The Preparation of a Chrestomathy of Catalan Medieval Texts

- 1. The <u>raison d'être</u> of such a compilation; virtual lack of a reasonably comprehensive collection of medieval texts, literary and non-literary, edited with the student of romance philology in mind.
- 2. Sources available, published and unpublished; their reliability or lack of it.
- 3. Transcription and editing of medieval Catalan texts: the problems of word separation and accentuation; short-comings of the "standard" system of accentuation. The problem of punctuation.
- 4. The relative value of popular and erudite sources; both increase in interest and value through juxtaposition.
- 5. Medieval dialectology and Provençal influences; the well-known unity of Medieval Catalan.
- 6. The form taken by the Chrestomathy prepared by the speaker; selection of texts, critical apparatus, glossary.