

PREFACE

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As to my collaborators in the last volumes of Southern Tibet I will have to return to them in the Preface to Vol. VIII.

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The last sheet of this volume was already printed when STEIN'S standard work *Serindia* appeared. KOSLOFF is said to have published a new book on Tibet. Dr. EMIL TRINKLER of Munich has written a monographic description of Tibet which will be printed in *Zeitschrift der Geographischen Gesellschaft, München*. It is very well done and must be warmly recommended to students of the geography of High Asia. I have read it in type; its title is: *Tibet, sein geographisches Bild und seine Stellung im asiatischen Kontinent*.

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