

It is worthy of remark that the new book has been prepared altogether with a view to congregational singing ; for this reason solos and choir anthems have not been included.

The tone of the hymns is distinctly evangelical, the morbid and ecclesiastical element which marked the mediaeval church being carefully excluded.

We note with satisfaction the addition of the Amen, and are pleased to know that it is being so generally used ; it cannot fail to give a dignified and fitting close to compositions which are often, in their very nature, prayers.

THEOLOGICAL TRAINING OF WOMEN.

One of the great questions of our day is : What place should women take in the learned professions ? It is the fact that they are seeking admittance to them all. Most have already been opened to them. Should all be opened ? As yet our Presbyterian Church in Canada has not admitted them to the regular theological course, but there seems to be a growing feeling that the time cannot be far distant when the doors will be thrown open to men and women alike. It cannot be denied that they are mentally qualified for the work. They are in this respect successful competitors with men.

Furthermore, it is admitted that they have a special religious work to do. They are sent among the heathen women and children, and do what man seemingly could never do. They are sought after as teachers for our Sabbath Schools, and there expected to teach sound theology. They are the great teachers in our homes. Are we to expect them to do their work without proper training ? Wherever work is to be done there ought to be preparation for that work. But we must not forget that the kind of work to be done determines the kind of training to be given. If we are to admit women to the pulpit, to the work done by the pastor, to the administration of the