Chinese Books

bound in 12 volumes in 2 portfolios. According to the title-page this is an enlarged edition of this work originally published in 1686. It is a comprehensive geographical work embracing all the Provinces of China, the borderlands, and foreign countries. This work is an enlargement of the *Kuang yü chi* of Lu Ying-yang published near the commencement of the seventeenth century.

Among the works of general geographic interest secured last year is the Wan shan kang mu compiled by Li Ch'èng (tzu Shih-lin, hao Ching-hsien) literally, descriptions of the myriad mountains of China in 21 books bound in 8 volumes in 1 case. The author of this work held office in several places in Yünnan and was appointed reviser of the general gazetteer of that Province by the famous scholar Yüan Yüan when he was governor general of the Province. The present work is a reprint made in 1900.

The Library of Congress has a very good collection of works of this character describing the Chinese mountains and other striking scenery.

Another work on the mountains and scenery of China is the Yen shan tsa chi by Sun T'ing-ch'üan tzu Po-tu, another tzu mei-hsien, hao Chih-t'ing) in four books bound in two volumes in one portfolio. The author was a famous man, having been premier during the reign of the great Emperor K'ang Hsi. The author's preface is dated 1665 and a postface by his son is dated 1666. The work consists of a record of the mountains, valleys, springs, thoroughfares, official buildings, schools, local customs, ruins, etc., of the district called Yen shên chên in I-tu District. The copy secured by the Library of Congress is beautifully printed and is a good example of the printer's art of the K'ang Hsi period. There is also a manuscript copy of this work in the Library of Congress.

Another geographic work of unusual interest is the Shui ching chu shan hai ching. This work really consists of two parts, the first being the Shui ching chu or commentary on the water classic by Li Tao-yüan of the posterior Wei dynasty. It is in 40 books. The second