

start farming on the Mongols' pastures. When the soldiers on guard saw HÖRNER climbing around in the terraces at the foot of the mountain range, where he was carrying on his geological studies, these simple-minded but rather brusque Mongols perhaps thought that they had to do with some Chinese tiller of the ground looking for arable land. It was only by sheer good luck that they missed him.

BOHLIN and BEXELL had excavated big and heavy fossil-finds, and they now intended to send these back to Beli-miao under JOHANSEN's care. Here we were to make arrangements for the reception and further transport of the collections to Peking. In this way they would be freed from the necessity of taking heavy stone-blocks with them into the interior of Asia, blocks that in any case were destined for Peking. At the same time they sent us lists of their desires for all sorts of supplementary gear to complete their defective or worn-out equipment.

MONTELL and HUMMEL were kept busy for several days procuring all that the field-workers had asked for; and at the end of February the consignment was sent to Kuei-hua, from whence it was to be forwarded westwards to the Gobi-group.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

My sixty-fifth birthday was celebrated with great thoroughness. True, I was not without a touch of my old gall-stones, but this slight reminder was not enough to prevent my receiving all the friendly addresses and taking part in the dinners with which I was honoured. Festivities commenced with a midnight supper at the hotel, arranged in his well-known manner by HUMMEL. Amongst other guests were Professor ERIK NYSTRÖM and Professor and Mrs OSVALD SIRÉN, which latter couple happened to be spending the winter in Peking.

Baron LEIJONHUFVUD was the host at a lunch held in my honour at the Swedish Legation; and in the evening a magnificent festive dinner was given in the old Foreign Office premises, at which about seventy gentlemen were present.

At this time I was elected an honorary member of the National Academy of Peiping.

PLANS FOR A SWEDISH INSTITUTE OF RESEARCH

On several occasions I had discussions with Chinese scholars concerning a plan for which I had got the idea from the recently founded Swedish Institute in Rome. This was to establish a Swedish Institute of Research in Peking — a Swedish House where Swedish scientists and artists working in North China and Mongolia might find refuge and accommodation. We thought of having it in one of those spacious