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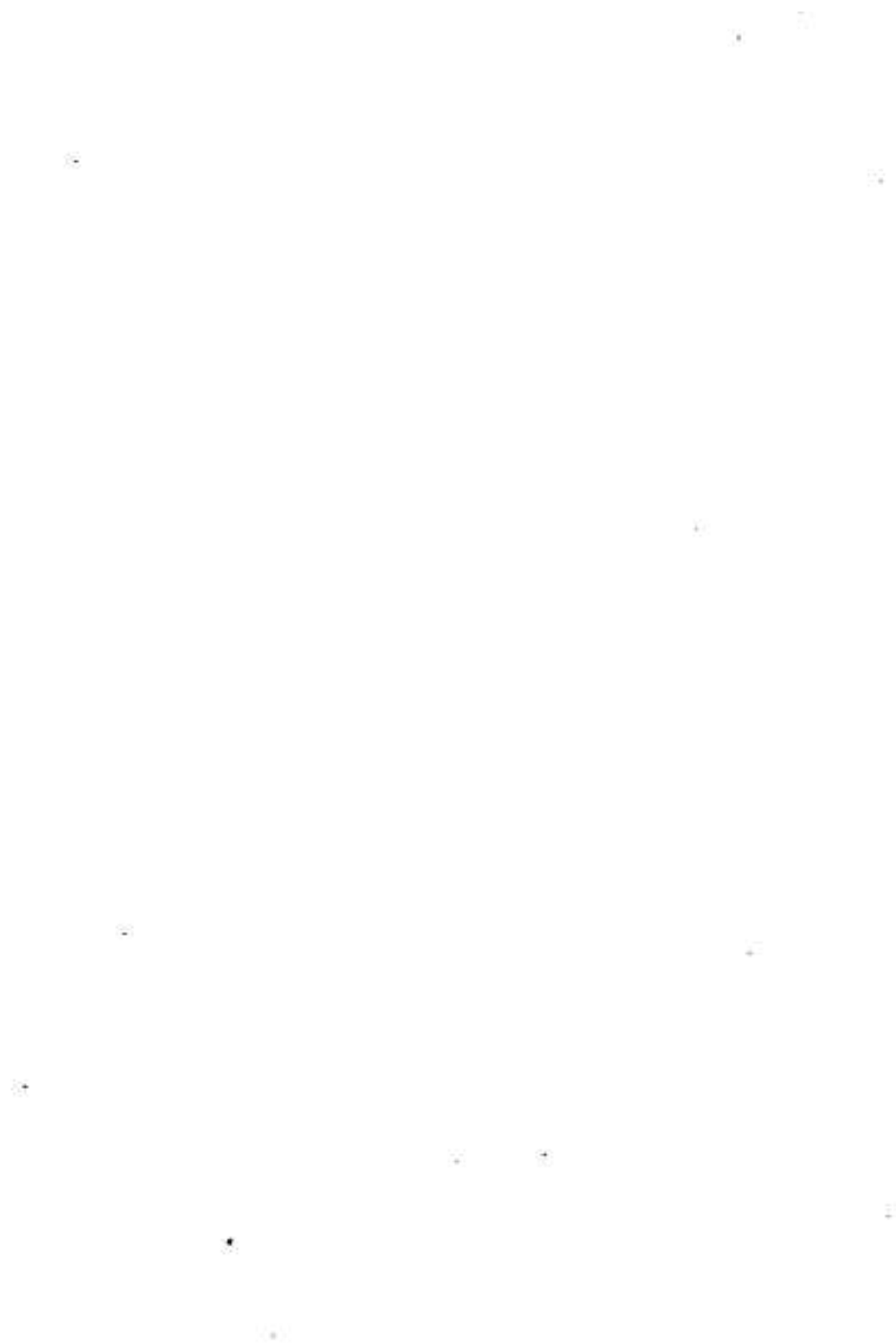
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To
Williams College,
WHOSE BEAUTY OF SURROUNDINGS
AND POETIC ASSOCIATIONS
HAVE INSPIRED SO MUCH OF THE VERSE WHICH FOLLOWS,
THIS BOOK
IS AFFECTIONATELY DEDICATED
BY
THE EDITORS.







Preface.

 THE success that has attended the ventures of Williams in college journalism for a number of years is acknowledged to have been due in great measure to the excellence of the verse appearing from time to time in her papers. While the preservation of this in some more permanent form has been long a subject of discussion in the college literary circles, it was still with some misgivings that the present editors undertook the work. They do not claim to present in this a perfect collection, but have endeavored to include in it those poems which best represent the highest attainment of college literary work at Williams during the past dozen years. Ranging as they do from the ambitious sonnet to the lighter *vers de société*, they are typical of college verse, and exemplify its faults as well as its merits.

Our thanks are due to the editorial boards of the *Williams Weekly* and *Literary Monthly*, and to Professor Safford, the librarian of the college, for the use of files of former journals.

SAMUEL ABBOTT.

GEORGE LYNDE RICHARDSON.

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