

garded as an authority. With full right Sir HENRY YULE says of him: »As regards a large part of the country of which I am going to speak we are all on a level, for no one has seen it, not even the clever Abbé himself and his companion; and of geographical information regarding the region in question, they can hardly be said to have brought anything back.»<sup>1</sup> And still his name will live for ever in the history of exploration in Tibet, the modern epoch of which he inaugurated as one of the most brilliant and intrepid pioneers of any time.

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<sup>1</sup> Introductory Essay in: *The River of Golden Sand* by Capt. William Gill, London 1880, p. 18.

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