

GEOLOGIC PAST

A Look inside Volume 1 of *Geological Society of America Bulletin*, 1890

Volume 1 of *GSA Bulletin* begins with a review of the founding and organization of the Geological Society of America, followed by papers read at the “Semi-Annual Meeting held at Toronto, August 28–29, 1889.” James Hall, the first president of GSA, gave the opening address and then presented papers on the “Revision of the genus *Orthis*” (p. 19) and “New genera and species of Dictyospongidae” (p. 22). G.K. Gilbert was next, with his paper, “The strength of the Earth’s crust” (p. 23). T.C. Chamberlain presented a paper

titled, “Boulder belts and boulder trains” (p. 27).

Another geology great, James Dwight Dana, presented “Areas of continental progress in North America” (p. 36). C.D. Walcott (“Study of a line of displacement in the Grand Cañon” [*sic*], p. 49) and J.W. Spencer (“High continental elevation preceding the Pleistocene,” p. 65; and “Ancient shores, boulder pavements, and high-level gravels,” p. 71) completed the presentations.

Other articles published in the first volume of *GSA Bulletin* include “Notes

on the surface geology of Alaska,” by I.C. Russell (p. 99), “Orographic movements in the Rocky Mountains,” by S.F. Emmons (p. 245), “On glacial phenomena in Canada,” by Robert Bell (p. 287), “The value of the term ‘Hudson River Group’ in geologic nomenclature,” by C.D. Walcott (p. 335), and “Some additional evidences bearing on the interval between glacial epochs,” by T.C. Chamberlain (p. 469). The Proceedings of the Annual Meeting held at New York 26–28 December 1889, including obituary notices, completes the volume.