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CHAPTER XIX.

GENERAL CONCLUSIONS REGARDING THE LAKES.

I have now taken account of all the desert lakes on the right bank of the Tarim, of which I have any knowledge either from my own observation or from oral information supplied by the natives. I do not of course pretend that my list is complete, for it is quite possible that one or other lake may have escaped my observation, or that some which possess no names, or are not used for fishing, were not mentioned to me. But even with those which I have named we have a pretty long series, all situated on the right bank of the Tarim between a point just below Karaul, and Basch-arghan. The fact of my having been able to visit, and more or less imperfectly study, only six of them is of the less consequence, when we call to mind how closely they resemble one another, and that they all alike owe their origin to the same hydrographical circumstances and the same configuration of the substratum. The material I did collect is at all events quite sufficient to allow of the necessary conclusions being drawn with regard to their formation, and the part they play in the physical geography of the region.

Recapitulating what I have said above, I will first give the names of the lakes

in order. They are:

Teis-köl or the Shallow Lake.
Tus-alghutsch » Lake where Salt is Taken.
Sejt-köl » Sejt's Lake.
Aghesi-köl » Aghesi's Lake.
Daschi-köl » Lake of the Salt Pool.
Tana-baghladi . . » » Lake Dammed by Tana.
Talei Kullu-tschapghan » » Lake Dug by Talei Kullu.
Basch-köl . . . » » Upper Lake.
Uja-köl . . . » » Lake of the Reed-thickets.
Jangi-köl . . . » » New Lake.
Gölme-käti-köl . . » » New Lake.
Gölme-käti-köl . . » » Poplar Lake.
Karaunelik-köl . . » » Lake of the Karaune-bird.
Tajiri-kakmasi . . » » Tajir's Bay.