History *of* '05 Academy

AS THE Academy becomes more and more a strictly preparatory school for the college, it becomes more and more difficult for any Academy class to retain its individuality. This is especially true of the Senior class, which is made up, not only of proper Academy students, but also of men whose work is partly in the Academy and partly in the College ; which contains, moreover, a large number of students taking only the final preparatory work, and new in the school. Considering this confusion of courses and variety of elements, it is surprising how much unity does exist in the present Senior Class.

The students who have brought this about, who have all along formed the nucleus of the class, but who are now in the minority, are those who have been with the organization since its beginning three years ago. For toward the close of the first year, the class was called together by Prof. Brewster, and organized. Mr. Harrold was elected first president, and Mr. Kreutz, as secretary, drew up the constitution, which with few changes has been used ever since. The second year, Mr. Healy received the presidency, which office he has held ever since, for he was re-elected at the beginning of the third year, together with Dean Babcock, vice-president; J. I. Menkin, secretary; and D. D. Dick, treasurer. As to the ordinary events of school life, it is sufficient to say that the class has succeeded in everything it has undertaken.

Owing to changing conditions, the Class of 1905 has been the first to do away with several long-established customs in the Academy, and by breaking the precedents set by other classes, has set the example for those coming after. The omission by this class of the dance usually given by the Juniors to the Seniors practically put an end to society life in the Academy. Furthermore, it was decided, upon the recommendation of the faculty, that there should be no formal graduation exercises at the close of the school year. All the students realized the trouble and expense for everyone con-