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THE Medical Faculty of Queen's University, Kingston, has just celebrated her jubilee. The fifty years have been marked by steady growth, both in point of attendance and equipment. We congratulate Queen's upon her success in this department. Dr. Gordon, judging by his inaugural address, is likely to prove a worthy successor to the late Dr. Grant as Principal of the University.

THE Senate has formerly ratified the agreement the federation of her Arts faculty with the University of Toronto. Unless the pending litigation blocks the scheme, it only needs the formal sanction of the Lieutenant-Governor to consummate the union. The matter has been fully discussed in all its details in the daily press and in Council, and the final steps taken only after the most mature consideration. For three years Trinity will make an experiment of federation. We hope that at the end of that period we shall have become so thoroughly one that neither party will have any desire to return to the former position. We shall be glad to welcome the students of Trinity as an integral part of the University of Toronto.

IN another column attention is directed to the subject of a University pin. We heartily approve of the scheme. At present, it is only too true, we have a superabundance of pins—faculty pins, fraternity pins, class pins, year pins, pins of every variety and description. Yet there is no pin emblematic of the University of Toronto, and which, in after years, when in the activity of practical life we shall have forgotten the smaller units, we may wear as significant of the fact that we are alumni of "Toronto."

The importance of this will grow upon us when we go out from "Toronto" to mingle with the graduates of other similar institutions. Then our year, our department, our college will be lost in view of the fact that "Toronto" is our Alma Mater. The ideas of federation and University spirit are uppermost in the minds of our students to-day. These are slowly, but surely, growing. Let them grow. Moreover, we should assist their growth in every possible manner. We ought to grow ourselves. The small man is for his year, the mediocre man is for his college, the large man is for his University. We

should all desire to be large men or women. Let us have a true "University" spirit, and let us typify its existence in a University emblem. That emblem must be worthy of the institution of which we are constituent parts. Many of our pins are suggestive of "buttons" purchased on a holiday. The new pin must be one in the wearing of which we may take just pride.

How may we best secure such a pin? Stay the hands of the first years in their rush to evolve a design for a year pin. Have committees appointed from representative societies in the various faculties. These representatives might consult a committee from the Senate or the Alumni Association and carefully decide upon a design which would worthily represent our University. Let us have a "Toronto" pin. We cannot have it too soon.

THE Stroller," in "Week by Week," calls attention to the fact that University of Toronto under-graduate students are seriously deficient in the production of "Varsity Verse." We agree. Very few during the past few years have shown any inclination to write verse of a typical college character. This fact stands out in sharp contrast with the condition of affairs some years ago, as is shown by reference to old files of THE VARSITY. We may go further and say that spontaneous writing of either prose or poetry is only too likely to become a lost art. Along most lines we are making remarkable advancement. In this one respect we are not. The ability is still present in our midst. Our opportunities are greater than any of our predecessors, but for some reason they are not exercised.

We must further recognize the fact that nearly all of our graduates who to-day are most prominent in literature or journalism were frequent contributors to the University paper of their day. It was there they got their preliminary training.

The field of journalism is still by no means covered. The editor of one of our greatest dailies assures us that there is a constant demand for good capable newspaper men. The man who does not take advantage of his four years of university life to develop his powers of expression in the written article is missing a most splendid opportunity. We can only learn to write by writing.

Again, the University has frequently realized the need of educating the general public to see the advantages of further strengthening her. What a force for higher education we could command if loyal graduates controlled our daily press!

THE splendid victory of our track team over McGill in the Inter-University meet on Friday must be a matter for congratulation to every member of the University of Toronto. Their signal victory in winning eight out of twelve events and by a majority of twenty-two points, is especially welcome, coming, as it does, at a time when many of us were disposed to believe that in this branch of athletics Toronto was deficient. We are glad to have such abundant evidence to the contrary, and feel proud of our representatives. Probably the most notable achievement was that of Mr. Gurney in thrice lowering the colors of Mr. Morrow, who was looked upon as almost invincible in his particular sphere. We congratulate both the management and the individual contestants.

Victory seems to be in the air, judging from the success of the Rugby team in Montreal. It is to be hoped that this is but the beginning of a most successful season. It looks that way.