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THE geologists of America in April of the present year welcomed to this country Sir Archibald Geikie, the distinguished Director-General of the Geological Survey of Great Britain and Ireland, on the occasion of his coming to give the opening course of lectures upon the George Huntington Williams memorial foundation at the Johns Hopkins University. The many representative men from all portions of America who went to Baltimore to listen to him shows the high position of authority which he holds in geological science and the desire which was universally felt to do honor to the man. Those who met him and listened to his carefully prepared words gained an inspiration which will be long felt in geology on this side of the Atlantic.

The lectures, which have been recently printed, appear in an attractive form from the Macmillan press.\* In the introduction to the *first* lecture of the course the author states that the searcher after truth is liable to lose sight of the paths already trodden, and that it is, therefore, "eminently useful now and then to pause in the race, and to look backward over the ground that has been traversed, to mark the errors as well as the successes of the journey, to note the hindrances and the helps which we and our

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