

having accomplished one of the most brilliant journeys in Asia in a surprisingly short space of time.

It is a great pity that so very few details from this journey have remained to our time. The two Jesuits seem not to have understood the great geographical importance of their achievement, and they have not even troubled to keep a rough diary. We are only able to follow the great features of their journey. In some cases, as for instance, when Grueber mentions the rivers south of Koko-nor, we cannot, with any degree of certainty, identify them. On some old maps, however, this journey has left its traces, and that is the only reason why I mention Grueber and Dorville together with Goës and Andrade. For in a later part of this work, dealing with exploration in the Transhimalaya, we shall have to return to this most interesting journey.

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