

copy of the extremely rare Hsi-yü-t'u-chih of 1762, Professor F. W. K. MÜLLER, Professor v. LE COQ, Professor HÜLLE, Professor HÄNISCH of Berlin, Professor O. FRANKE of Hamburg, and Professor KARLGREN of Gothenburg. In a very high degree my gratitude is due to Mr. W. SCHRADER of Berlin, who in the most able way has drawn the maps translated from the Chinese, and to Mr. BOGDAN GISEVIUS of Berlin, who in a no less able way has reproduced the same maps.

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