

RICHTHOFEN also shows that even after THOMSON'S journey, CUNNINGHAM regarded the Kwen-lun as a continuation of the range with the Kara-korum Pass, and that the SCHLAGINTWEITS were the first to separate the two systems.

The same scholar, who was the most erudite specialist on Asia of his time, has said the following true words of Humboldt:

Er hatte kaum den Westrand der Centralgebiete von Asien berührt, und doch war er der erste, welcher, indem er das mühsam von Anderen zusammengetragene Material vergleichend betrachtete, ein Gemälde von dem Gezimmer des Continentes entwarf, welches zwar mehrfacher Modification bedarf, aber doch hinsichtlich mancher Grundzüge in bewundernswerther Weise das Richtige traf.¹

Exactly the same may be said of RICHTHOFEN himself, for though he gathered and digested in the most brilliant way all material on Central Asia existing at his time, the orographical map he constructed had to be modified in many details. And, after all, cannot the same be said of our own time!

¹ *China*, I, p. 724.