

## Literary Notes.

### PROF. ESPENSHADE'S RHETORIC.

Professor Espenshade's "Composition and Rhetoric," which was issued by D. C. Heath & Co. in the early summer, has already reached its second printing. It has been cordially received by educators and has been adopted by many leading colleges, among them Bucknell and Dickinson.

The book is a wide departure from rhetorics. It is first of all practical; it is adapted to the actual needs of that constantly increasing class of students of which our college body is representative. It lays emphasis constantly upon the fundamental principles of correctness, force, and facility. A large amount of illustrative material has been given, all of it taken from the actual work of students. The learner is constantly face to face with his own mistakes and short-comings, rather than with those of literary men who at times have been careless. "The author has not imagined himself to be a literary man addressing a literary audience, nor has he taken it for granted that the students who use this book are going to produce "literature." The book cannot fail to be helpful. One who devotes a semester to the careful study of it will surely be set on the right track, if he does not develop a terse, correct business style, together with a greatly increased facility and confidence in the use of his pen.

Messrs. Henry Holt & Co. will soon announce for publication in the early spring a new novel from the pen of Professor F. L. Pattee. The scene of the book is Central Pennsylvania, which will be realistically treated. The title is to be "The House of the Black Ring."

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