

Die obigen Zahlen sind meist die in den chinesischen Steuer-Aufnahmen enthaltenen. Der Report glaubte jedoch, dass die faktische heutige Bevölkerung der Besitzungen des Emir (Jakub Bek) weit jenen Ziffern zurückbleibe.»\*



Fig. 273. TSCHIHIL-TEN, CEMETERY OF JARKENT.



Fig. 274. THE GHURISTAN OR BURIAL-PLACE OF TSCHIGELIK-UJ.

Although in this table Turfan is counted to East Turkestan and the population of the Lop-nor region is greatly exaggerated, the total is too low, because the scattered villages are virtually left out of account, and they, I am convinced, contain much the largest part of the population of East Turkestan. Wagner and Supan,\*\* on the strength of Forsyth's estimate, put the population of the Tien-schan countries (Sin-tsiang) and Ili at the round number of 1,000,000. In the same place we find also Matussovskij's estimate of 1,500,000.

In 1876—77 General Kuropatkin travelled through the north of East Turkestan, and his account of the journey is distinguished for its accurate and reliable statements. With regard to the population, he says, »From such information as we possess, with regard to Chinese rule in Eastern Turkestan at this particular period, it is very difficult to form an exact idea as to the actual number of the population found by the Chinese in Kashgaria, or as to the amount of the taxes which were paid to them. Nevertheless, having regard to the interest raised by these questions, we will make an attempt to give, from the scattered details that have been published, figures which we will supplement by information collected on the spot — figures that will perhaps determine the amount of the population in the several circles, and the sum total of their taxes. These figures are of course only approximate, and in every case are below the real amounts. The population of Kashgaria for the period from 1760 to 1825 was: —

In the Kashgar circle,	from 100,000 to	150,000 souls.
» » Yarkend	» » 200,000	» 400,000 »
» » Khotan	» » 100,000	» 700,000 »
» » Ak-su	» » 150,000	» 200,000 »
» » Koocha	» » 25,000	» 50,000 »

Total from 575,000 to 1,500,000 souls.

Reclus takes a very comprehensive view of the extent of East Turkestan, but he reduces Kuropatkin's and Forsyth's estimates to an excessive degree when he says: »Dans les limites que lui ont reconnues des divers explorateurs anglais et

\* *Petermanns Mitteilungen*, Ergänzhft No. 52: Forsyth, »Ost-Turkestan und das Pamir-Plateau», p. 76.

\*\* *Die Bevölkerung der Erde*, VIII. p. 110.