

broken by huge masses of rock». At Nango ierry he crossed the Tsangpo and went up the Yarlung river a short distance. Above Tsetang he speaks of heavy sands. On December 27th he reached his home in Darjiling.

Sarat Chandra Das' book is full of human interest, religious, social, literary news of highest value and the more important as Rockhill has provided it with notes. His descriptions of temples, habits, ceremonies, religious festivals, the life of monks and laymen, is most interesting and instructive. But there is hardly any geography in the whole book. His attention has been taken up by the people, not by the country, and only occasionally he speaks of its beauty.

But the map is remarkably good although lacking orography. As a surveyor he seems to have been very careful, for Rockhill says:¹ »The discovery by Sarat Chandra in 1882 of the true dimensions and shape of Lake Palti, seemed to Sir Alfred Croft, so important that in June, 1883, he despatched the lama to cover the same ground in order to check off, verify, and complete the survey of the Babu. This he successfully did, adding only to the latter's work a small portion to the south-east of the lake, but establishing the great accuracy of the previous survey.»

¹ Op. cit. p. X.