

tions, edited with an introduction and notes, by W. J. Alexander, Ph.D. Copp, Clark Co. To any teacher of literature who is endeavoring to awaken in his pupils that appreciation of the beautiful in composition, which once called into existence will not soon disappear, this book will be of the greatest assistance. In the lives of the various authors treated will be found not merely the more important facts connected with their careers, but also a consideration of the characteristics of their work and its effect on the times in which they lived. The notes possess the fulness, accuracy and usefulness, which can be obtained only from a wide knowledge of literature and its more influential surroundings.

In Heath's Modern Language Series we have received "Aus Herz und Welt," edited and annotated by Dr. Bernhardt. The text consists of two short German stories, suited more especially to assist the student in acquiring an accurate knowledge of colloquial German. The notes are full, since this book is intended to be of use in that period when the student is passing from the use of a special vocabulary to that of annotated texts.

The American Book Company have recently issued "Krambambuli," edited by A. W. Spanhoofd, and "Die Vierzehn Nothelefer," by K. E. Sihler. These are both intended to provide interesting reading for the student of German.

"The Oswego Normal Method of Teaching Geography," by A. W. Farnham, C. W. Bardeen, Syracuse. The author has successfully prepared an exposition of the methods of teaching geography which are in use at the Oswego Normal School. The result is intended for the guidance of young teachers, and doubtless will be helpful to those who have not yet by practice and investigation found the

methods which will best suit their own gifts.

The same firm have also issued in the Standard Teachers' Library, "Uniform Question in Drawing," consisting of the questions and answers in drawing, given at the Uniform Examinations of the State of New York.

In Moffat's English Classics, "Samson Agonistes" has recently appeared. It is edited by Thomas Page, and is uniform with the other volumes which have been issued in this series. The notes are remarkably full, and valuable information will be found, included with the text on the relation of the play to Greek tragedy, on the language of the drama, etc.

Moffat's "Pupil Teachers' Course, Geography and History," division 3. Moffat & Paige, London. The part of the book which is devoted to geography treats of Africa; America, Australasia, Polynesia; it may be mentioned, however, that British North America and Australia will be found in another division of the same series. The history is brought down to the present day, that is, to 1896.

"Composite Geometrical Figures," by G. A. Andrews, Ginn & Co., Boston. This text-book is intended for reviews and for easy original work. The aim of the author has been to provide geometrical work, which will enable the pupil to overcome the idea that geometrical principles apply only to the figures which are selected in the text-books.

"Pets and Companions," a second reader, by J. H. Stickney. This is one of the study and story nature readers, issued by Ginn & Co., Boston, and is designed to interest children in their humbler companions, while at the same time first lessons are given in reading.