

GEOLOGICAL NEWS

The National Geological Survey of China

The National Geological Survey has recently undergone some re-organization. It is now under the direct control of the Ministry of Agriculture and Mines of the Nationalist Government in Nanking and affiliated, in its scientific works, with the National Research Institute the headquarter of which is at Shanghai. The Survey however remains in Peking where there already exist a great amount of materials gathered, in specimen as well as in literature, which make it well nigh impossible to remove to any other place, a fact which is well recognized by the Nationalist Government. Dr. W. H. Wong is re-appointed Director of the Survey. A large new building has been recently added at 9, Ping Ma Ssu near the library for offices and laboratories while the whole compound of Feng Sheng Hutung is then left free for the Museum extension. The building was made possible by contributions from different Mining Companies who well recognize the service rendered by the Geological Survey in its investigation on Chinese mineral resources. Thirteen geologists in five parties are recently out for field work during the autumn season in Hopeh (Chihli), Jehol, Fengtien and Heilungkiang provinces. Other parties are in preparation and will go to the north-western provinces, while a special expedition to study the Tsingling mountain range is also being planned. Several new memoirs in the *Palaeontologia Sinica* have been recently issued including one paper on *Fusulinidae* by J. S. Lee, two fascicles in *Productidae* by Y. T. Chao. The last number of the Survey bulletin No. 11 containing several interesting papers and the new constitution of the Survey with a preface by Dr. W. H. Wong summarizing the activity of the Survey during the last ten years since the Survey has begun scientific publications.

Geological Institute of the National Research Institute, Shanghai.

This is one of the departments of the National Research Institute recently established in Shanghai. A preparation committee was first formed including as its members, Messrs. W. H. Wong, J. S. Lee, K. H. Chu, T. C. Sen, and K. M. Hsu. Prof. J. S. Lee was subsequently appointed Director of the new Institute with Messrs. L. F. Yih, C. Li among its scientific staff. Much field works has already been done in the Yangtze provinces, chiefly in Hupeh and Chekiang.

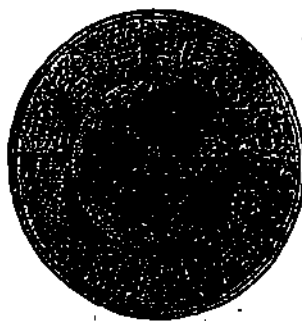
Geological Survey of Kwangtung and Kwangsi.

This Survey established by the Kwangtung and Kwangsi provinces combined has as its director Prof. K. H. Chu and is in existence already for two

years. Considerable work has been recently done along the Canton—Shaokuan railway and also in the Kwangsi province. Several preliminary reports have already been published. Messrs. T. O. Chu, K. L. Feng formerly of the National Survey are now working with this new but active institute. Mr. S. S. Yoh who has made extensive reconnaissance in the Kweichow province for the National Survey has continued his journey into Kwangsi and then has joined with the Two Kwang provincial Survey. These southern Chinese provinces which were geologically, the least known, are thus being actively studied by Chinese geologists. Prof. J. S. Lee has also paid a rapid visit during this summer to Kwangsi. Dr. V. K. Ting formerly Director of the National Survey has been recently invited to lecture to the summer school of the Kwangsi University, he has not failed to take profit of the occasion to make extensive excursion which resulted in collection of rich palæontological materials

The Grabau Medal of the Geological Society of China.

Thanks to the generosity of our former president Dr. C. Y. Wang of Hankow, a special fund has been instituted for a gold medal to be awarded by the Geological Society to the author of the most important contributions to Chinese geology. Chinese and foreigner alike. This medal is to be known as Grabau Medal in honor of Prof. A. W. Grabau who took and is still taking so important a part in the recent development of geological work in China. The



first medal was awarded to Dr. Grabau himself in 1925. It has been decided by the awarding committee in unanimity to award the second medal to Prof. J. S. Lee for his splendid work on fusulinidæ published in the *Palæontologia Sinica* series this year.

Research on early man

The National Geological Survey continues its research on early man in the surroundings of Peking in cooperation with Anatomical Department of the

Peking Union Medical College. The research has resulted last year, in the discovery from the Choukoutien cave deposit of lower Quaternary age of an anthropoid tooth which has been already described by Dr. Black in a memoir in the *Palaeontologia Sinica*. By continued excavation at Choukoutien, new interesting finds have been made, especially large elephant tusks found by Dr. C. C. Young, and a lower jaw of anthropoid picked up by Mr. W. C. Pei which will promise to be of great interest. This research is carried on by a special fund granted by the Rockefeller Foundation. The Anatomical Department of the Peking Union Medical College is interested in the study of anthropoid remains; the propriety of all the material including the anthropoid specimens belong to the Geological Survey. The tooth which has been described last year under the name of *Sinanthropus pekingensis* is now in exhibition in the Museum of the Geological Survey, 3 Feng Sheng Hutung, Peking.