

and his fellow-travellers' eyes could reach to the north and south, but Markham's »Northern Himalayan range» still remained unknown and still, in 1905, was supposed to be a range, although in fact it consisted of at least ten different ranges.

Nobody has put this misunderstanding right in a more noble and generous way than Sir Clements Markham himself, when he wrote, after my second lecture in the Royal Geographical Society, February 1909:¹ »The so-called Nien-chen-tang-la mountains were unknown from the Tengri-nor to the Maryum-la pass, and I always looked upon their discovery, on those meridians, as the most important *desideratum* in Asiatic geography for many reasons.»

¹ Geographical Journal, April 1909, Vol. XXXIII, p. 416.