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THE STATE GEOLOGIST AND HIS WORK IN
ALABAMA

From time to time as I have examined
one after another of the valuable series of
Dr. Eugene Allen Smith's reports on the
geology and resources of Alabama, I have
wondered when the people of this good
state would come to a full realization of
the value of his work, and would show
their appreciation of it in some tangible
form. For he has labored faithfully and
successfully in behalf of his native state.
Too often it is true that geologists as well
as prophets are not without honor save in
their own country. I am pleased to-day to
find that this is not true in Alabama; and
I am more than pleased to be permitted to
take part in the opening ceremonies of this
splendid building, which stands as a testi-
monial of your appreciation of a good
work well done.

And one of the best features of the oc-
casion is the fact that this good work is still
in progress. I am glad that the people of
Alabama did not follow the common prac-
tise and wait until after Dr. Smith was
dead, to do him and themselves honor. I
rejoice with you that we are here to-day,
not at a funeral service, but to do honor
to and enjoy with this good man himself
the recognition of not only what he has

1Address on the occasion of the opening of Smith Hall, housing the State Geological Survey and its
collections, and the Geological department of the
State University, at Tuscaloosa, Ala., May 30,
1910.