

temple that was already complete. However, the advantages weighed so heavily in the scale that we did not hesitate in our choice.

Dr ANNER, the German architect who had designed the imposing complex of the National Library in Peking, put me in touch with the Chinese architect W. H. LIANG, whom we employed to take the measurements of the Jehol temple in question and to lend us his support in all other architectonic questions.

The decision regarding the choice of a temple could not be made until I had seen the temples in Jehol with my own eyes, for I was of course responsible for the whole thing. But on account of the thousand and one irons we had in the fire and although we were longing for the work with the copy to begin, the journey to Jehol was put off from week to week.

MONTELL had already visited Jehol, though I myself had never been there. We decided to journey to the place together for a longer stay among the temples, and Mr LIANG and SÖDERBOM were to accompany us.

Before entering on the description of this trip to Jehol, I want to insert a special chapter devoted to the adventures of the staff of our first meteorological station on the Edsen-gol.