

*As appears from the author's statements in the following chapter, it was his intention to add to his Atlas a general map of the scale 1:1,000,000, embracing his own routes and those of other travellers in Tibet. The preparations for such a map had, however, on the author's departure to India in October, 1905, not proceeded so far as he himself had hoped when he wrote the words found below on pages 542 and 547. To execute in his absence even a »provisional» map, which he would be able to declare valid as a »first edition» for a future better map, has been found impossible by the cartographers to whom he entrusted this work. Dr. Hedin's new journey in Tibet has furthermore been accompanied by considerable geographical results; without a particular knowledge concerning them such a general map as is here in question would be antiquated even on its first appearance. He will no doubt after his return supply the omission which must now occur in his work.*

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