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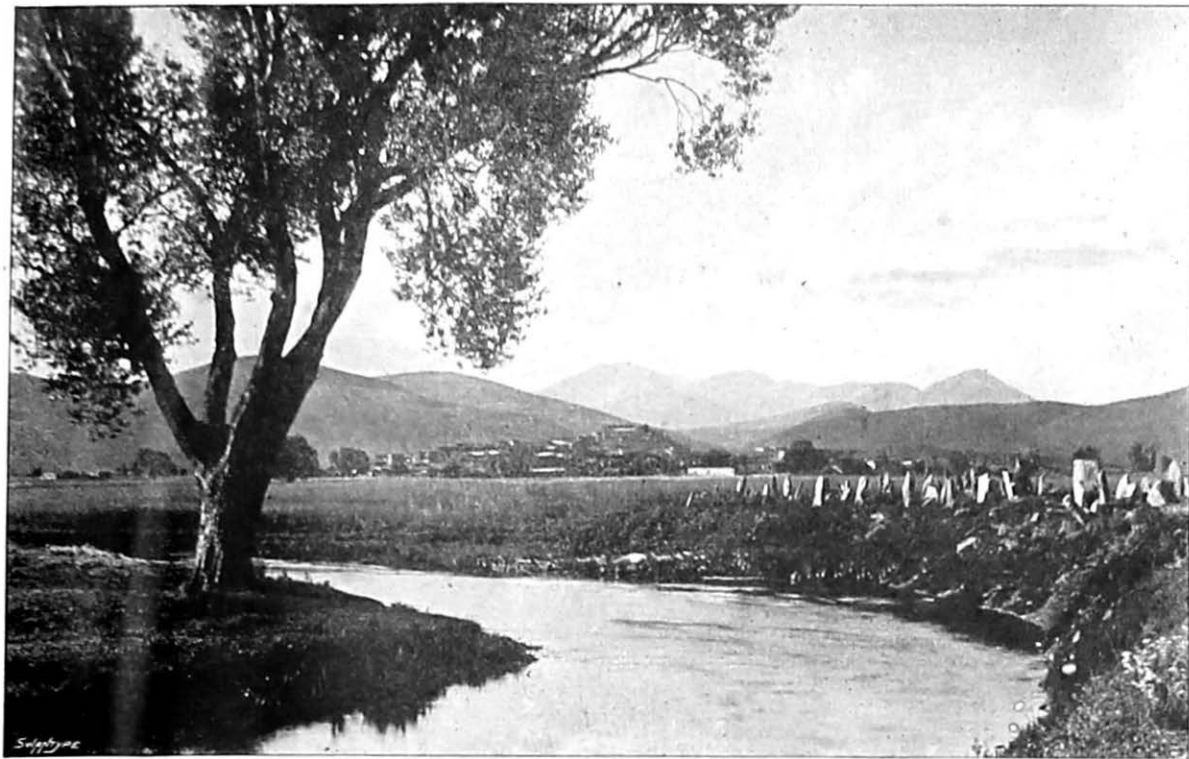


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VIEW OF GYUKSUN (COCUSUS) IN THE ANTI-TAURUS.

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TO

W. M. R.

AND MY COMPANIONS IN TRAVEL.

Most young authors on the issue of a book feel disposed to apologize for its existence, and I, being no exception, cannot refrain from pleading in part excuse for that which I dedicate to you the circumstances under which these chapters were composed. They have been written bit by bit at wide intervals of time, now on a steamer's deck, now at a khan, now in a mud hut, now in camp. I can only venture to hope that consequent defects may be balanced by a transient flavour of the East, by a little of its air and light caught here and there in a page. And perhaps you at least will be kind to them because I may recall sometimes scenes that you also saw and may not be destined to see again.

PREFATORY NOTE TO THE SECOND EDITION.

CERTAIN of my readers have complained that I leave them too much in the dark as to dates and distances. My plea must be that the itineraries and results of most of the journeys, on which this little book is based, have been published already in one scientific journal or another. Some of those wanderings are not very recent, all have led me over ground very similar; and to have recounted them step by step must have led to much iteration, and made me exemplify that admirable maxim "*l'art d'ennuyer c'est tout dire.*"

I was first in Asia Minor in 1887 under

the guidance of Professor W. M. Ramsay, who has taught me such art of travel as I know: Mr. H. A. Brown made a third on that expedition, and my return with him from the Phrygian Rock Monument country is related in Chapter II. The most part of 1888 I passed in Cyprus, partly at Paphos with Messrs. E. A. Gardner, M. R. James and R. Elsey Smith, partly in travelling alone about the island. In 1890 and 1891 I was in Asia Minor again, in the first instance with Professor Ramsay and the Rev. A. C. Headlam. Our route lay out nearly to Euphrates and home through the south country. In the second instance Mr. J. A. R. Munro accompanied me from Mersina across to Samsun on the Black Sea. The winters of 1893—94, '94—95, and '95—96, I spent in Egypt, and during the spring and summer of 1894 made the

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journey up the Euphrates Valley, sketched in Chapter IV., in the company of Viscount Encombe, Mr. V. W. Yorke, and Mr. F. W. Green. Some one or other of these companions shared in almost every adventure or experience, related in the pages that follow.

D. G. H.

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