

Book Review.

NEW SONGS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO: for sale at J. G. Cloke's: price, 75 cts.

For a number of years the songs of the old University song book have been exercising a soothing or quickening influence upon the minds and hearts of Canadian people. Its success, marvellous though it is, has been well deserved. But during quite recent years it was felt by many of those most interested in the matter that a new collection of College songs would be acceptable. Hence, in the opening of 1897, a committee was appointed to carry out the work, and very recently the results of their labors have been given to the public. The volume is an entirely new compilation, consisting of 114 selections, among which every person will find some that appeal especially to his nature, and which time and close acquaintance are sure to render prime favorites. There are in this collection songs patriotic and songs for the home; songs sublime and songs ridiculous; songs for the freshman, sophomore, junior or senior; songs for the white man, songs for the darkey; songs for the amorous youth or blushing maid; Latin songs, French songs, German songs and English songs; in short, songs for all sorts and conditions of men; for all trades and nationalities.

To give our readers a somewhat more definite idea of the contents of this book, we make special mention of a few of the songs contained in it, although the mere mention of the names of such composers as H. H. Godfrey, Arthur Foote, Arthur Blakeley, George Smedley, De Koven, etc., is sufficient to guarantee selections of high order. These men, along with others of equal rank and merit, have contributed such songs as "The Men of the North," "Loch Lomond," "Crossing the Bar" (used

by permission of McMillan & Co.) "The Land of the Maple," "'Tis Love that Makes the World Go Round," "Alma Mater" (words by Prof. Hutton), "Climb Up, Ye Chillun," "My Old Kentucky Home," etc. This list might be extended to a much greater length, but we feel that enough has been said to give an idea of what this book contains.

We have reserved for special mention "The Recessional," by Rudyard Kipling, which has been set to music by DeKoven. In an empire that has attained an almost dizzy height of greatness, the sentiments expressed in this song should be indelibly written in the hearts of the youth of the land, and the surest way to attain this end is to make this and kindred songs the national songs.

Jottings.

Miss Connor has been forced to give up her course for the present owing to ill health.

Misses Morrison and Cleary attended 'Varsity Rugby dance in Toronto, on November 29.

T. Hobbs, our delegate to Victoria conversat reports a very enjoyable visit. A dinner was afterwards given the delegates.

It would be advisable for the authorities on the occasion of the next open meeting to supply tables, eye shades and a few other accessories for those faithful students who were compelled to work under great disadvantages last Fricay night.

All the members of the present class who live outside the larger cities would do well to make their Xmas purchases before leaving Hamilton. A reference to the cover of this issue will acquaint you with all our advertisers, and their special offerings for holiday trade.