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THE NEW PURPOSE IN STATE DEVELOPMENT: THE SAFEGUARDING ITS OWN FUTURE¹

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 testimonial of your appreciation of a good work well done.

And one of the best features of the occasion is the fact that this good work is still in progress. I am glad that the people of Alabama did not follow the common practise 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.

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