

what power of resistance or the contrary the mass of the people would represent during the process of transformation. My journey gave me the impression, however, that the work of reform had likewise taken root in the interior of China. Although a shortage of enlightened personnel often interfered with its systematic course, noteworthy results had already been achieved in some spheres, particularly the Army, railway construction and schools. In two or three years, e.g., no less than 40—50,000 schools, established on European models, had been opened. Difficulty was encountered, however, owing to the shortage of educated »reformers» and financial problems. A reform of the currency had just been decided on and a centralisation of the financial administration had been promised. All this led one to expect that the empire would have a new and great future and that it was growing into a power, with which other nations would some day have to reckon.

For want of time I have had to postpone from year to year the fulfilment of my original intention of preparing the notes made on the journey for publication. In the autumn of 1936, however, the Finno-Ugrian Society undertook to publish the diary I had kept during the journey and revise and publish the scientific materials I had brought back. Professor KAARLO HILDÉN was appointed editor. The preparation of the archaeological materials was undertaken by Professor A. M. TALLGREN, of the manuscripts brought back by Dr GUSTAF RAQUETTE, of Lund, of the anthropological materials by Professor KAARLO HILDÉN, of the ethnographic by Dr. KUSTAA VILKUNA, of the meteorological by Dr RUNAR MEINANDER; some of the fragments of manuscripts have been interpreted by the late Professor JULIO N. REUTER and by Professor G. J. RAMSTEDT. The itinerary maps drawn by me during the journey have been prepared and re-drawn by Mr A. K. MERISUO.

The translation of my diary, which I kept in Swedish, is the work of Mr EDWARD BIRSE, of Helsinki, and the names of places have been checked by Miss ELSBETH GRANT, of London. Mr BIRSE has also translated the essays dealing with the scientific materials.

The book is to be published in two parts. The first part contains the records of my journey, the second the scientific contributions and itineraries. The publication has been delayed by the strained political situation during last autumn and by Russia's attack on Finland at the end of November, 1939.

I take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to all, and particularly to Professor KAARLO HILDÉN, who has devoted a great deal of time and trouble to editing the slender materials I was able to bring back.

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