

entitled *Pao Yen T'ang pi chi*, which was issued in six parts during the latter part of the Ming dynasty. The Library of Congress already had more or less of two of these six parts, and with the two parts secured this year it is hoped that a fairly complete set of the original edition will be available. Fortunately, the Library of Congress has a photolithographic reprint of this entire *ts'ung shu* which is complete, so it will be easy to collate the parts of the original edition now available. The author was one of the most famous scholars of the Ming dynasty.

*A ts'ung shu
rich in geo-
graphical works.*

A *ts'ung shu* of unusual interest is the *Kuan Hsiang Lu ts'ung shu* compiled and privately published by Lü T'iao-yang of P'êng hsien, Chêng-tu Prefecture, Szechwan Province. It contains 22 works in 114 books bound in 64 volumes, in 6 cases. It has no preface or table of contents, and the date of publication is not given, although one of the latest Chinese bibliographical treatises on *ts'ung shu* says a collection of reprints of this same title but containing 18 works was published during the Kuang Hsü period, 1875-1908.

Six of the works included in this collection are explanations of geographical names; they comprise 23 books and occupy 21 volumes. Another geographical work in 22 books discusses the ancient and modern maps of China and the countries to the north. Perhaps the most interesting geographical work included in this *ts'ung shu* is the *Yüeh nan ti yü t'u shuo* by Shêng Ch'ing-fu, a native of Yung-hsin, Kiangsi. It is in 6 books bound in 3 volumes. It is a treatise on South China, and particularly Annam. It treats of 30 territorial divisions in 4 books and has 1 book giving a historical account of Yueh-nan and another on routes into Yueh-nan, roads, distances, etc.

There are at least three other geographical works and, in addition, many other interesting items, such as *Ch'i min yao shu*, an ancient agricultural treatise by Chia Ssu-niu, an author of the Posterior Wei dynasty, 386-534 A. D., also treatises on mathematics, on ethnology, on music, etc.

*Rare Chinese
herbals.*

One of the outstanding acquisitions of the year is the hitherto unknown third edition of the famous *Pên ts'ao*