

A pavilion, situated somewhat higher and enclosing memorial tablets, was erected to commemorate the father and grandfather of CONFUCIUS. The whole building was very well preserved, but even here there were weeds and bushes growing out of the roofs.

### OUR WORK AT THE POTALA

We had often to go to the Potala on business, for our clever Chinese architect, Mr W. H. LIANG, was working there. After much negotiation he had undertaken to produce an absolutely faithful replica of the Golden Pavilion of the Potala. Even before our visit to Jehol, I had realized that this building was the most beautiful and decorative that could be found in North China or Mongolia, and that no other would be so well fitted to adorn one of the large parks in Chicago.

Mr LIANG was busily employed in making plans and specifications, and taking measurements of the columns, beams, carved planks, windows, brackets, and friezes. Not the smallest detail in the whole of that complicated structure escaped his eye. From Peking he had brought a very clever painter, an elderly Chinese. He moved an altar-table to the open door to have a good light; and there he sat all day until sunset, copying the patterns on the carved and painted beams, and the square panels on the ceiling, to say nothing of the many Lohan-pictures. He was always friendly and jovial, and peered waggishly from behind his big spectacles when one went to look at his fine, cleverly executed sketches. Except for an occasional pull at his long pipe he worked unceasingly, putting all his heart and soul into the copying.

### THE FATE OF THE JEHOL TEMPLES

The period of Jehol's greatness was in the reign of CH' IEN LUNG. Then, as also in the next period, there was a special board of control to see that nothing was taken away from the temples. Every sanctuary had an inventory, and every cult-object bore a little number-slip corresponding to the data in the inventory. On the occasion of my visit to Tashi-lhunpo in Tibet in February and March 1907 I observed that all the exhibited objects were numbered; and it was said that everything was annually checked up against the inventory. It was therefore very simple to ascertain whether anything was missing. Certain lamas that were placed in charge of different sections were held responsible.

There is in Jehol to this day a bureau for this purpose with premises in a pavilion within the palace-walls. It was appointed at the inception of the Republic and bears the name Yüan-ting-shih-wu-so. But its power is illusory. At least,