

books bound in 4 volumes in 1 case, was apparently printed in 1597. It is apparently collated from at least 2 different editions to make this copy as complete as possible. In book No. 8 there are a few extra pages that belong to a Manchu dynasty edition dated 1684. It is apparently an incomplete copy of a Ming edition that has been completed by pages taken from a later, probably a Ch'ing dynasty, edition.

A number of other geographic works were secured in addition to the above-mentioned official gazetteers. Perhaps the most interesting of these is the *Kuang yü t'u* by Lo Hung-hsien (*tzu* Ta-fu, *hao* Nien-an) published in 1579. This is a Ming dynasty reprint of a work giving maps of China originally compiled in the Yüan dynasty. The work has no fewer than seven prefaces; two of them dated 1551, two 1566, and one, the last, in 1579; the preface to the original work, *Yü t'u* by Chu Ssu-pên of the Yüan dynasty is not dated, and one other preface is not dated. Works of this character are extremely valuable in the study of Chinese history and Chinese geography.

Other geographic works.

The *Huang yü k'ao* compiled by Chang T'ien-fu, revised by his son Chang Yuan-pien is in 18 books, bound in 8 volumes in 1 portfolio. This work is somewhat similar to the *Kuang yü t'u* just mentioned but has a descriptive text, as well as maps. The first edition was published in 1557 A. D., the present revised edition was apparently issued in 1588, the date of the last preface. It is in eight parts of which the first six describe the Provinces of China, the seventh consists of maps, and the eighth is an account of foreign people living in all directions about China. An attentive reading of this chapter on the foreign people might bring to light interesting information about the Europeans just beginning to visit China in large numbers in the period between the issuance of the first and second editions of this work. There is another copy of this work in the Library of Congress printed from different blocks and in 10 books instead of 12.

Still another general geographic work of a somewhat later date is *Ts'êng ting kuang yü chi* compiled by Ts'ai Fang-ping (*tzu* Chiu-hsia, *hao* Hsi-kuan) in 24 books