

committee of the union, of which Mr. Skinner was elected a member for the ensuing year.

WE are pleased to notice that the Alma Mater Society has adopted "Todd's Manual" as an authority according to which all points of order not provided for by the constitution are hereafter to be settled. Any regular attendant of the society will agree with us that something of the kind has always been needed, and we feel confident that the society could not have chosen a better authority. The author of the work, the late lamented Alpheus Todd, LL.D., was one of our most distinguished graduates, and had won a world-wide reputation by his works upon the different branches of constitutional government. He always took a lively interest in the affairs of Queen's, and we feel sure that he would have been greatly pleased to hear of his book being adopted as an authority by her leading society.

ANOTHER valuable addition is about to be made to our Canadian historical literature. We refer to "The story of the Upper Canadian Rebellion," by John Charles Dent. Any work which would throw light upon the history of Canada and thereby increase in the hearts of Canadians a national pride in their own country, we would hail with pleasure. The work just referred to (the advance sheet of which we have perused) is eminently of such a nature. The history of Canada is short but not altogether uneventful. In the history of any country certain events stand out in bold relief marking epochs in the country's progress. Such events in the history of Canada are few and for that reason alone we as Canadians should be thoroughly conversant with all their details. The acquisition by Britain, the Rebellion and Confederation are the great

turning points in the history of Canada. Mr. Dent's work deals with the Rebellion and his version of this interesting and important story is based upon documents left by those who took an active part in our national affairs at that time. Some of the matter utilized by him in his book has never been made use of in clearing up what in itself was a dark period in our history but in its effects has proved a great and an abiding blessing to Canada and Canadians. Mr. Dent's writing is free, lucid and highly interesting and his book will certainly afford pleasure to any one who reads it. It will do more. It will increase one's knowledge of one of the greatest events on Canadian history. To the student the book will be of great value and to the young it will be, we may fairly say, in parts at least, as interesting as "The Tale of the Border" for it deals with the political questions of the time and narrates adventures as stirring as those related by Scott. We trust that Mr. Dent will be able to avoid partizanship, relating the events as they occurred, dealing with facts only, meting out praise and approval to those who deserve them and condemning those whose conduct was prejudicial to the best interests of Canada. We believe that such will be his endeavour and that he will be fairly successful. We hope his work will meet with a ready sale and that it will be carefully read and thoughtfully pondered over by the people of Canada, and especially by the young.

WE noticed lately in the *Toronto Mail*, a letter critising the Ontario Medical Council in no very laudatory manner. The writer was evidently not in love with the institution. Well, we do not believe the Council is perfect—we have yet to find a perfect institution. At the same time we believe in the Council. Medical education is of such vital importance to the public generally that