

The following extract from a letter received from one of the ladies of last year's class may serve to correct the idea that 'school-marms' find no time to enjoy the pleasures of life:—

"We are great hockey enthusiasts this winter. There are about six distinct organizations in town; we are the "Comets," and of course it is *the* team. We are not quite as swift as the name would imply, but we hope soon to merit the appellation. The Ex-Collegiates here have a splendid team—they are the "Imps." We have had fine sport bobbing:—have tried all the hills for leagues around. . . . In school, I am still struggling on. I have thirty-three in my class this term; two were promoted at Christmas, and the rest seem too dull and stupid.

The Christmas holidays passed very quickly, and I had a gay time,—parties, skating, etc. . . . Give my love to the *boys*."

During the past week, various signs have pointed to the fact that the course of lectures in High School Methods is very nearly finished. These classes, and especially certain parts of them, have probably been of more *practical* benefit than any others we have received, so they have been much appreciated; yet one hears no general expressions of regret at the prospect of eight o'clock classes being no more.

Alumni.

OTTAWA QUEEN'S ALUMNI DINNER.

OTTAWA is not yet quite certain whether it is to be the Washington of the North or the Pittsburg of the North, but one thing it certainly is already,—one of the strongest and most loyal of Queen's centres. Queen's graduates have made their mark in many lines in the capital, on the bench and at the bar, in the pulpit and the school, in medicine and newspaper work, and in increasingly large numbers in the civil service, particularly in the technical departments. The Alumni Association flourishes accordingly. Its nineteenth annual dinner, held in the New Russell on the evening of Friday, March 11th, maintained the unbroken tradition of success. About one hundred members and guests were present, including, as is customary in many of the Alumni gatherings, women graduates as well as men. Smoking consequently was not a prominent feature. Judge Mac-Tavish, President of the Association, presided ably, and at his right hand sat the Chancellor, whom all were glad to find looking in such good health. The toast of Canada was proposed by Andrew Haydon, and responded to by Professor Skelton, who spoke on the new need for study of foreign affairs occasioned by our having moved on to the front street of the nations. Professor Shortt proposed the Houses of Parliament in his best vein, and Sir James Grant responded in a rousing speech. George F. Henderson, '84, indulged in the reminiscences appropriate to the toast of the University, and dwelt on the need for unanimity in the approaching problems; Professor Morison, in responding, revealed clearly how thoroughly he has already made the University's spirit his own. The only source of regret was the enforced absence of Dean Cappon, for whose speedy recovery wishes were expressed on every side.