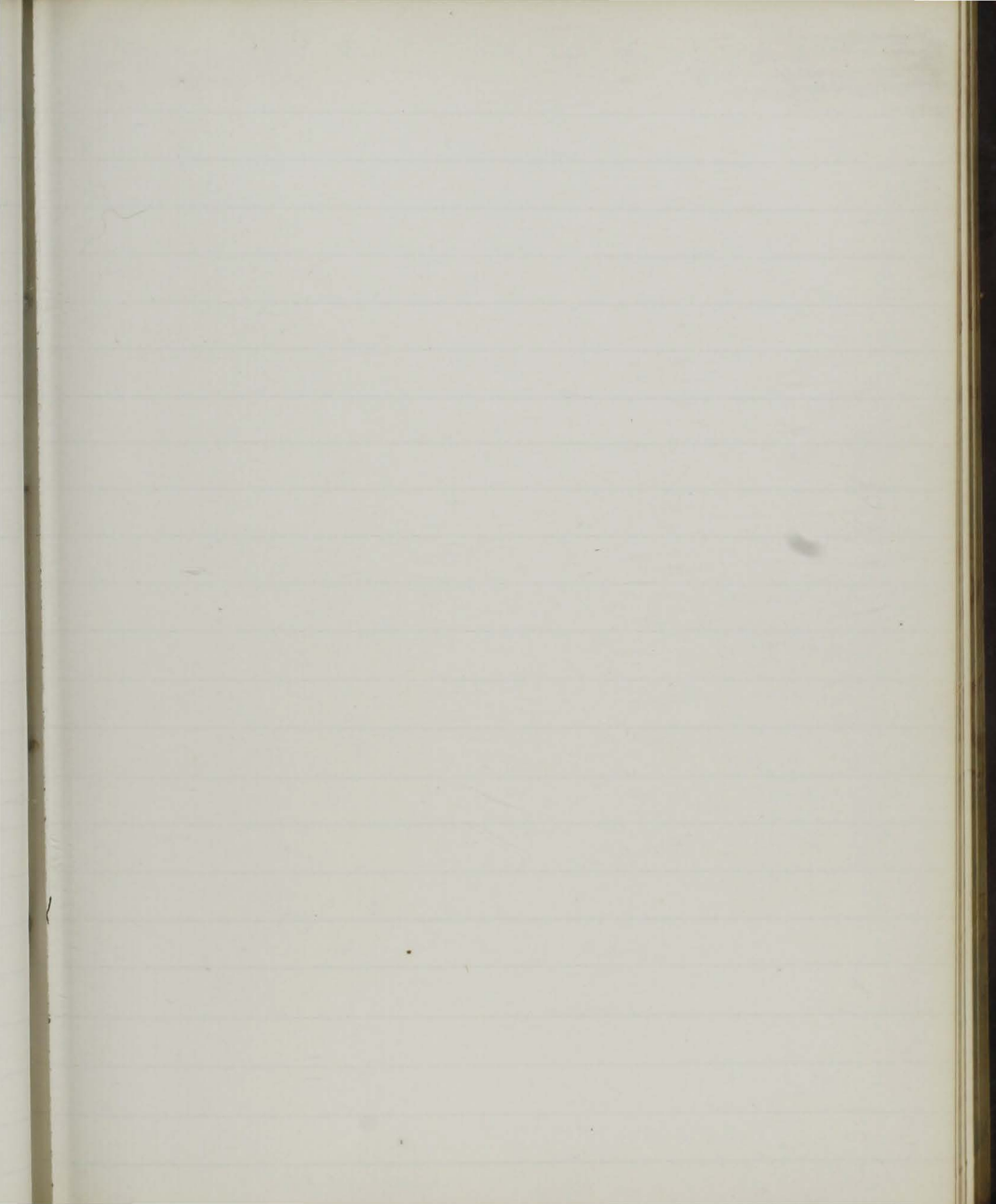




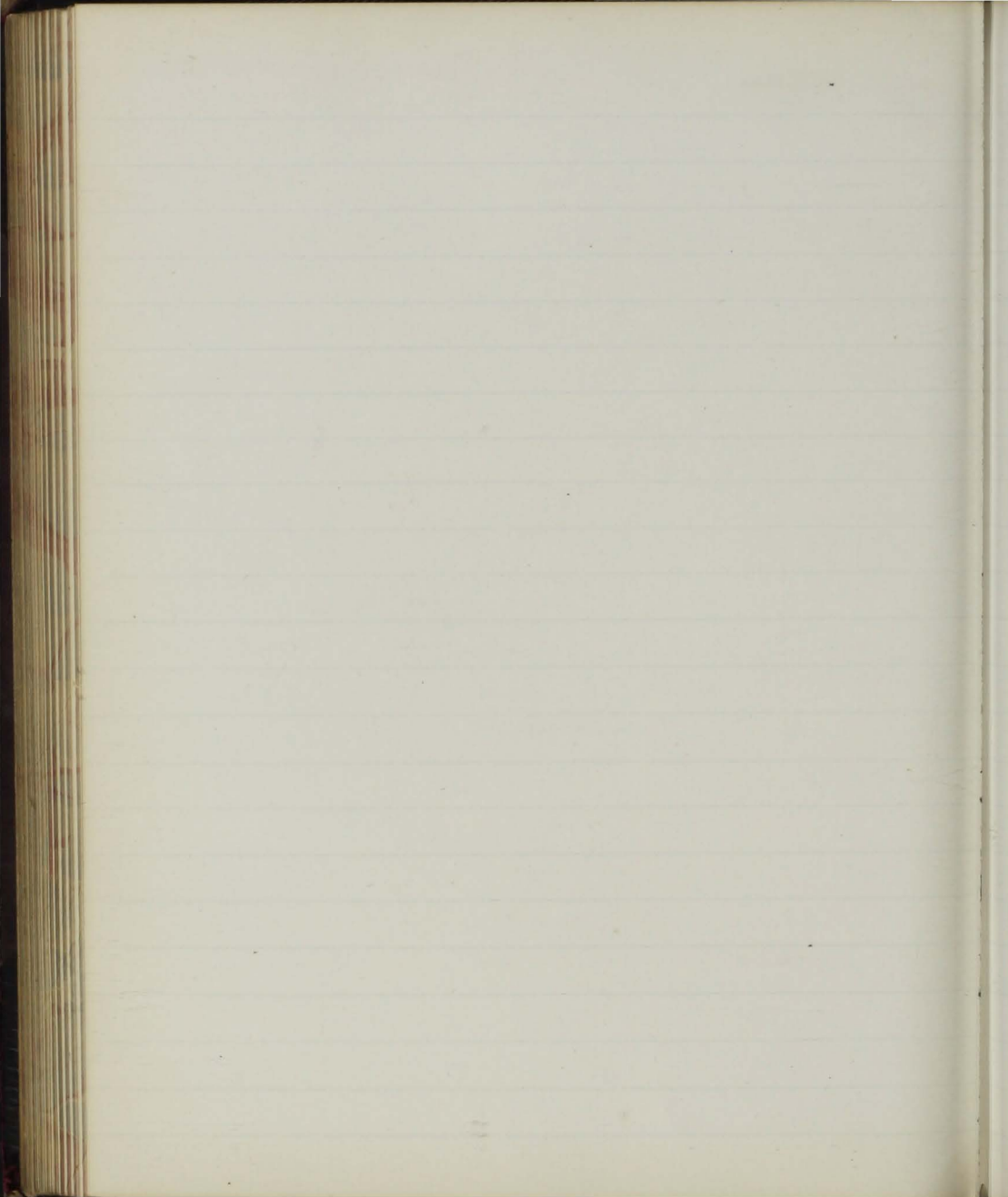


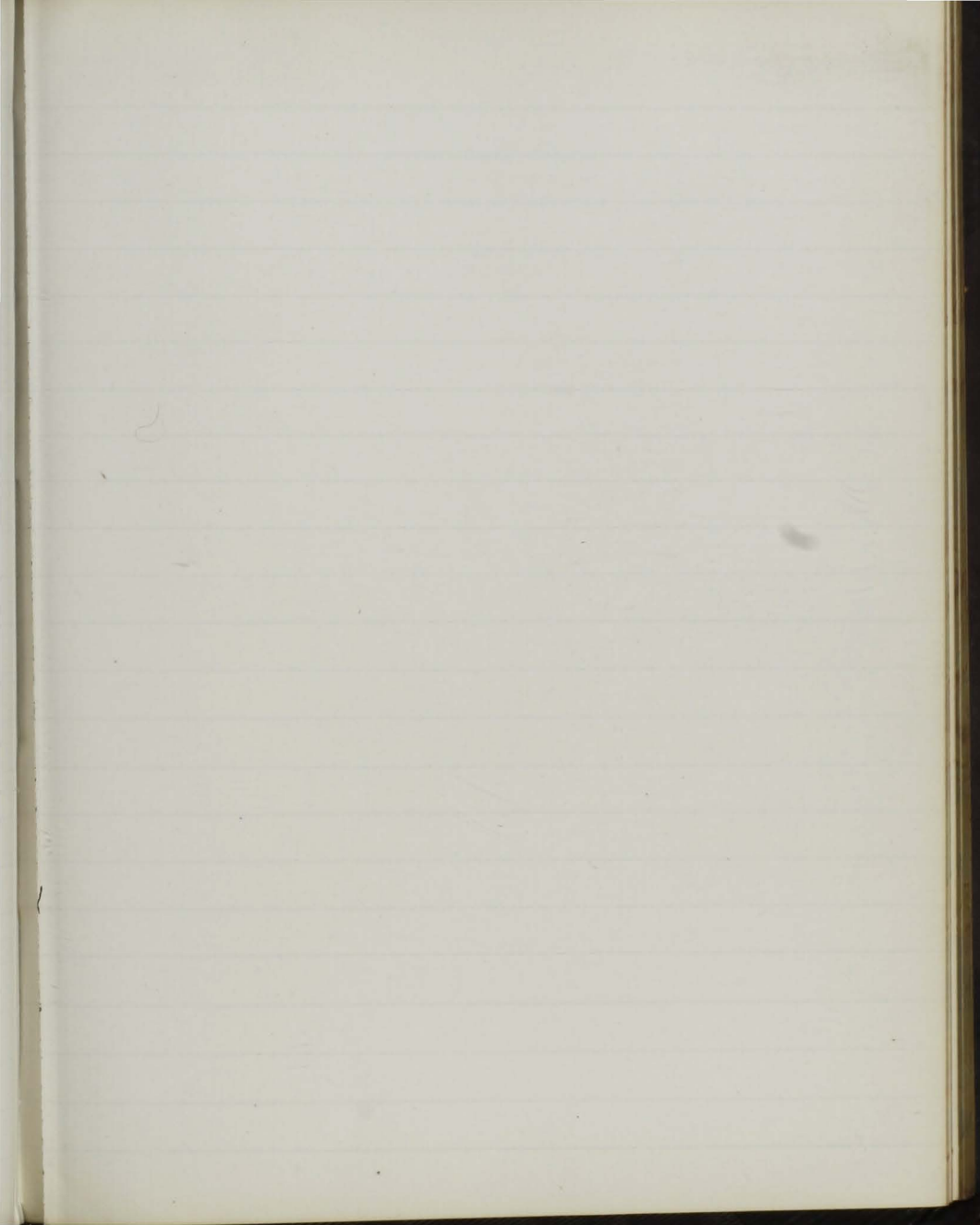


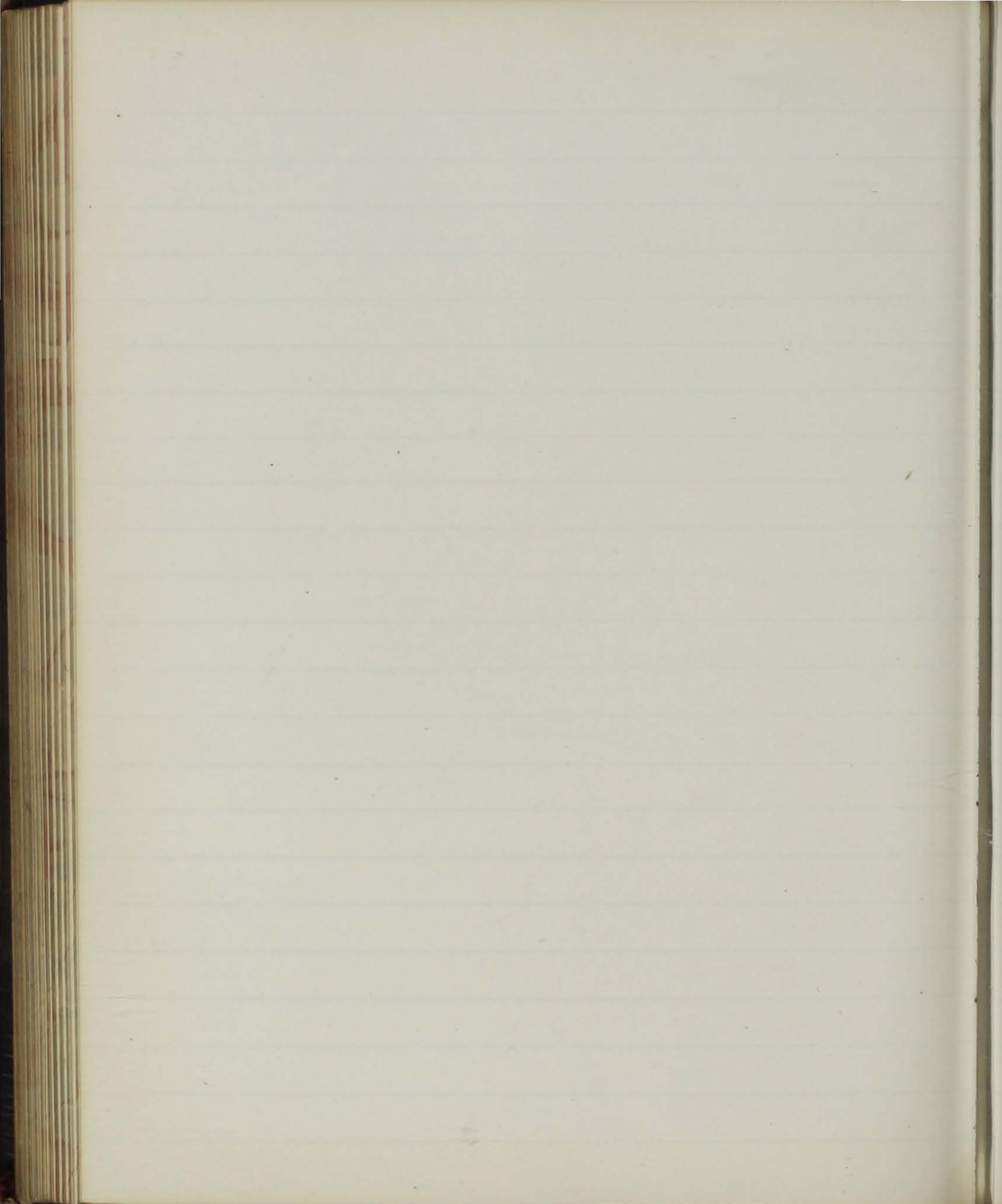


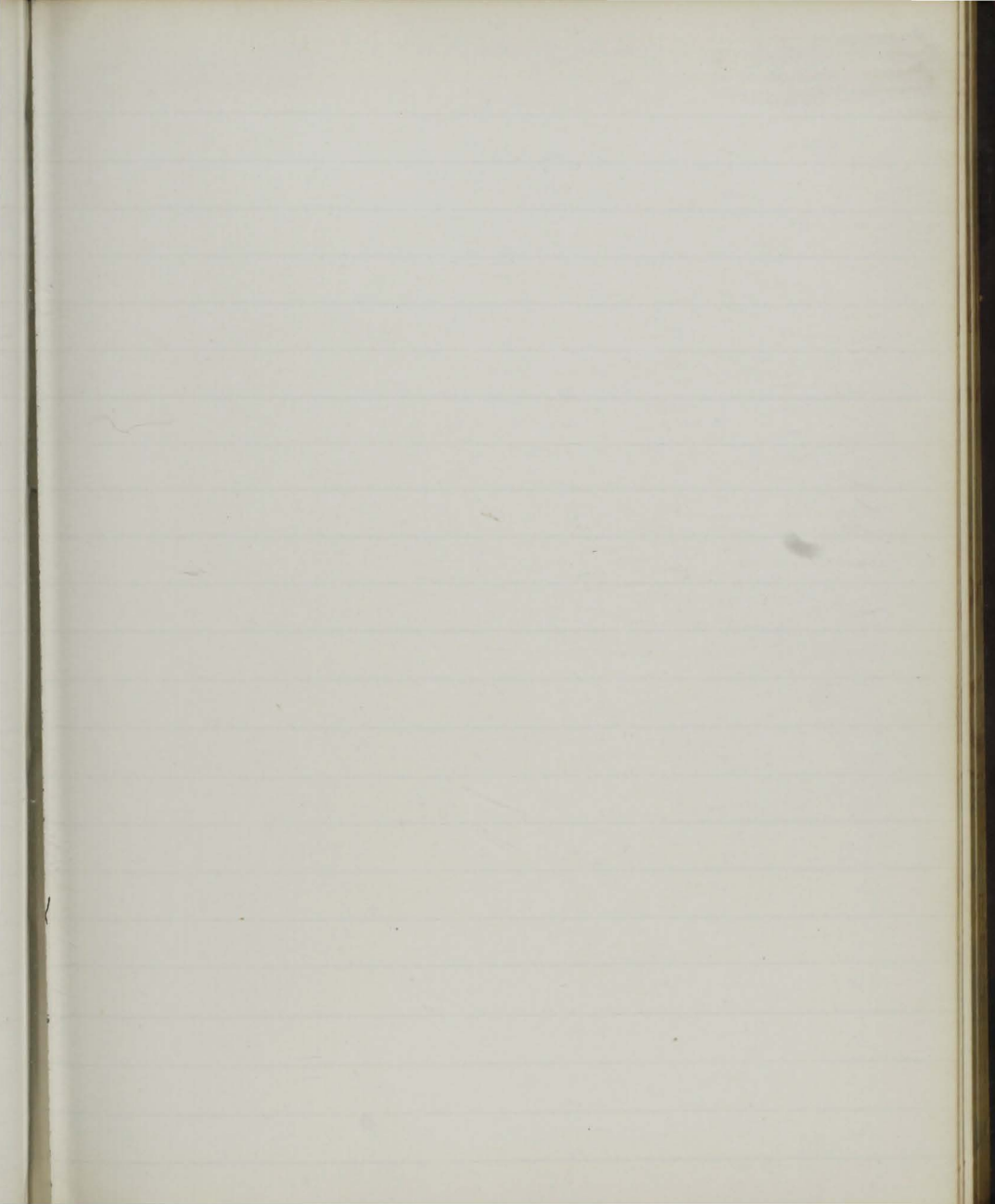


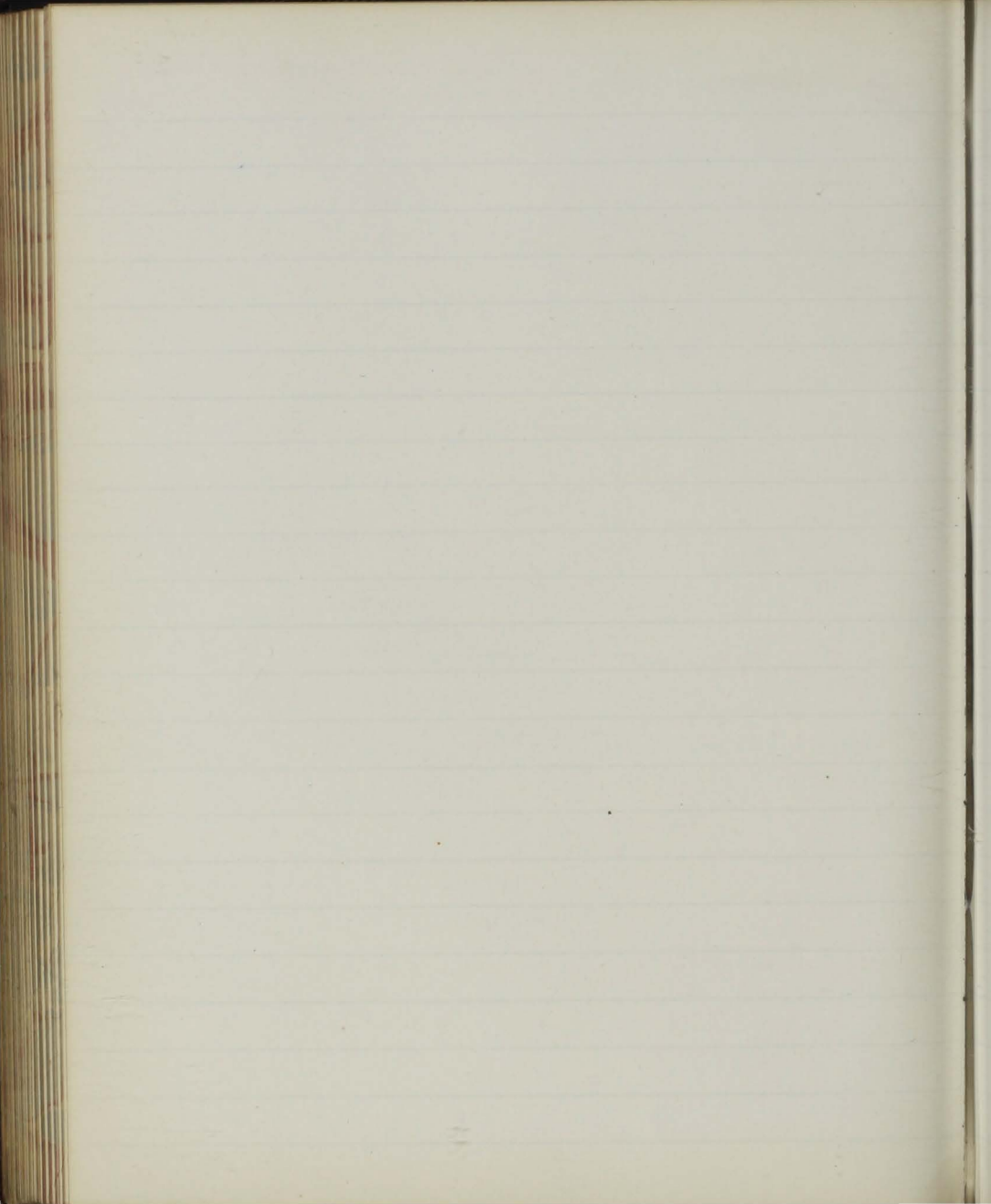


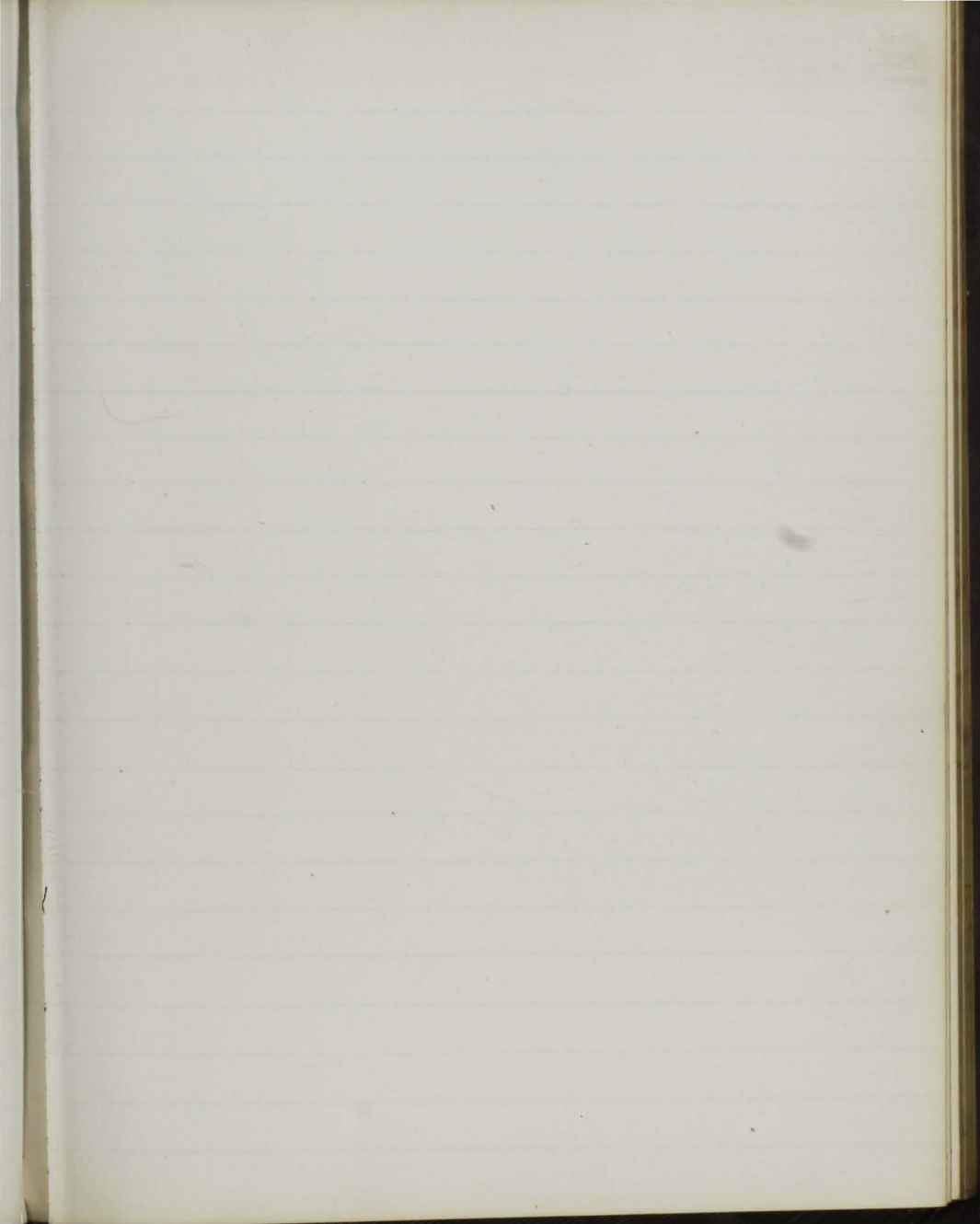


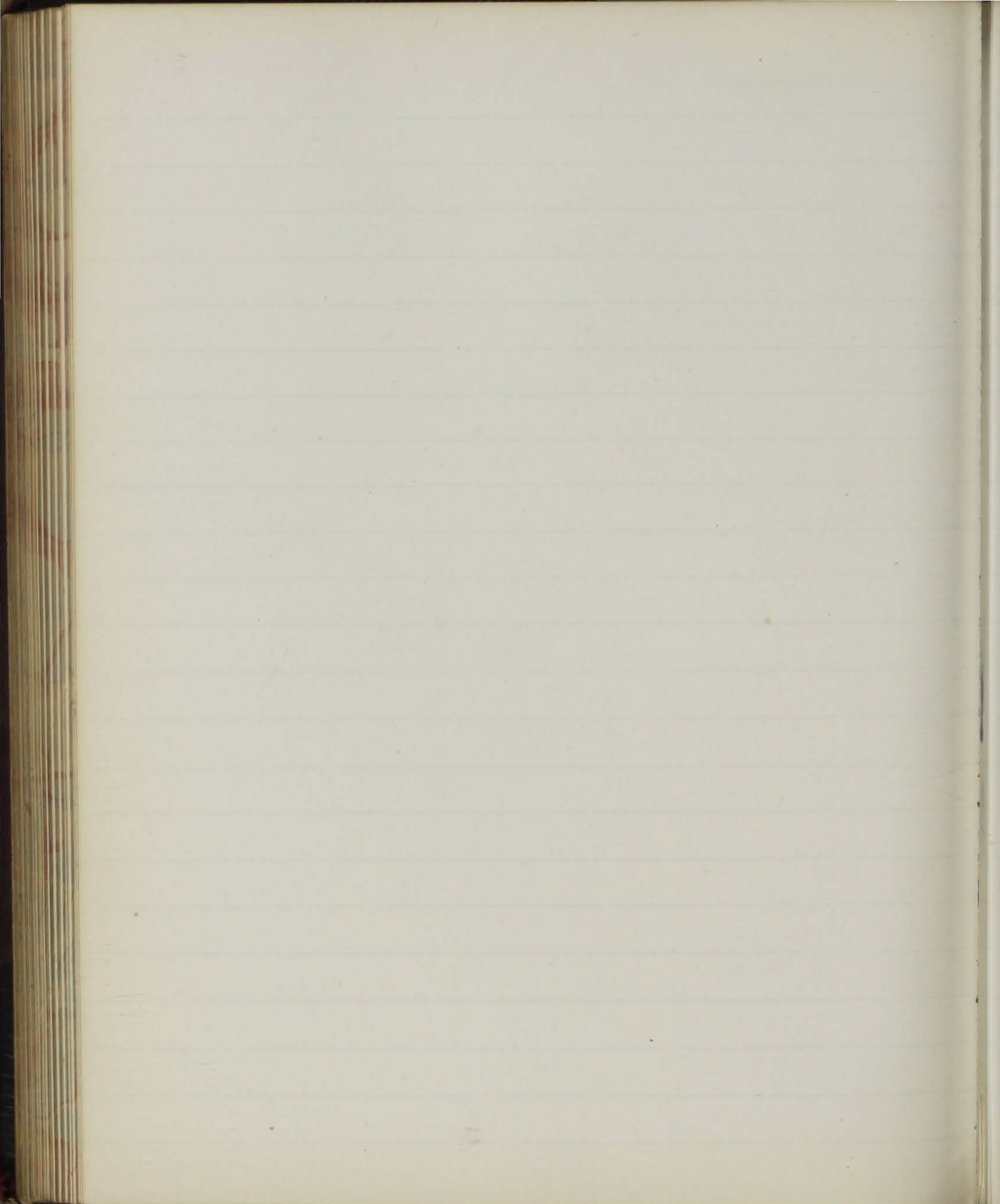




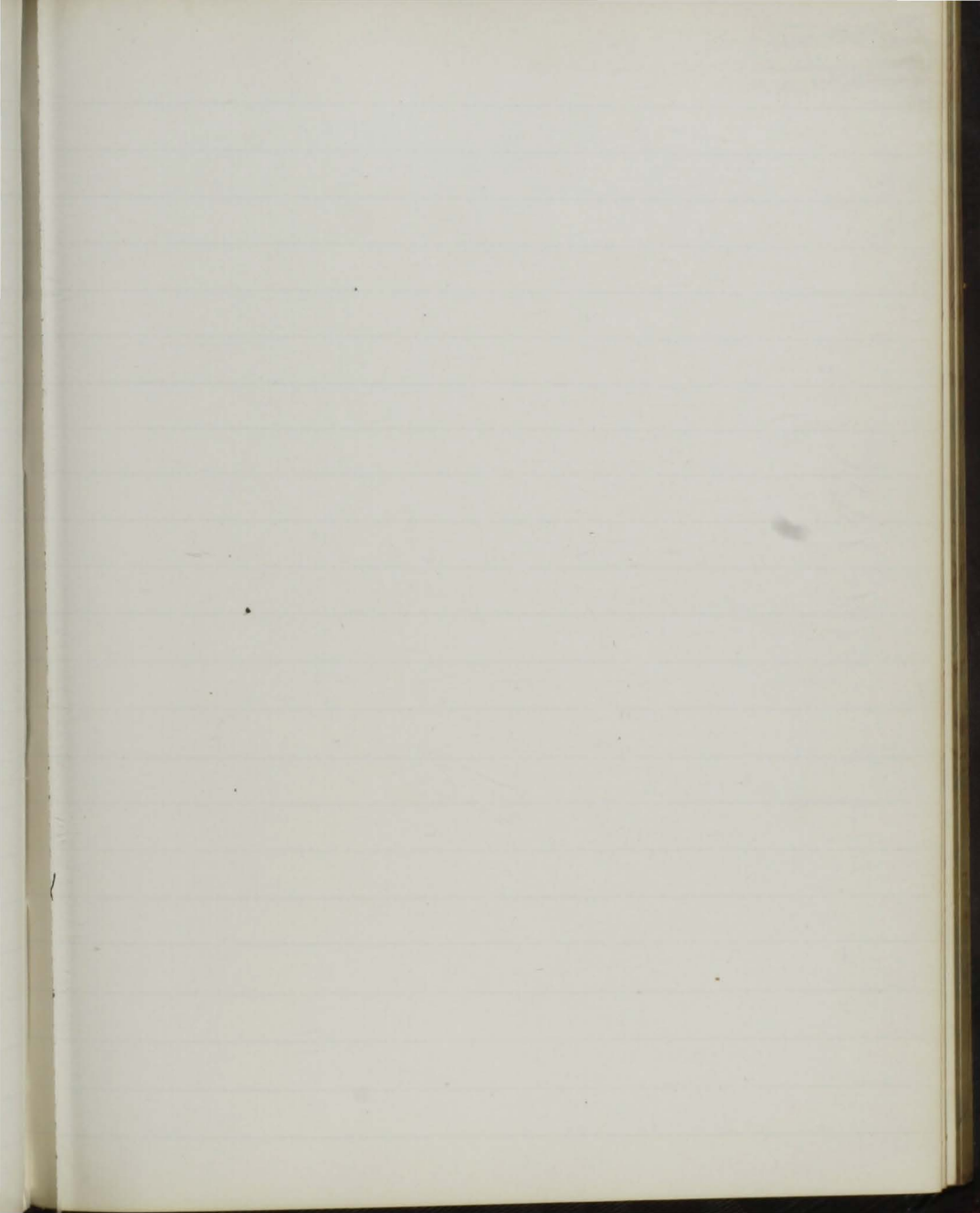


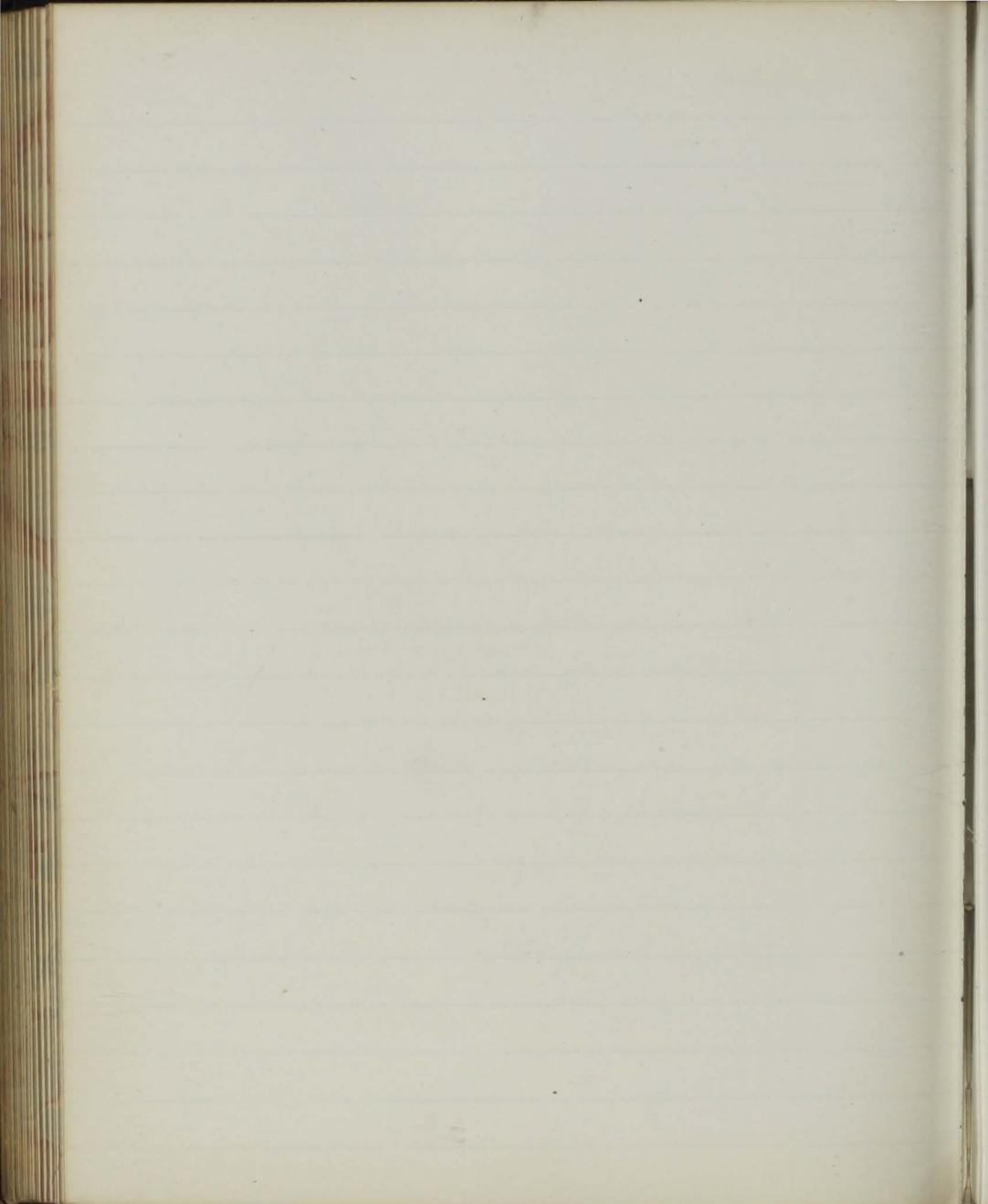


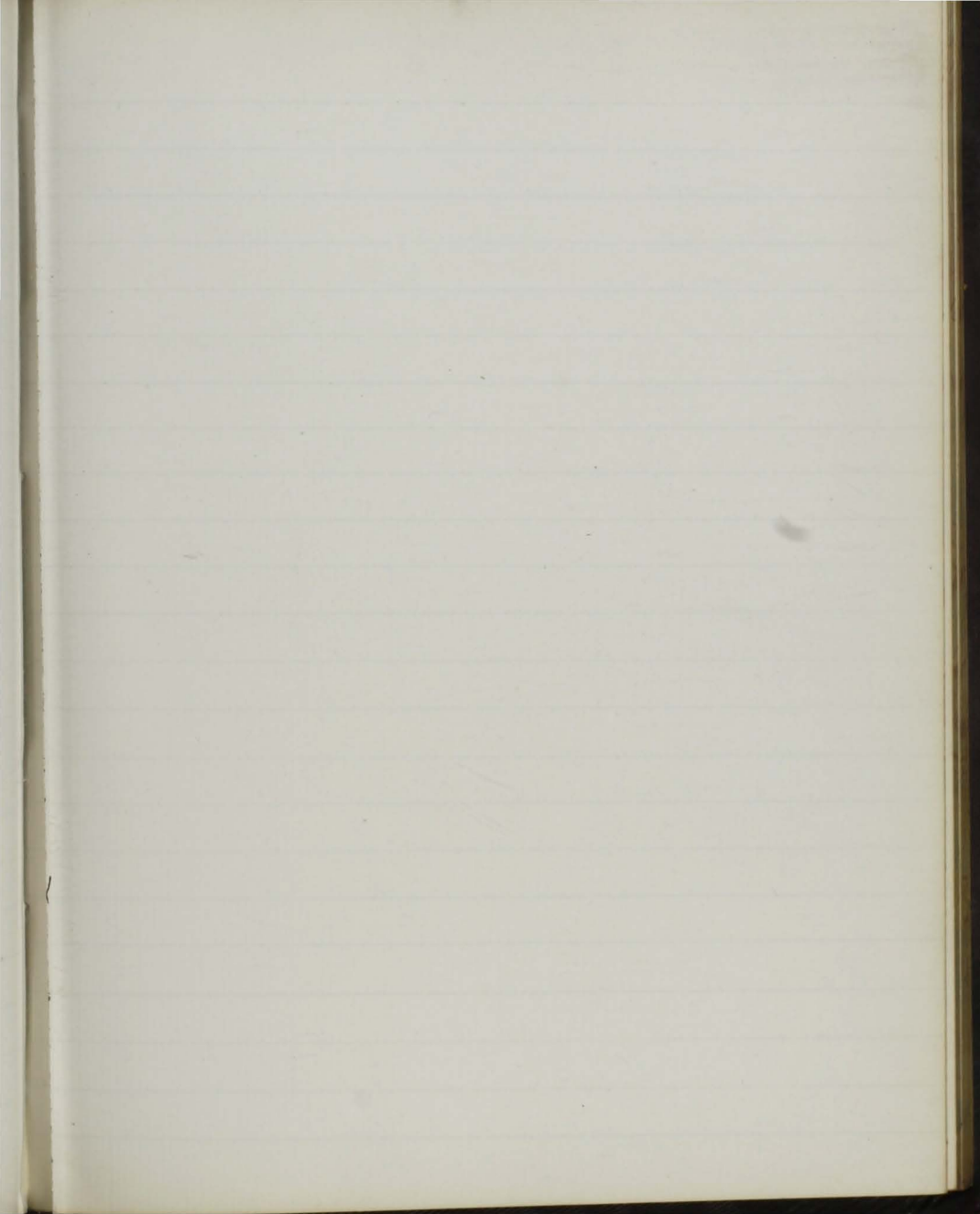


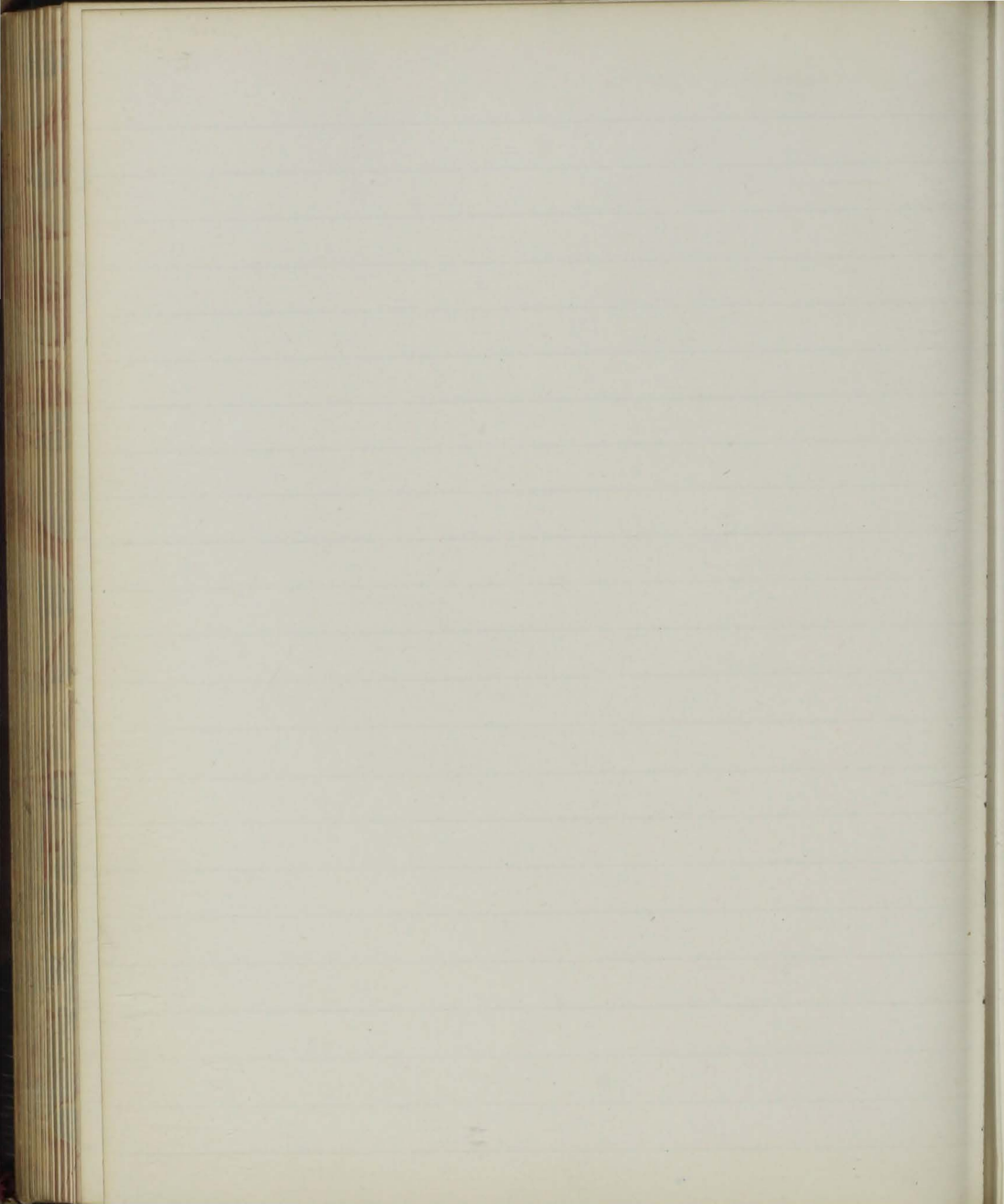


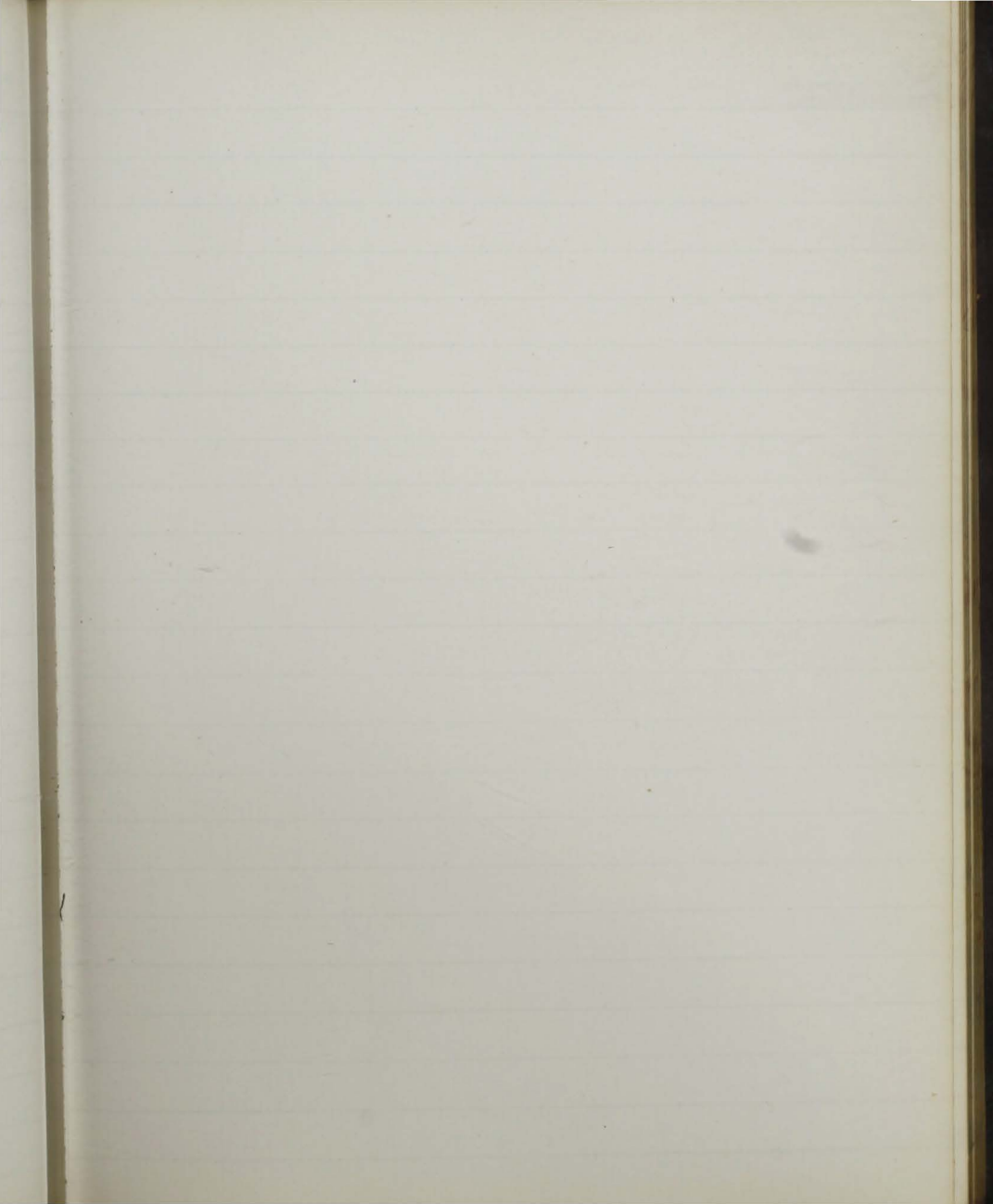


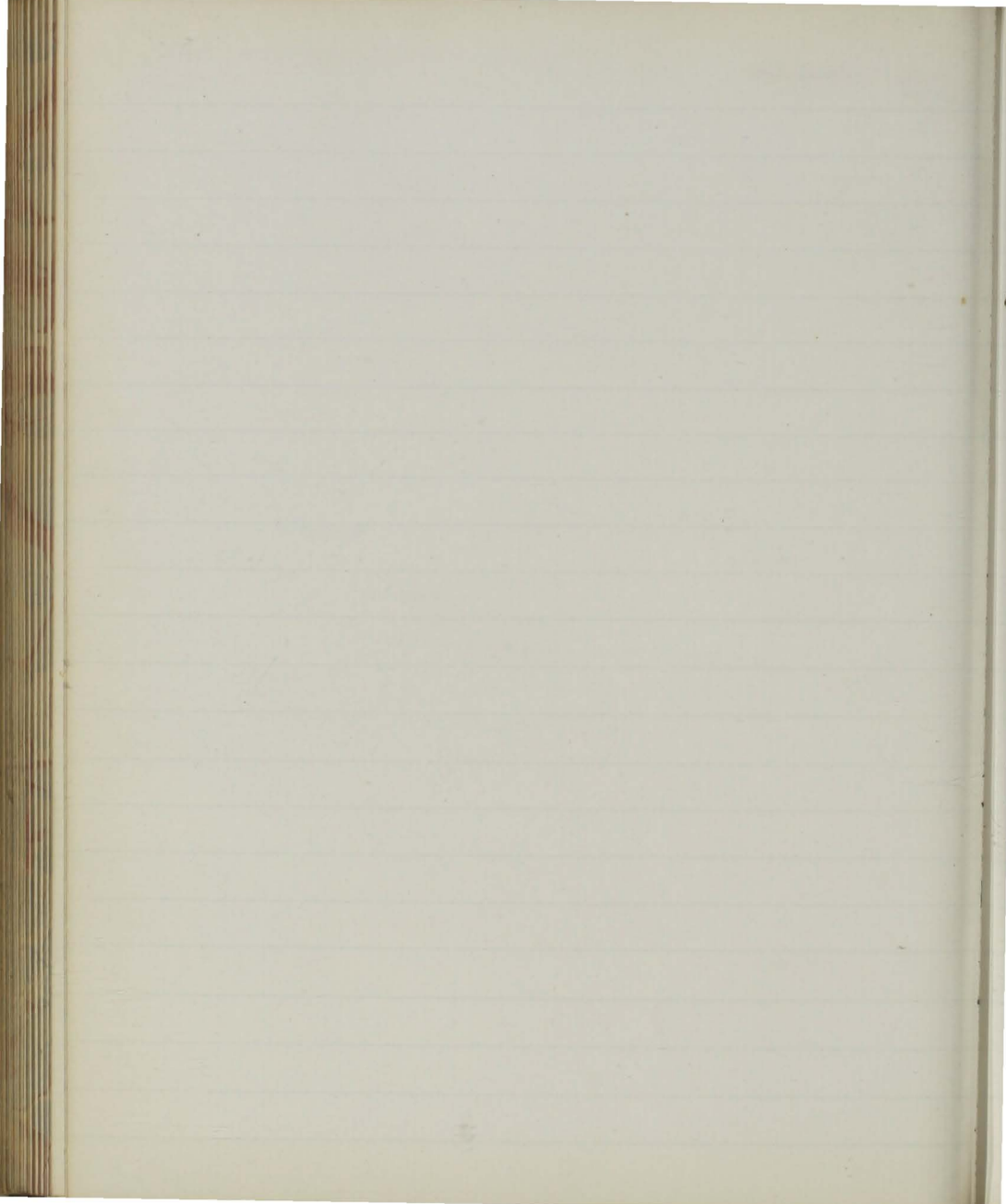


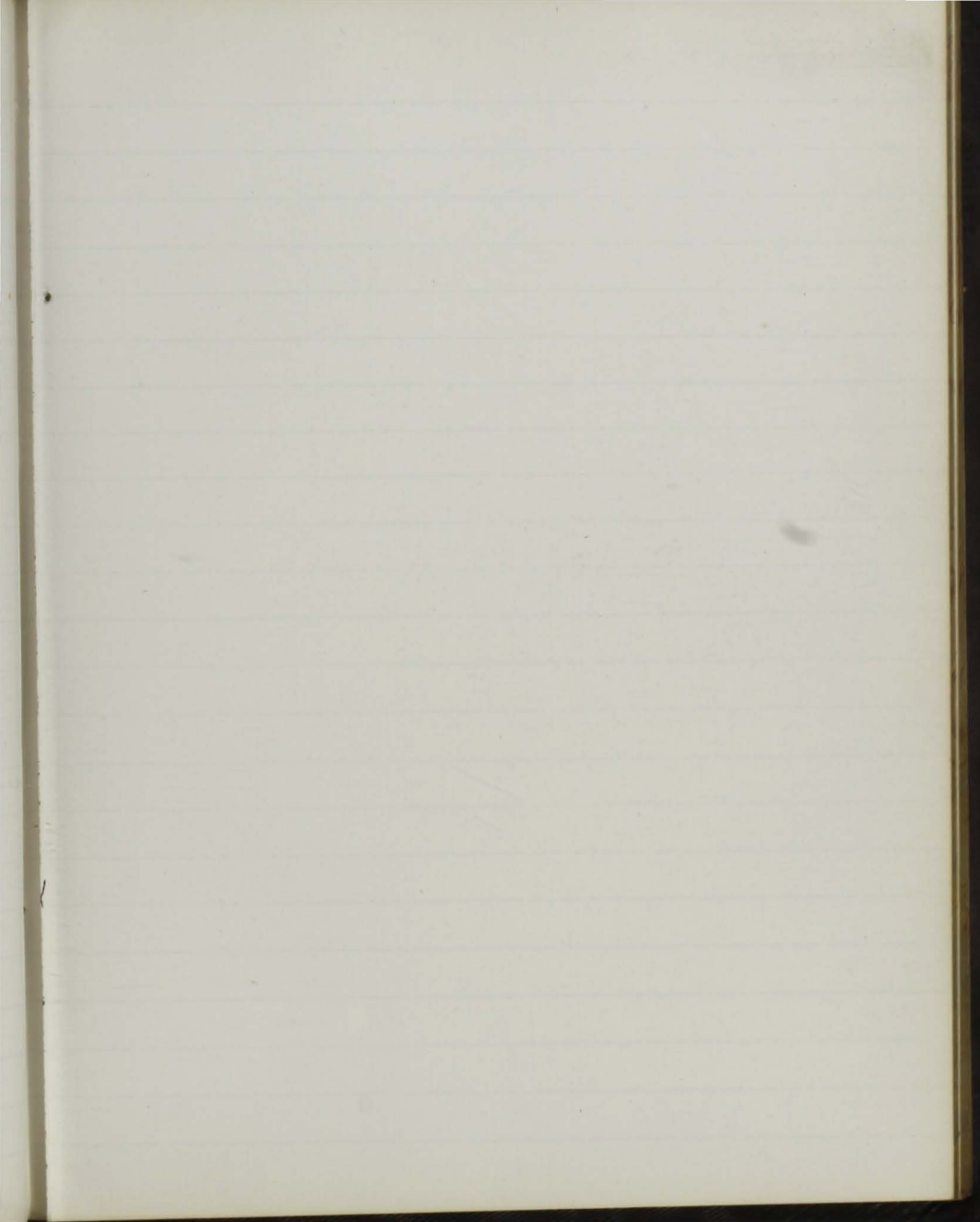




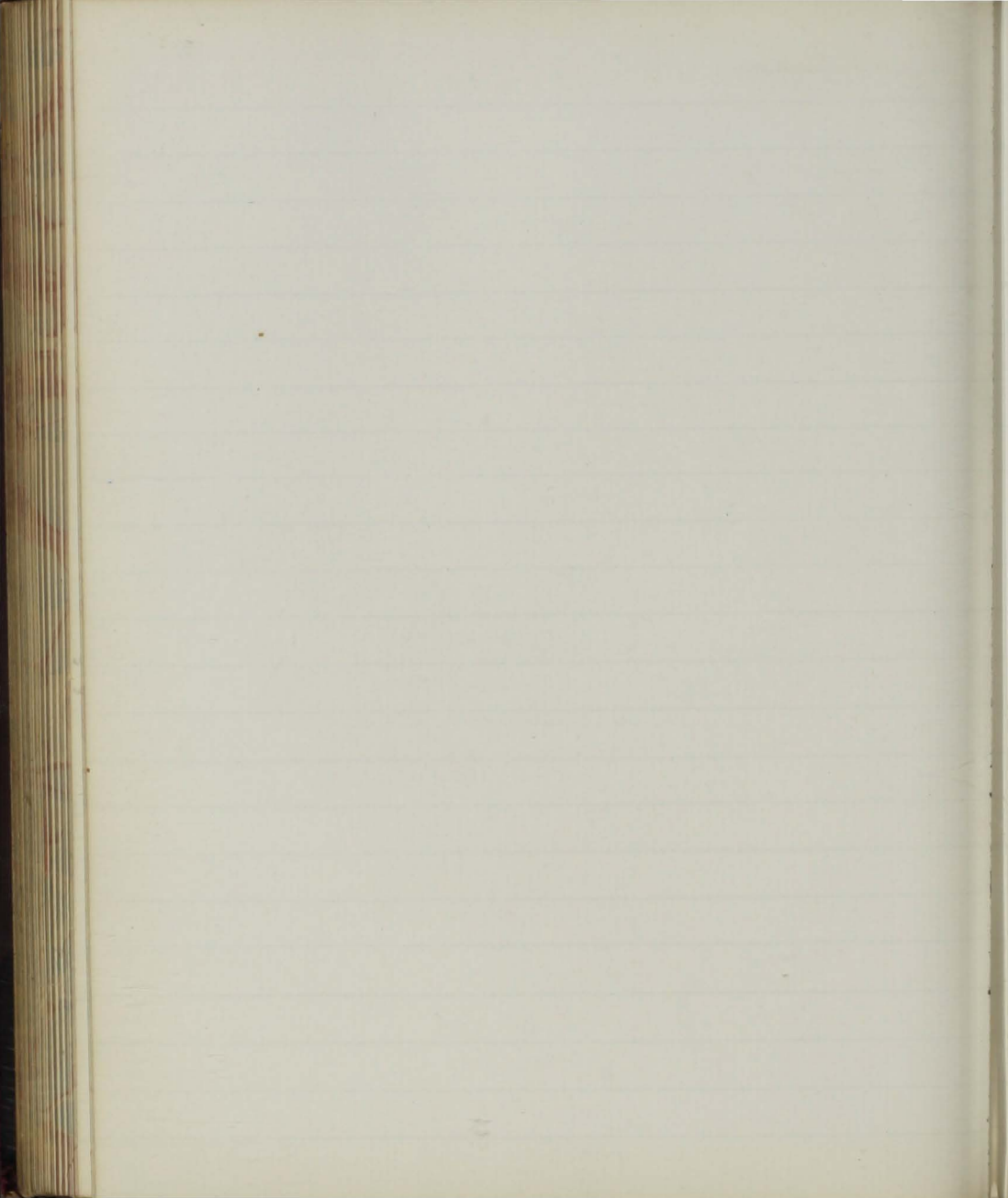


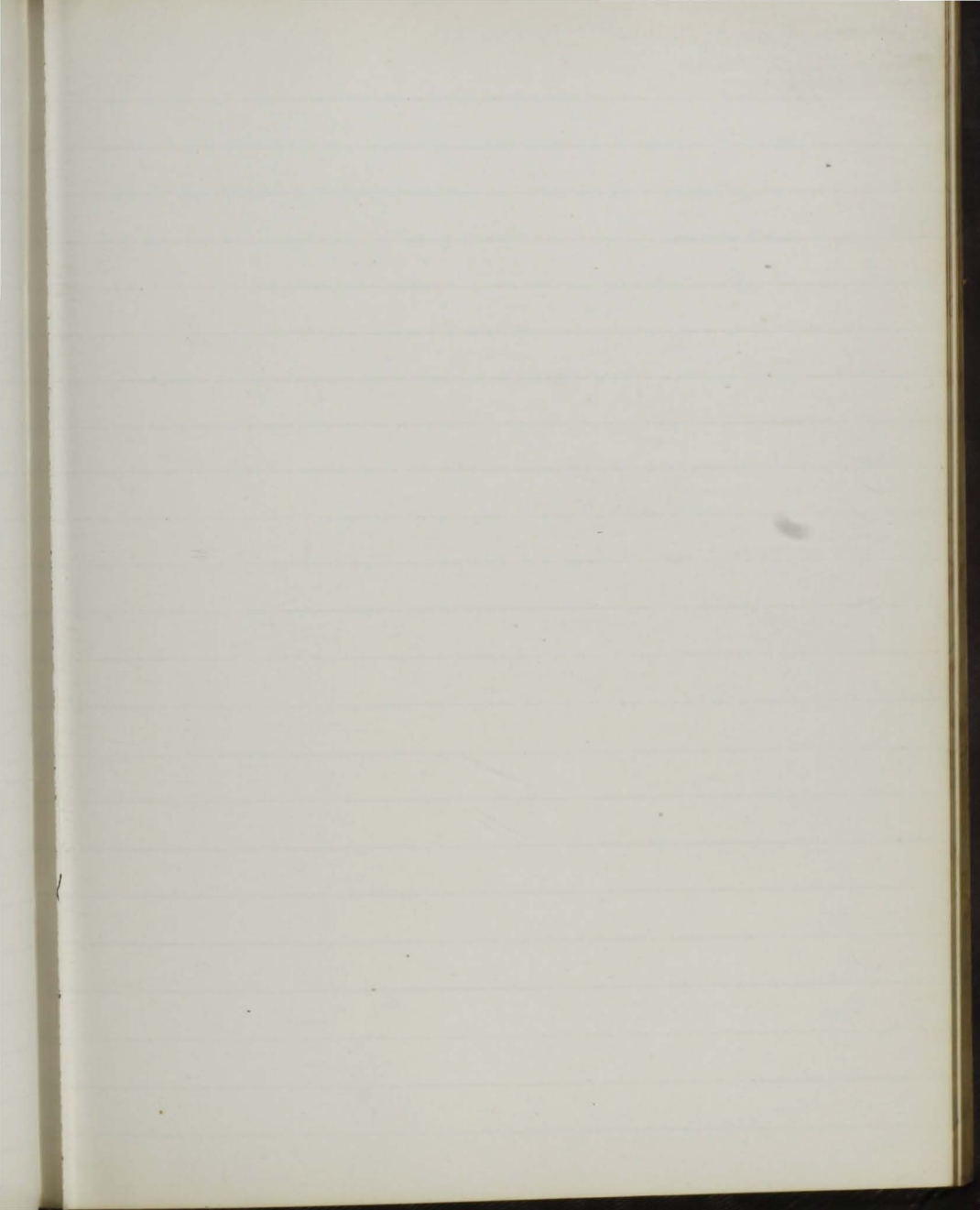


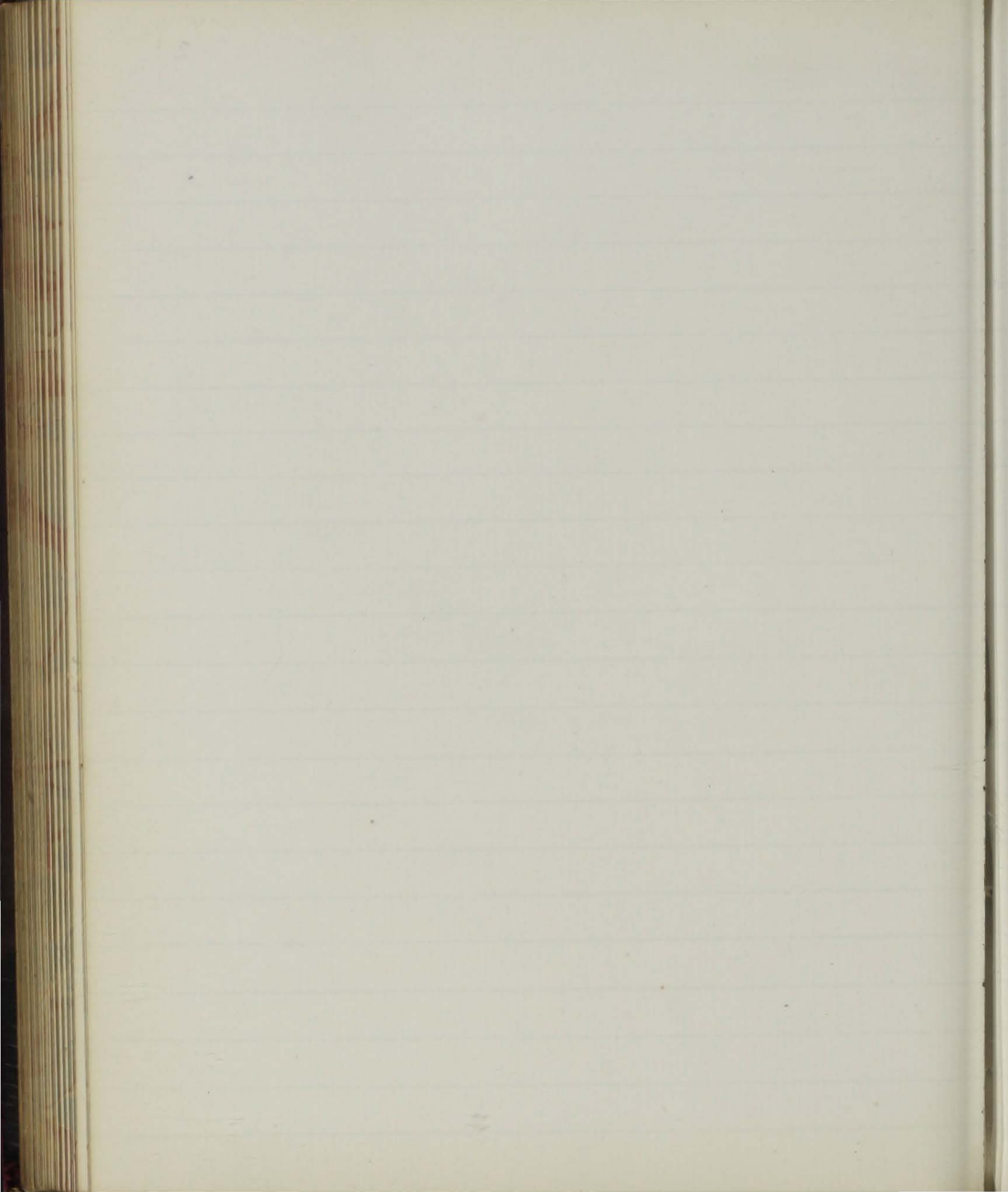


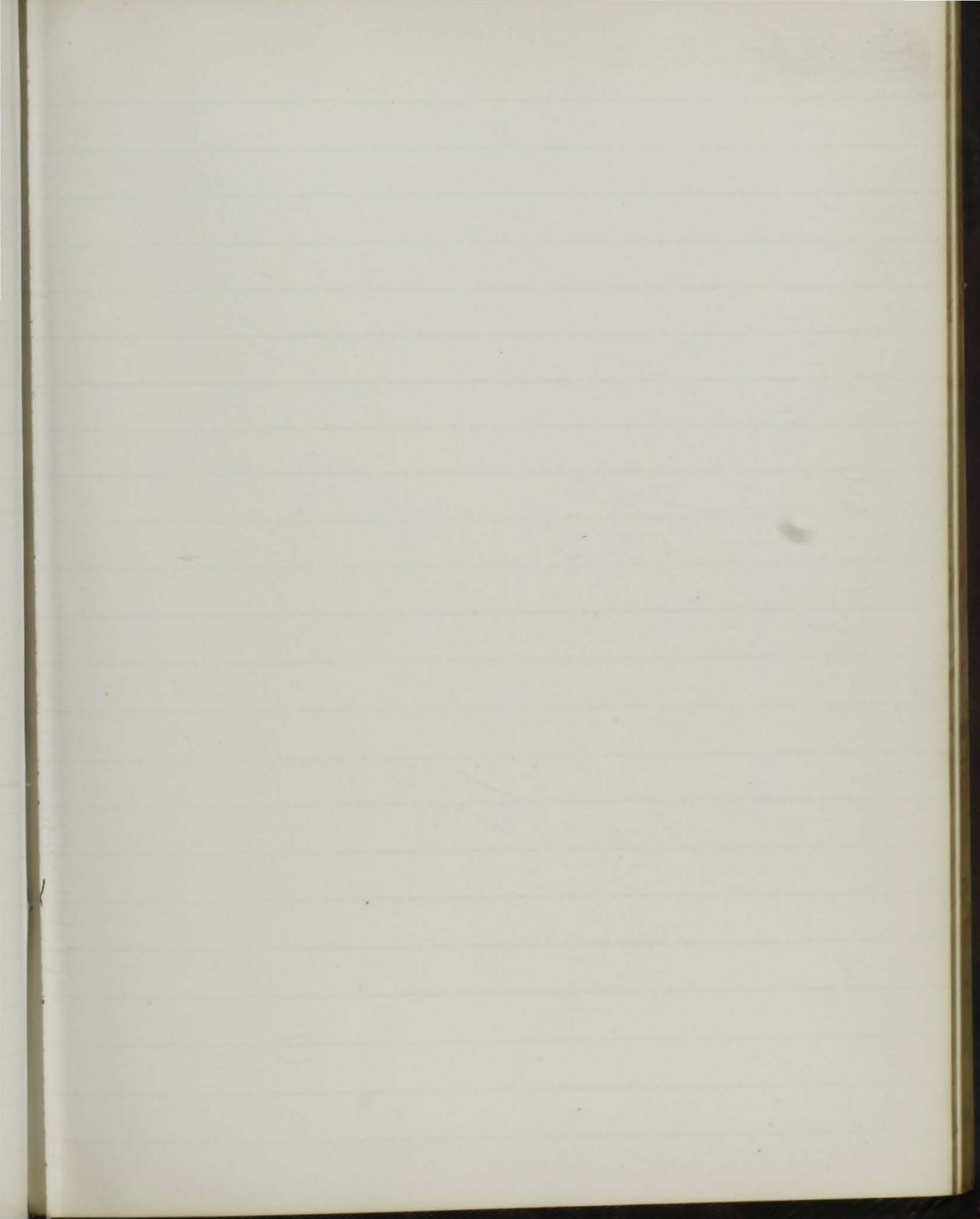


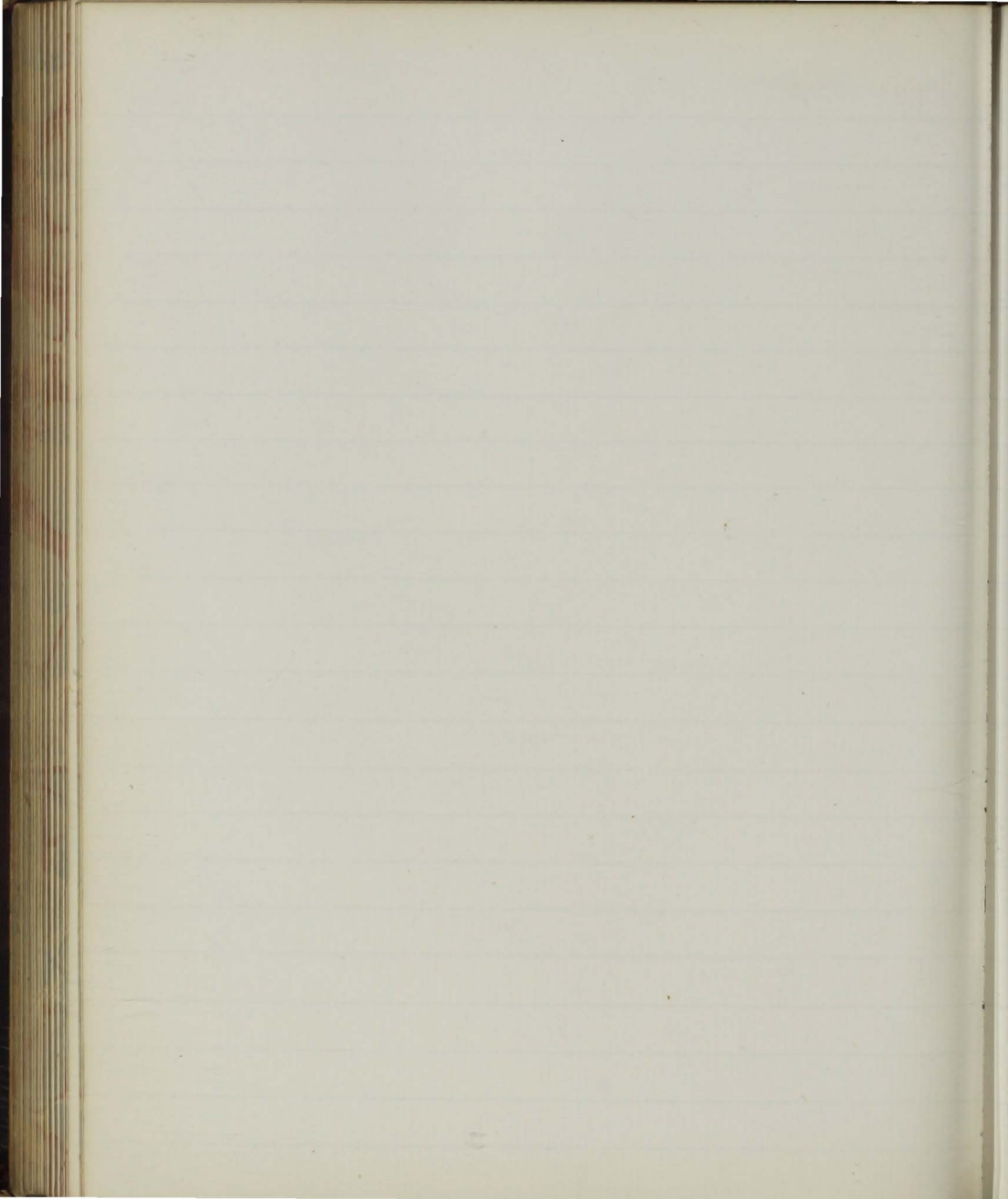


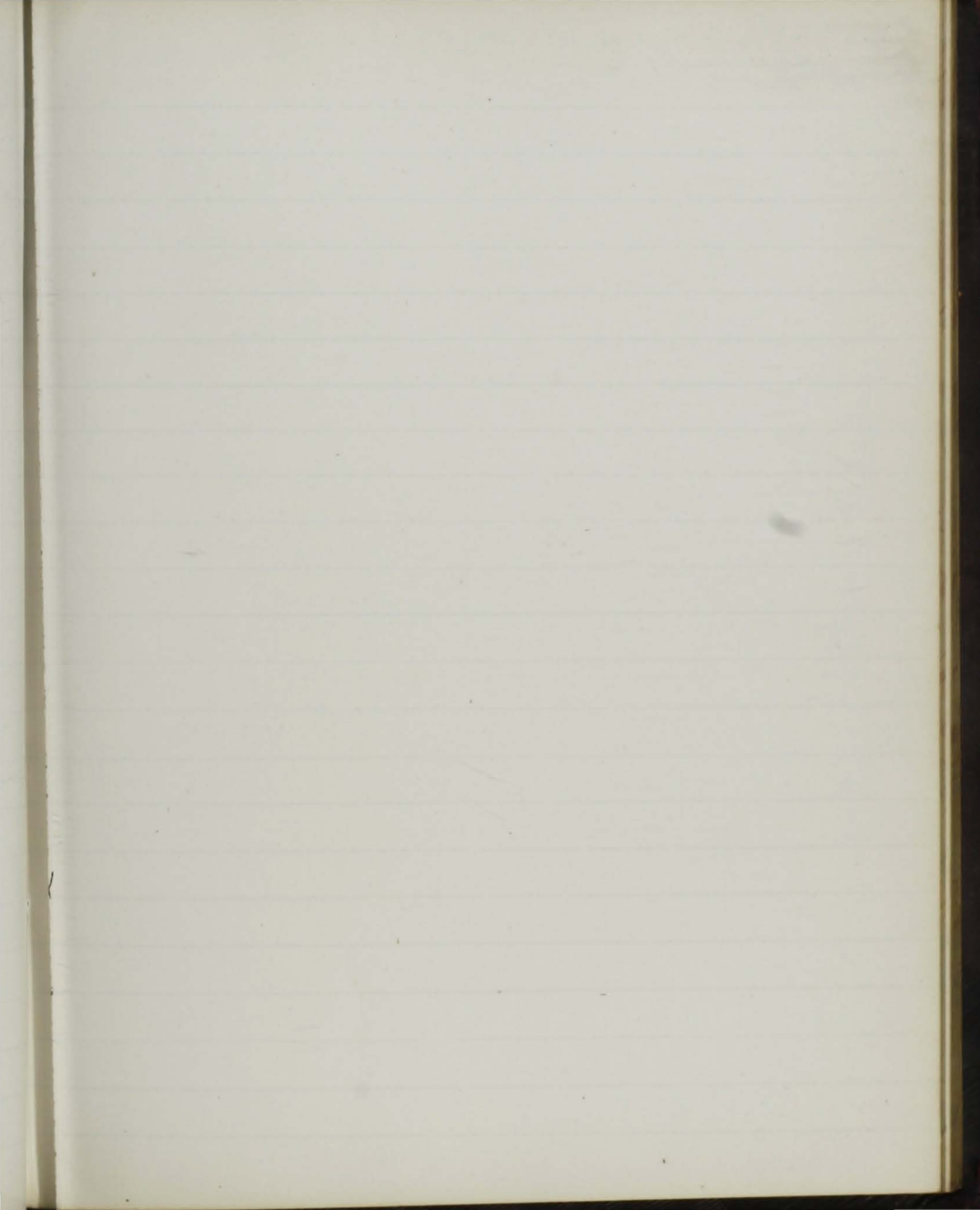


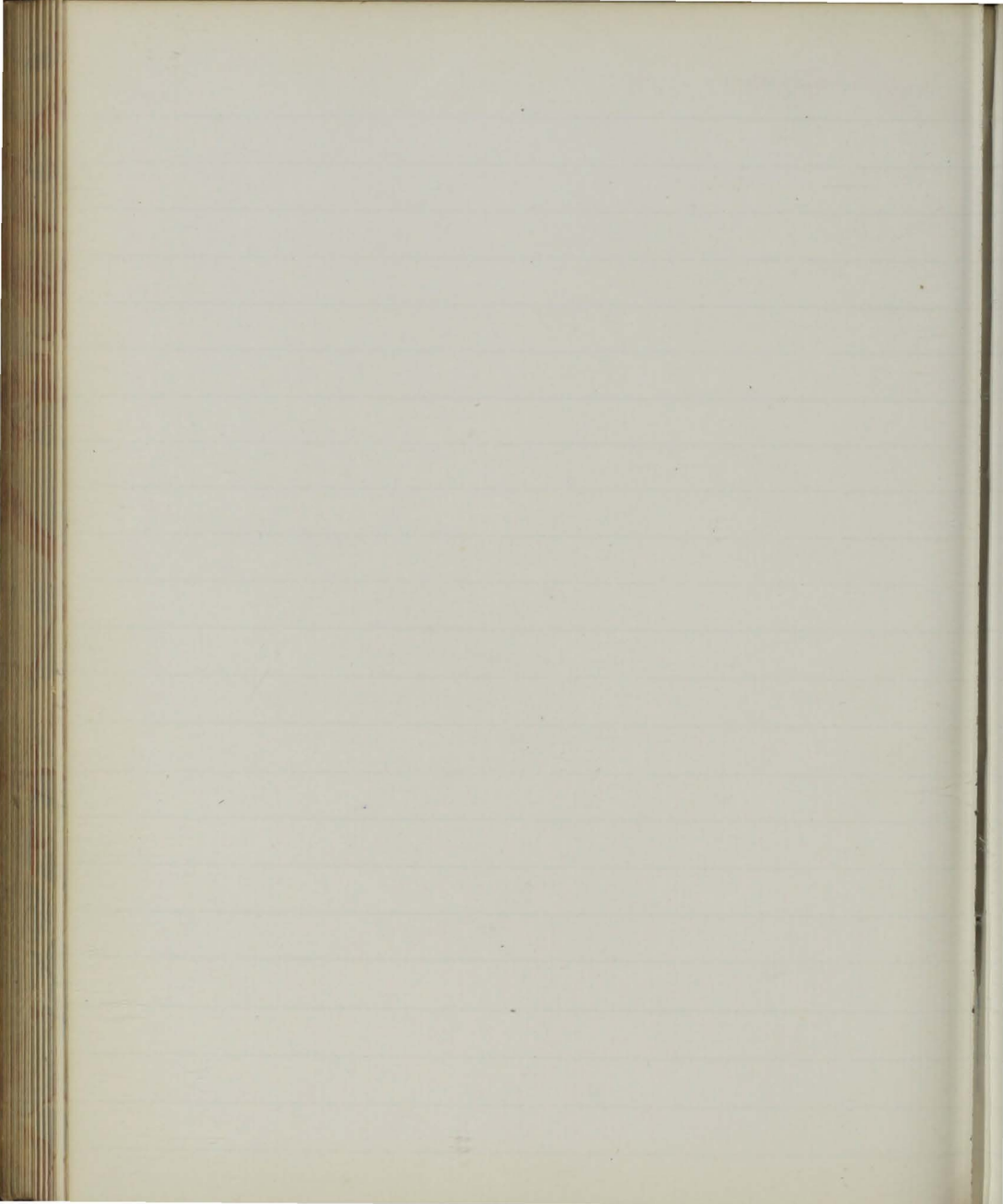




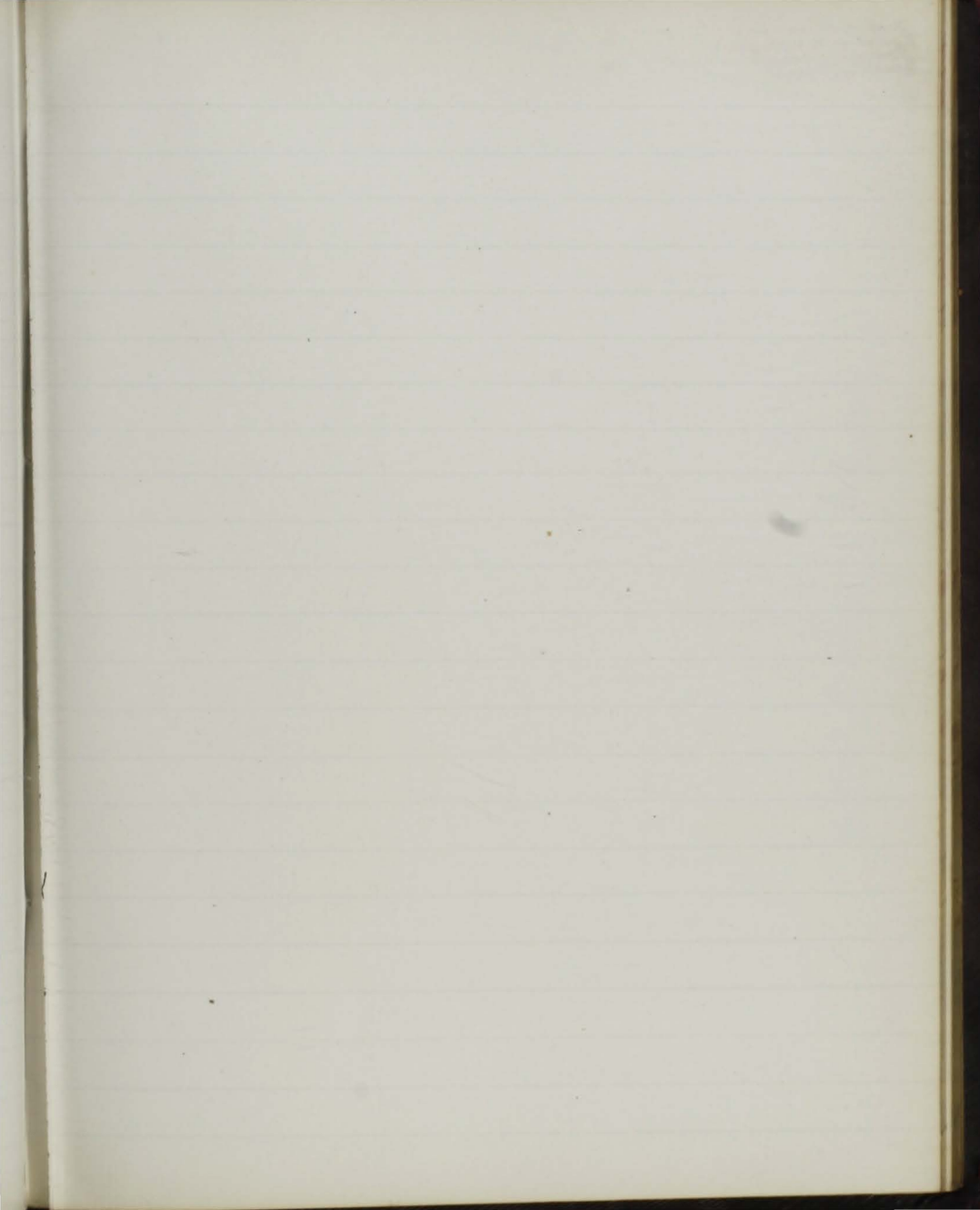


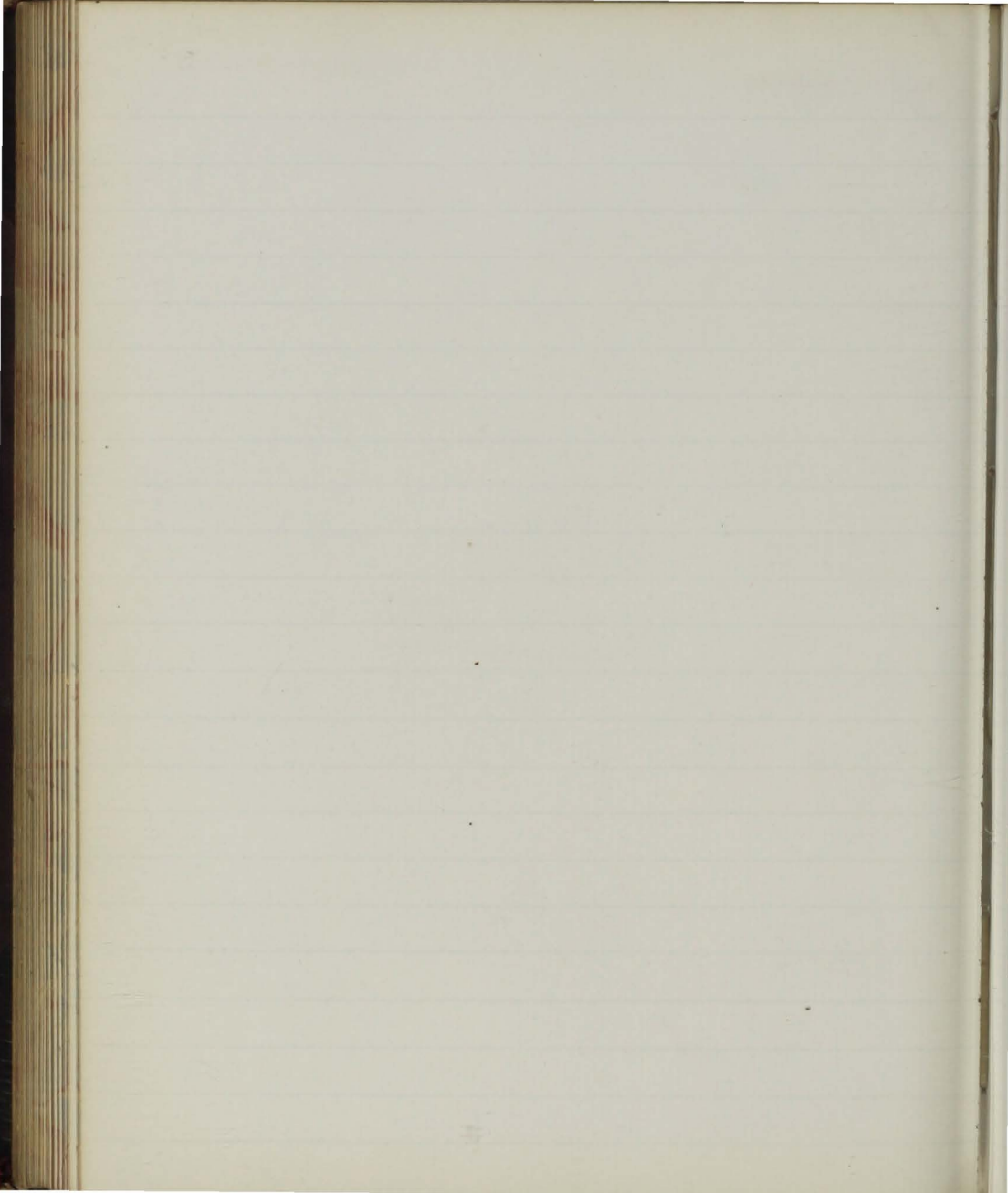


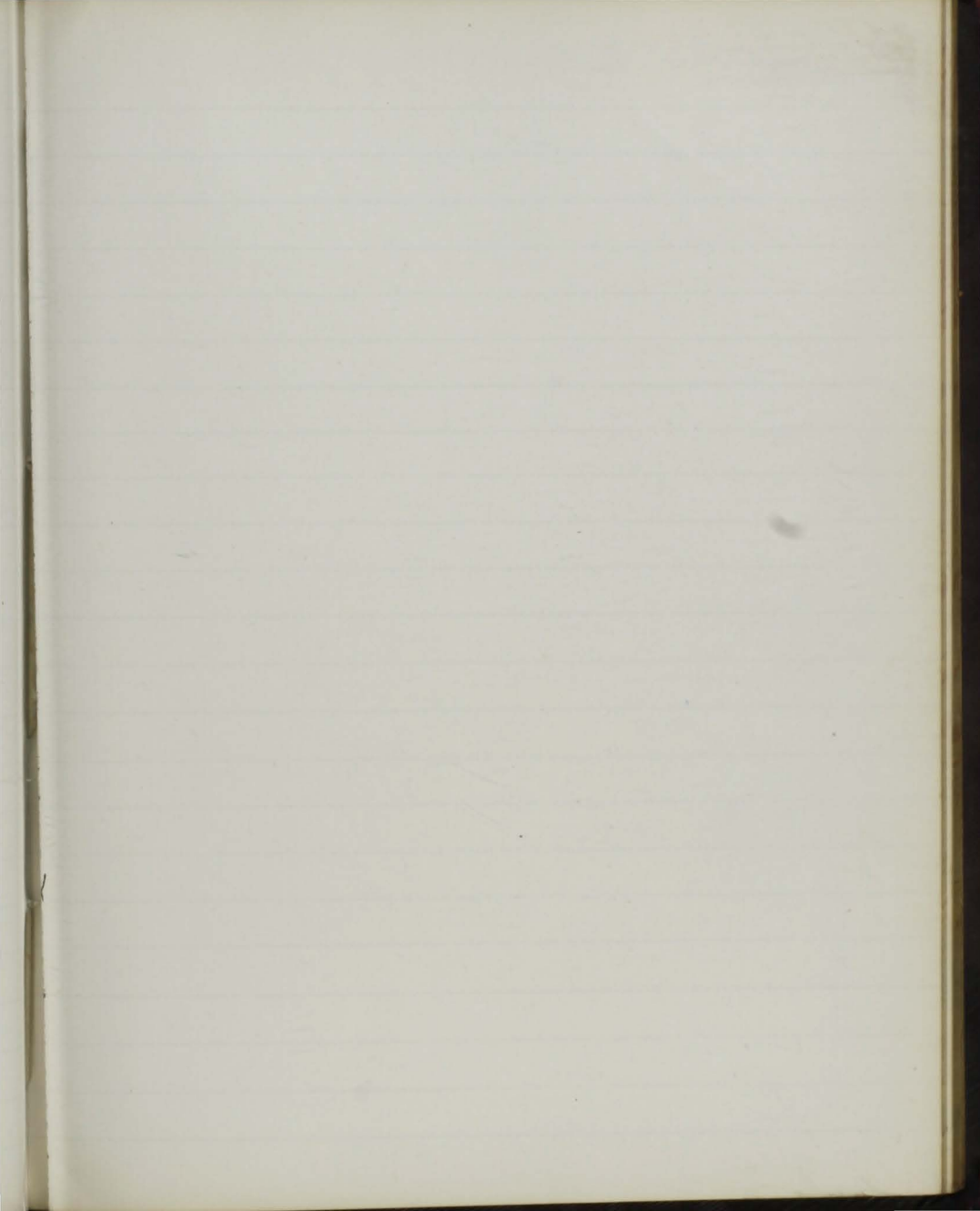


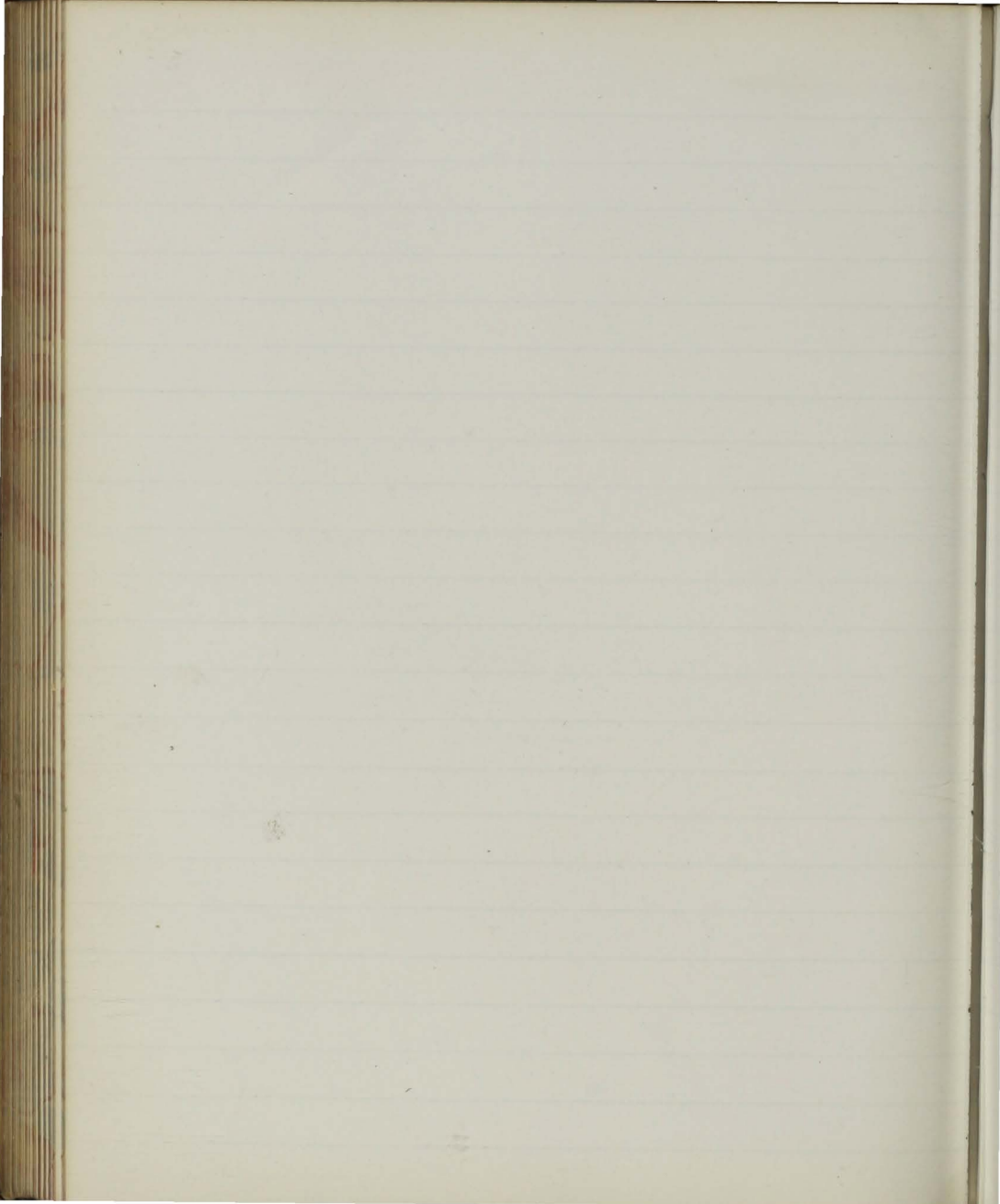


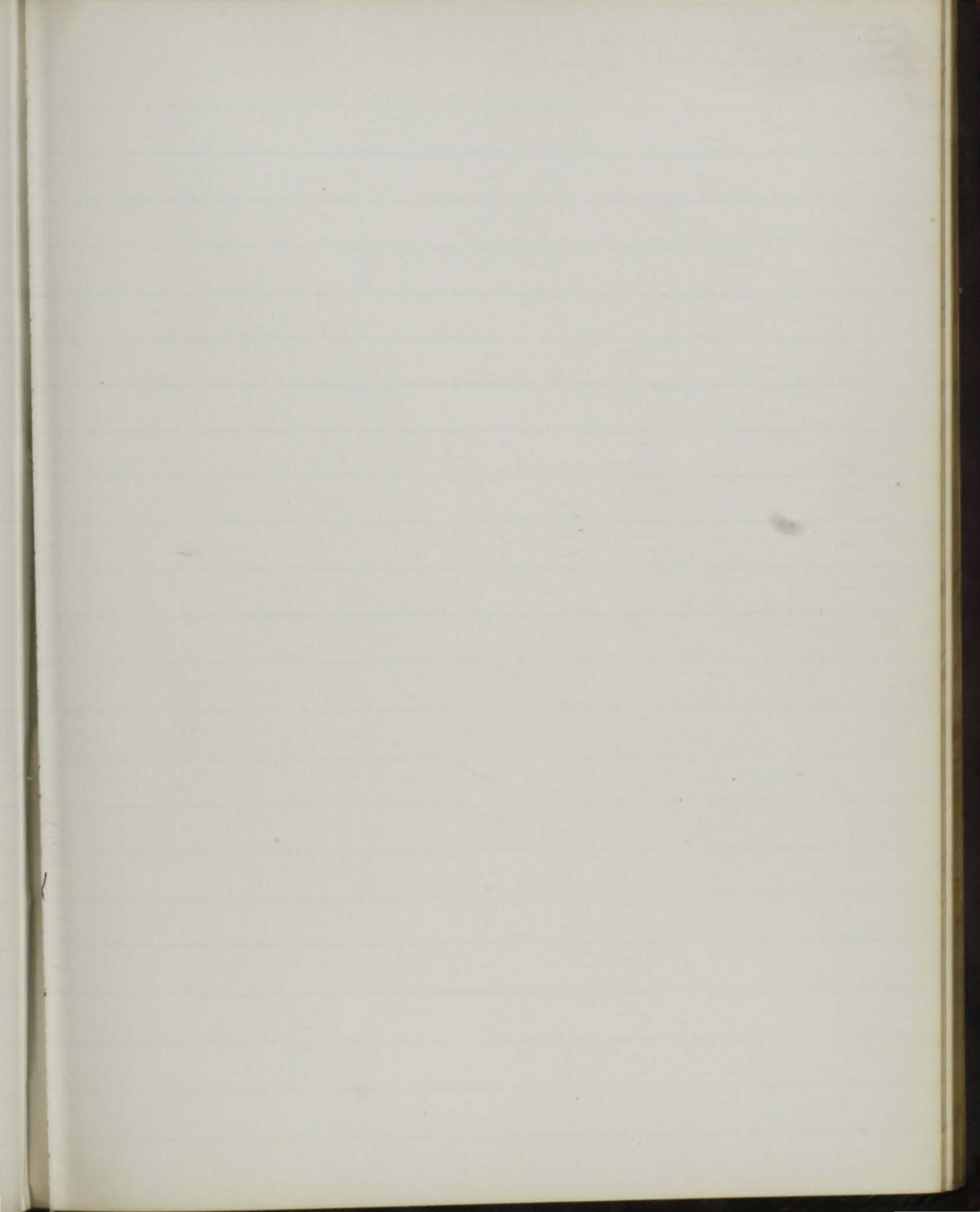


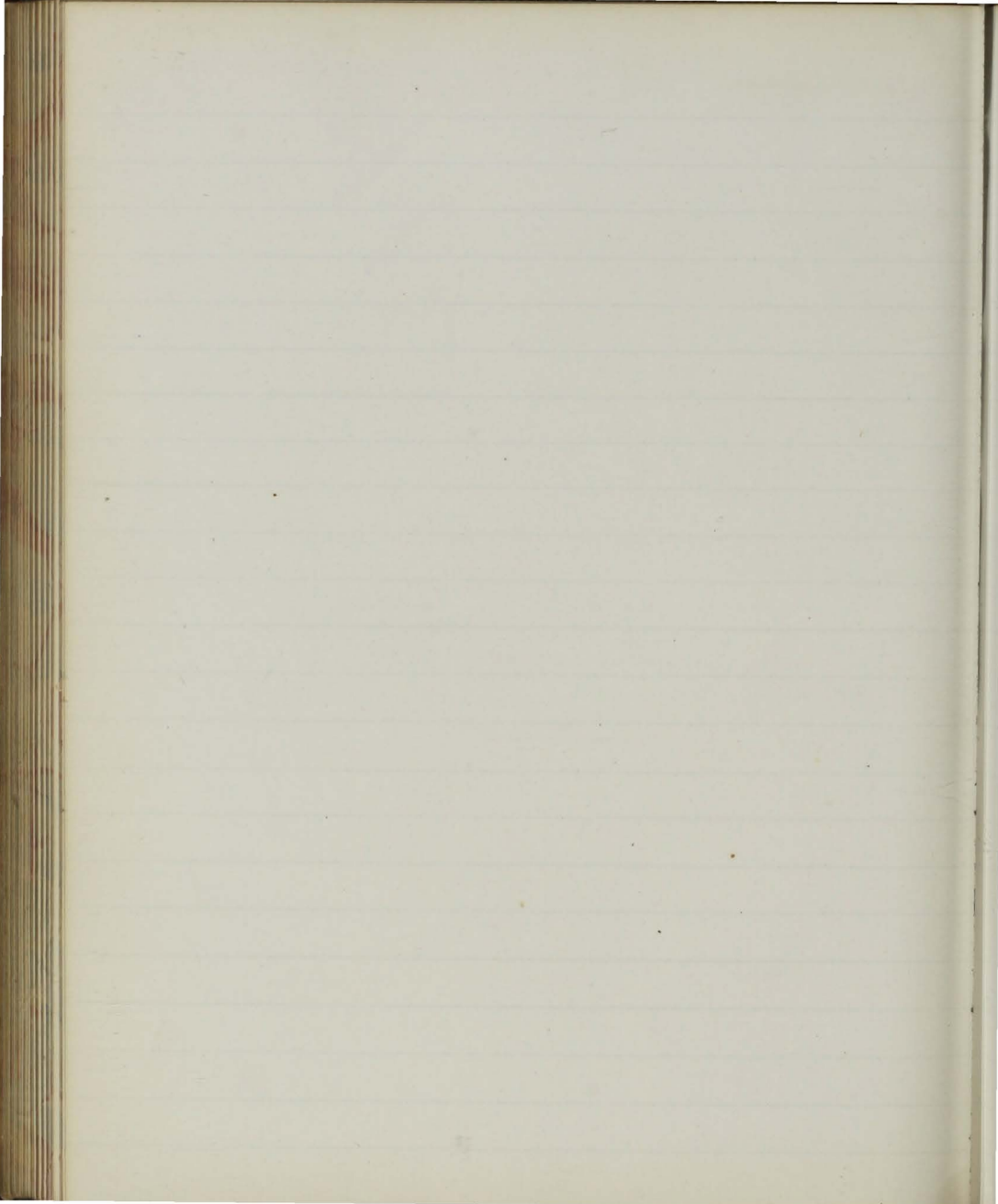


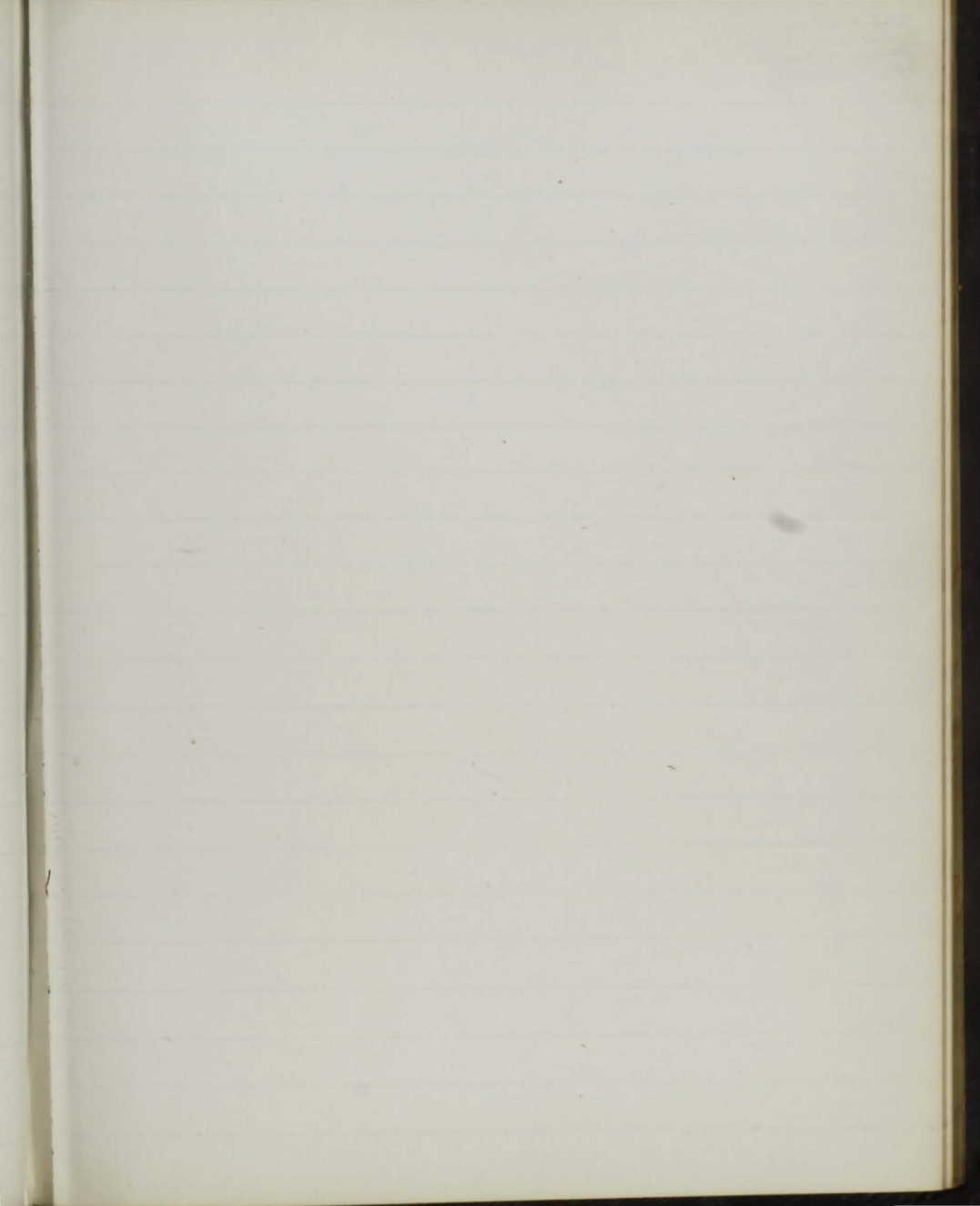




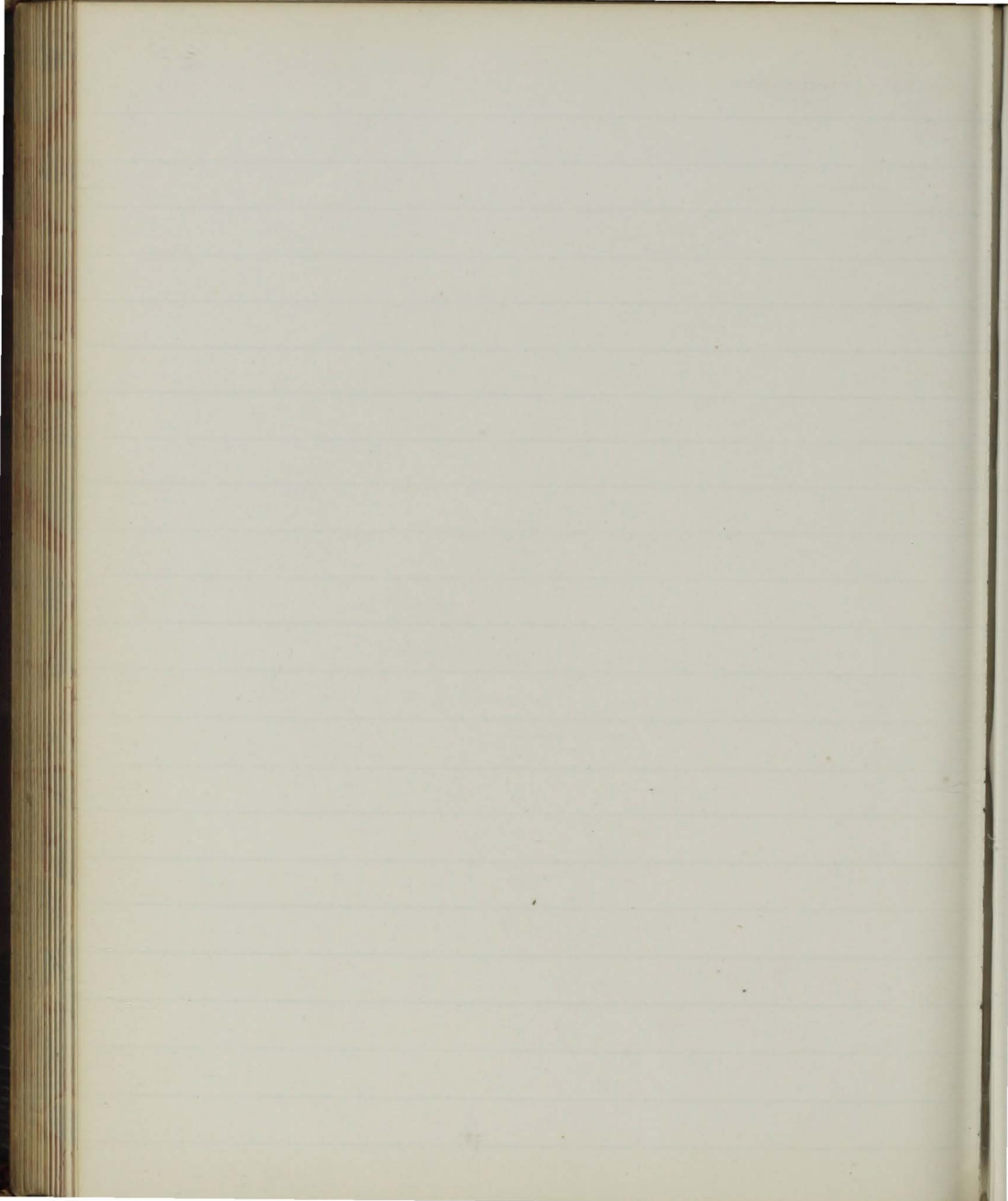


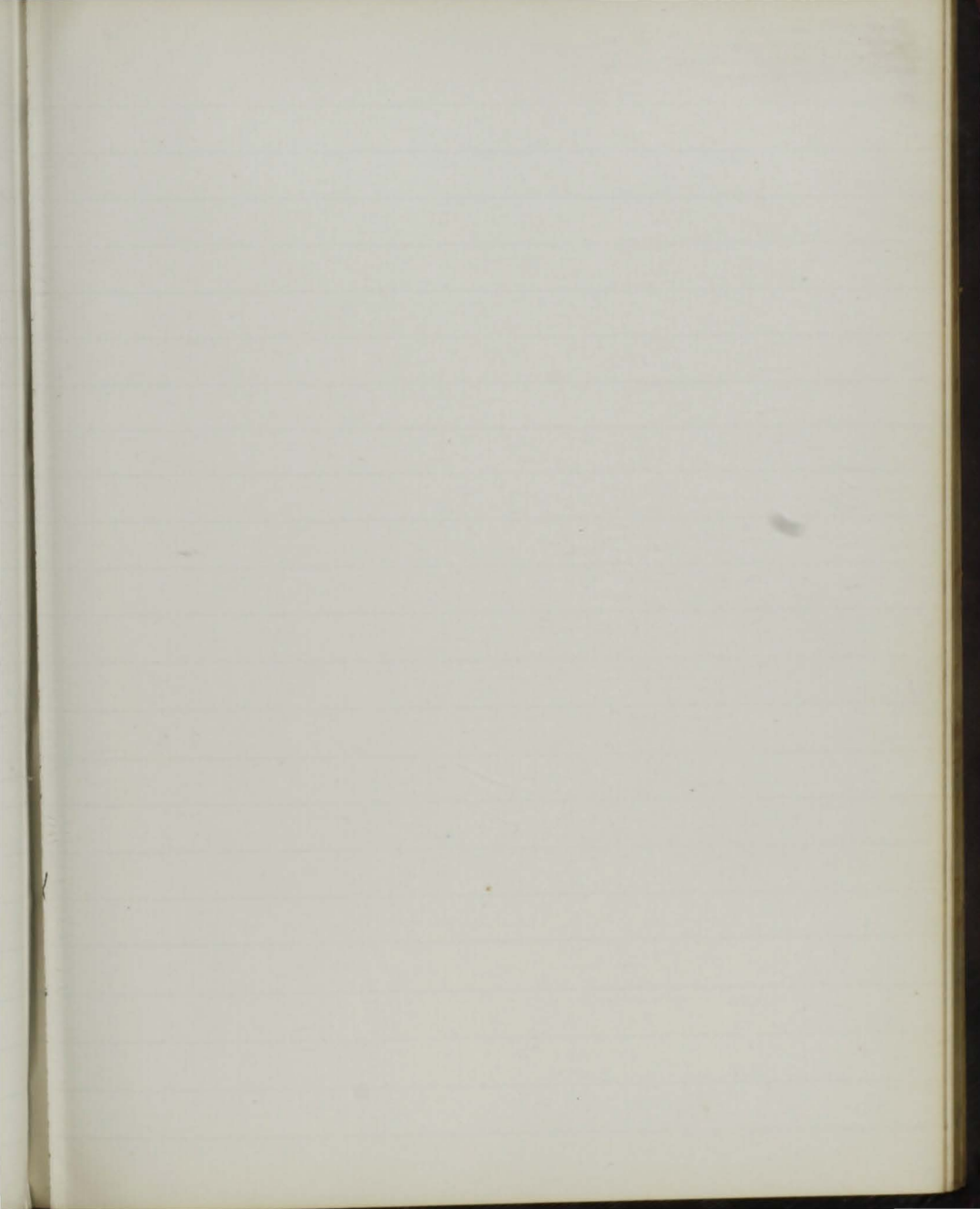


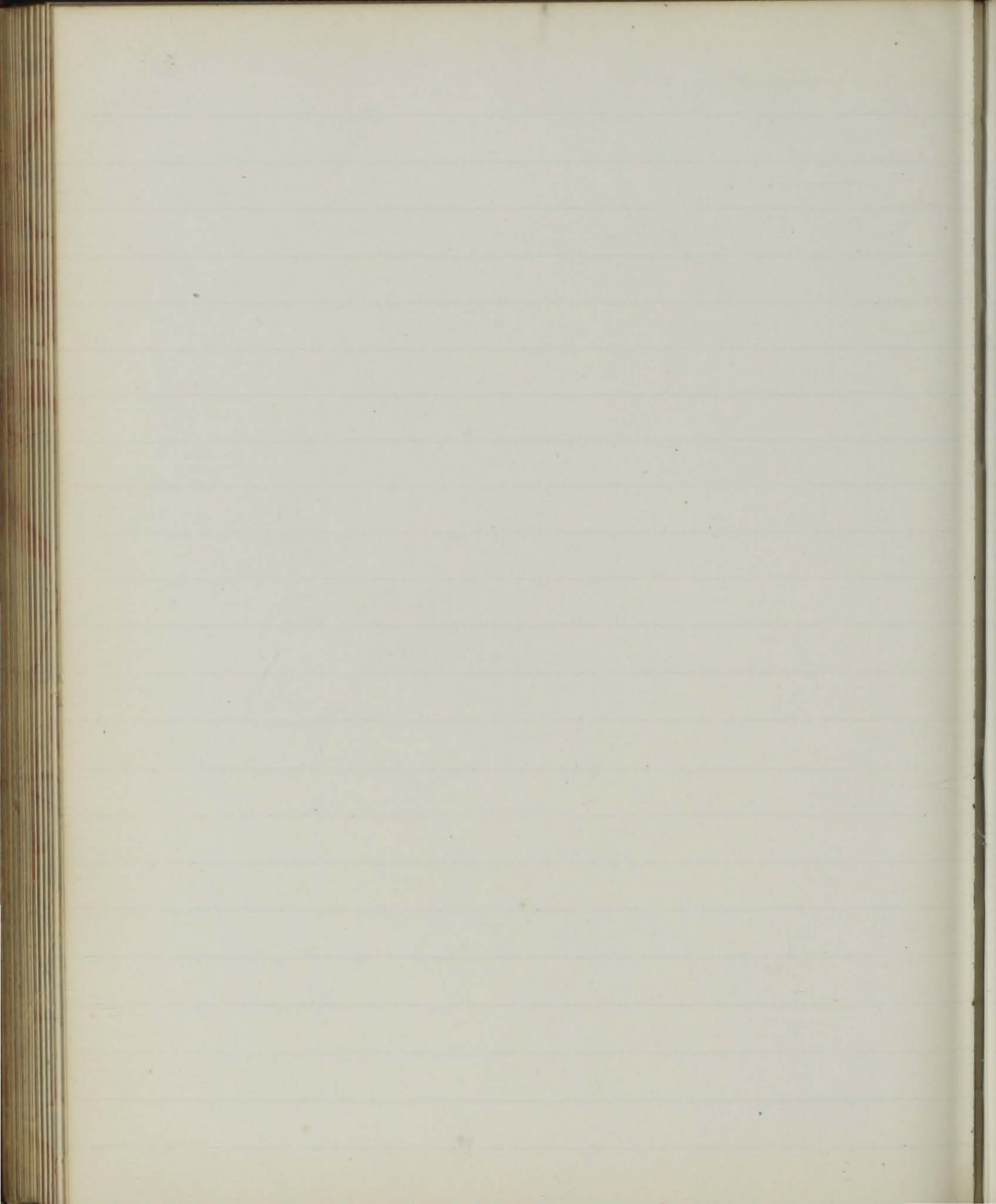


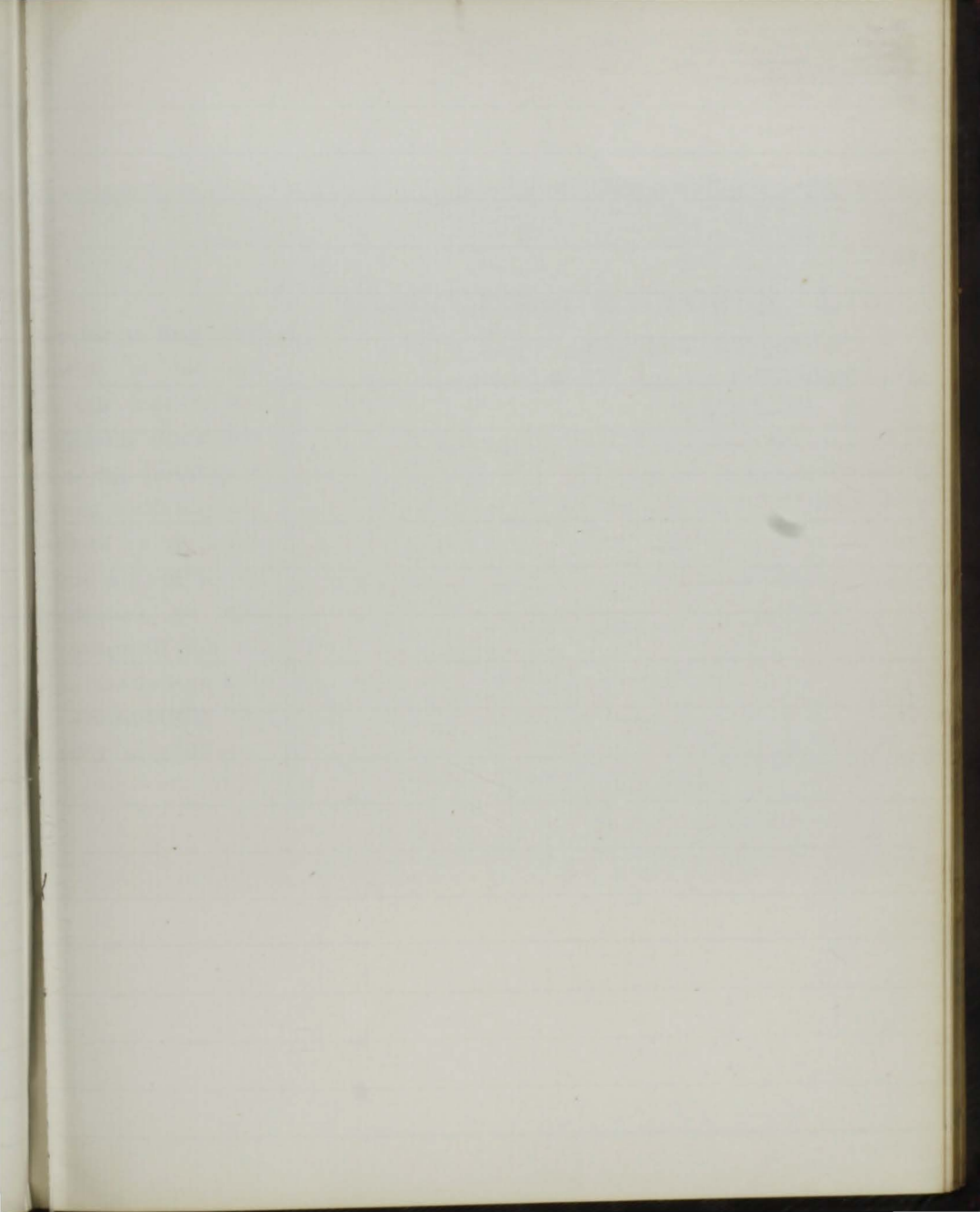












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