

Khokan which in February of the same year, had been conquered by SKOBELEFF. Kuropatkin says: »The importance of Kashgaria in our eyes was increased in consequence of the attempts of the English to draw this country to their side so as to incorporate it (1), in a neutral zone of countries which was to separate Russia from India, and (2) to acquire in Kashgaria a fresh market for the sale of their manufactured goods.»

The geographical results of this mission were no less valuable than those of the Forsyth Mission, and their importance highly increases if PRSHEVALSKIY'S journey to Lop-nor, and Altin-tagh, the same year, is added — and both, no doubt, stood in a certain relation to one another as appears from Kuropatkin's report.

As the English had surveyed Southern Pamir, the Russians surveyed the Northern. Kuropatkin continued eastwards from Kashgar to Aksu, Korla, Kara-kash and Bagrash-kul, and Captain SUNARGULOFF, a member of the expedition, proceeded *viâ* Utch-turfan to Karakol.

The book Kuropatkin wrote on his journey contains one of the best monographs ever published on Eastern Turkestan.<sup>1</sup> His map, stretching from Osh to Bagrash-kul, and from Issik-kul to a little south of Yarkand, is also very well worked out.<sup>2</sup> It does not reach down to the regions particularly interesting us. As a matter of curiosity it should be noticed that he calls the mountains west of Kashgar, Bus-tagh and Mus-tau, both being our old Mustagh, or perhaps rather the Mus-tagh-ata.

<sup>1</sup> А. Н. Куропаткинъ: *Кашгарія. Историко-географическій очеркъ страны*. It is translated into English by W. E. GOWAN: *Kashgaria. Historical and geographical sketch of the country, its military strength, industries and trade*. Calcutta 1882. Regarding the eight appendices which have been left out in the English edition, in spite of their not being without »great political and military importance in view of any future operations in Kashgarian territory», they also contain the most interesting part of the work from a geographical point of view.

<sup>2</sup> *Карта сѣверной части Восточнаго Туркестана по свѣдѣніямъ капитана Куропаткина и маршрутной съемкѣ штабсъкапитана Старцева въ 1876 г.*