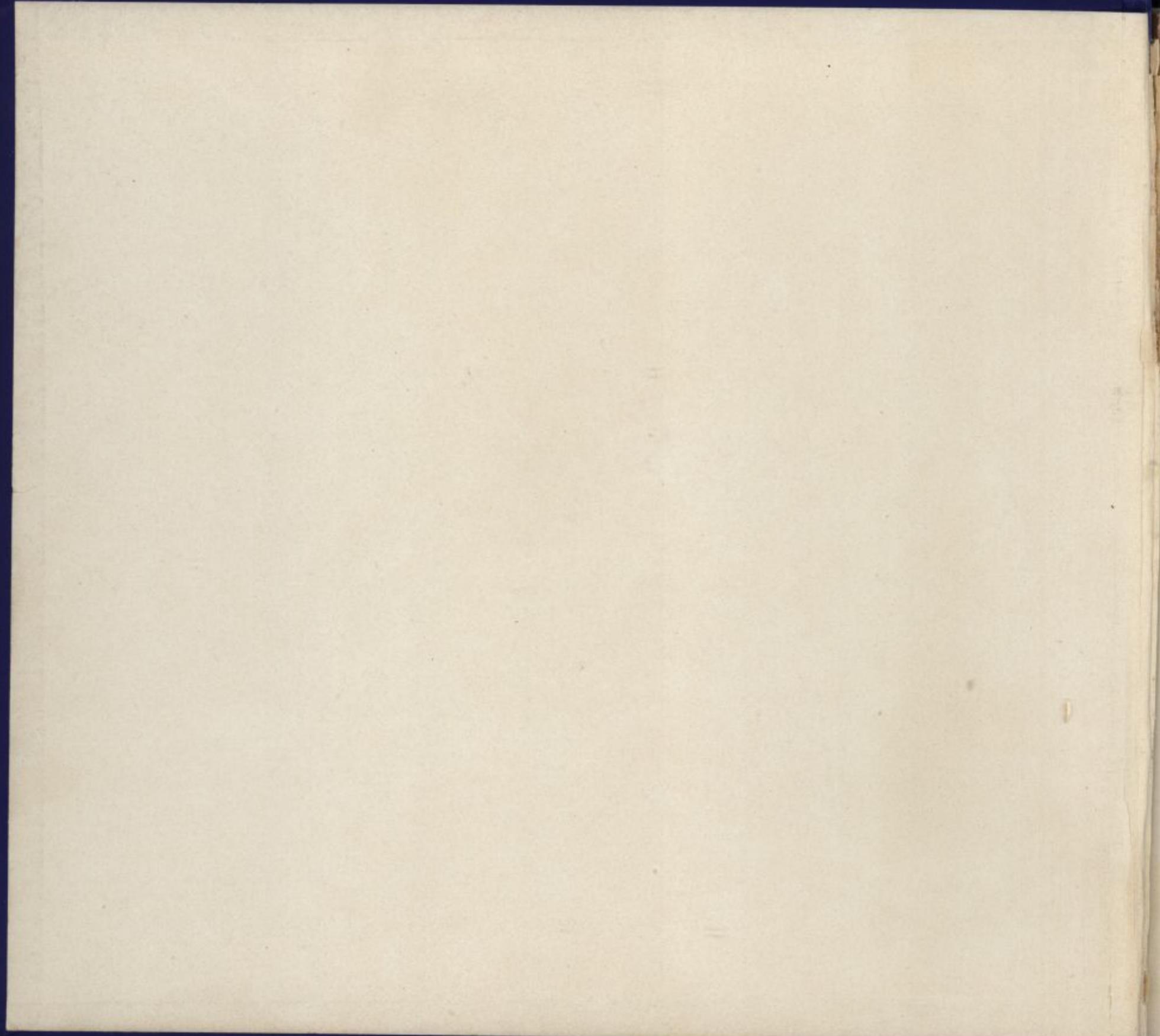


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I.

Stately pausing on the hall,
Head inclined, and thoughtful brow,
Glances at the past events,
Peers into the future now.

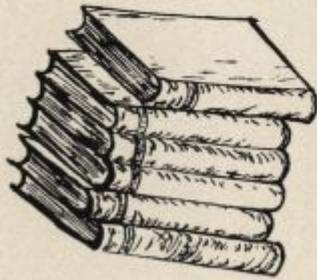
II.

Three care-laden, happy years
Lie down-trodden in his way;
Sunshine, sorrow, intermingled,
Mark his progress day by day.

III.

Calmly leading out before him,
One lone year of care and strife
Painted bright with joy and honor,
Lies the path to future life.





TO THE CLASS
OF '04

THIS BOOK IS DEDICATED

BY THE





Preface

THIS book, which we are now about to present to the public, is the work of a limited amount of time. All copy was prepared, photographs taken, engravings made, and the book went to press in a little over three weeks after the first work was begun. Many times during the year there had been desultory talk of getting out a class annual, but no real step toward this end was taken. Only one class annual has ever before been issued at Delaware College, and that one was published by the class of '99.

It was not until we returned from our Easter vacation that we awoke to the fact that if anything was to be done, it must be done quickly. A few days after returning we had a class meeting, and elected two Business Managers and an Editor-in-Chief, who was authorized to appoint four Associate Editors. As a matter of course, there were several pessimists in the class who said we could not possibly get out a book in so short a time, and that it was useless to attempt so great an undertaking. Others were indifferent, and said it was all right if we thought we could do it, but they were afraid they couldn't help much. Yet, there were a few determined minds in the class, and, naturally, these prevailed.

Whether it would have been better to have abandoned the idea of issuing a class annual than to put out the one we now present to the public, we will leave our friends and others, before whose notice the book may come, to decide. Had we begun work when we should, we undoubtedly would have a much better book to represent our class. Yet we offer no excuses or apologies for our act of procrastination. We ask you to accept the book for what it is, and, when glancing through it, to remain conscious of the fact that it is a class annual issued by students who have yet another year before them to learn to realize the serious side of things before they begin their life's work. If it deserves harsh criticism we will meekly submit, and think no one unkind for pointing out to us our errors.

Should the book be received favorably by our friends, it will thrill us with satisfaction and pleasure to think that our time and efforts have not been spent in vain, and it will be an achievement upon which our class will always look with pride. For the few who have worked so hard and faithfully, it may be truly said that the book has absorbed a part of the very life and soul, and how dear to our hearts we hold it, is known by none but us.

To those who have so kindly assisted us in this work, both materially and with their good wishes, to our classmates, to students of other classes, and to our friends outside the College, we give our most sincere and hearty thanks. May we sometime have the privilege to repay the kindness.

THE EDITORS.