

Heavy rain with fresh snow on the mountains necessitated a halt at Sitargh on October 2nd. *Sitargh* pass^{crossed}. Fortunately the sky cleared in time to permit us to start for the pass long before daybreak on the following morning. The ascent was steep but easy at first, the side valley leading up to the watershed towards Khingāb being clothed with alpine vegetation and fairly open as compared with the gorges which give access to the passes of Shitam and Adūde. From about 12,400 feet above sea-level the climb led over large snow-covered moraines. Along debris masses skirting a steep glacier

⁸ See below, Mr. Joyce's Appendix C.