



Fig. 10. The river immediately below Tsondol

their contents they were written by SIU, who then let me have them in French translation.

In order to ensure his protection of the Edsen-gol station we also wrote to the governor of Kansu, informing him of our aims and adding some details concerning the station on the bank of the river. »We have for long known that you are a benevolent patron of science and art. We trust that you will not withhold your sympathetic interest from our plans. We hope that you will give orders to the local authorities and the authorities of the different *jasaks* to give their special protection to the station, which would very much oblige. . . » etc.

Finally, we also drew up a document for the benefit of the powerful governor of Sinkiang, YANG TSENG-HSIN. After a short preamble concerning the scientific aims of the expedition and our journey to the Edsen-gol we informed him that it was our intention shortly to proceed to Hami and thence to Turfan and Urumchi. »In Hami we wish to establish a station for the observation of meteorological phenomena. We know well that you always give your strongest support to science, and we trust that our enterprise will also meet with your sympathy and