

sources of Indus and Brahmaputra» as »mystic», although I had described both in 1909.

In 1907 the last word had not been said in this question. Lord CURZON has expressed the situation thus: »When a traveller pursues earlier investigations a few stages further, on lines already followed and accepted but not carried to their logical or geographical conclusion, he determines.»<sup>3</sup> This view is correct — if Chinese sources are considered. All other material was insufficient. Both Nain Sing and Ryder confounded the Chema-yundung and the Kubi-tsangpo. Kawaguchi is the only modern traveller who mentions both rivers, even by their correct names, although his results were not yet published or known when I published mine. But even Kawaguchi says: »the sources of the Tamchok Khanbab have hitherto defied investigation».

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<sup>3</sup> Geographical Journal Vol. XXXIII, April 1909, p. 436, under the title: »Scientific results of Dr. Sven Hedin's expedition.»

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