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The Society started their digitalization step by step for opening them to the public through the web site because they are not available at present. The Society gave special attention for the web site to secure accessibility and readability. Especially an effort was made so that the details might be expressed on screen for maps.

Up to now, we have opened following materials, “Earth Science Selected Papers volumes one to three (1908), volume four (1909) and volume five (1913)”*, “Descriptions of the sailing experience of the Arctic Ocean and Alaska coast (1895)”, “Geology and Mining in East Asia (1952)”, “Geological atlas of Eastern Asia (1929)”, “China Earth Science Investigation Topographic and Geologic Maps volume one and two (1917)” etc. Mr. Sven Anders Hedin’s lecture on the occasion of his visit to Japan is introduced in volume four of “Earth Science Selected Papers” (1909).

Mr. Hedin is learned about by an expedition in Central Asia and Tibet. Papers on geology and mining resources in Eastern Asia are gathered in three volume of “Geology and Mining in East Asia”, such as Korea, Manchuria and China (1952).

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