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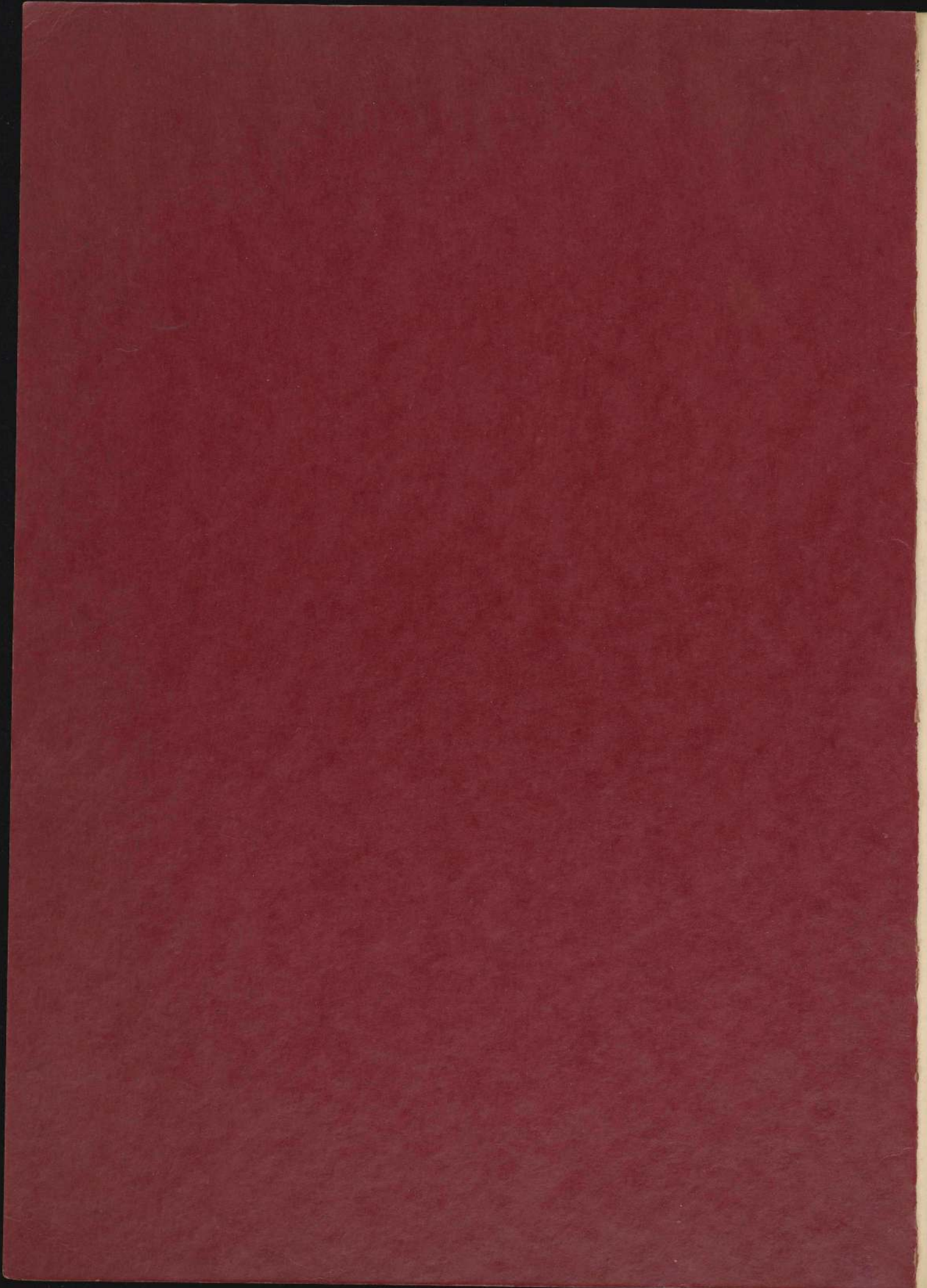
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- 1885-86 Marshall Field Wholesale Store, Chicago, by Richardson. Demolished 1930.  
 The masterpiece of early commercial architecture in masonry.
- 1886 The Rookery, Chicago, by Burnham & Root.  
 Unintelligent application of Richardsonian Romanesque. Uninfluenced by Marshall Field Wholesale Store.
- 1888 Fray Building, Boston, by Richardson.  
 Furthest development of Richardson's commercial style. Shallow reveals and light spandrels at story levels.
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