

very rare sight; only once we saw such a camp on the Raga-tsangpo, 3 white and blue tents and 30 ponies. As soon as one reaches the *tasam* or Raga-tasam some more considerable traffic of caravans is seen, always yaks. The *tasam* is therefore like a great number of parallel paths, as the yaks go in a compact mass at the side of each other. Round Raga-tasam there are many now uninhabited camping places. At Raga-tasam itself 12 tents were pitched, several of them belonging to the authorities of the road. There is also a kind of bazar-merchants with a black tent. Above Raga-tasam are signs of many camping places. Round Camp 162 nomads dwell only in summer. South of Kichung-la a tent was pitched at the very considerable height of nearly 5 000 m. Near Basang were a few tents, but more were expected in the summer. At Sa-chu only 3 tents were seen, but several are pitched farther west along the river. At Kyärkyä and the Tsangpo there are many ruins, for instance one of an old *dsong*, and one of a nunnery as well as of many houses long ago abandoned, and fields of barley no longer cultivated. There is a whole abandoned village, Yü-ü-par, and Chandö is the last group of ruins close to the Tsangpo. Only one tent was now pitched here.

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