

The History of the '05 Class

FRIENDS and fellow students, let us depart from the worn path of custom, from the egotistical reviews that appear year after year, and start a new path through the virgin forest of simplicity in class histories, where flattery and bombast are unknown. When you read this we want you to feel that you are not being bored with a lot of self-satisfied admiration and praise. In this we are perhaps departing from the expected, but do it, feeling that originality is a virtue. It is just as Goldsmith so sagely wrote, "The little mind who loves itself, will write and think with the vulgar; but the great mind will be gravely eccentric, and scorn the beaten road, from universal benevolence." So as publishers of this book, which we believe a credit to our institute and class, it would be entirely out of place to even mention the fact that as a class we have proven ourselves the peers of all our contemporaries, both as originators and pushers. While in our first year, notwithstanding our natural bashfulness, an inheritance Freshmen cannot escape, we furnished the majority of the baseball team with Hannan, Hatter, Brashares, Hill and Kretzinger. Then think of basketball without Kretzinger, "Charlie" Herrman, Malcolm or Culbertson. In 1902, the year we had our last and probably most successful football eleven that ever represented Armour, five of the "regulars" were '05 men. This review of college athletics is not merely words, but is the truth, and as a class we are proud of our men who have done so much to make '05 a synonym for achievements and brilliancy.

But it is as originators that we justly feel we have done much to increase college and class spirit. Freshman Tuesday and its accompanying mêlée,