

given a miniature feast of wine, brandy and biscuits.

And so the first great stage of his journey was accomplished. He had covered $1818\frac{3}{4}$ miles ($436\frac{1}{4}$ by train and $1382\frac{1}{2}$ by road). Of this distance he had walked $1116\frac{1}{2}$ miles. The journey occupied 103 days from Tientsin, and he spent £188 on the way, exclusive of the stores he had laid in for the journey. The actual transport (train, chairs, coolies, cart, mules, boat) cost £126.

Chengtou is one of the pleasantest cities in China, with clean, fairly well-paved streets, covered arcades and good shops. It is reputed to have 422,516 inhabitants. Pereira stayed here in a charming Chinese house (now the British Consulate) with a nice garden, and was welcomed at a series of entertainments. First, on June 3, was a great celebration of the King's birthday at the British Consulate. This, he says, was very well done by Mr. Hewlett. Flags were flown and an official reception was held from 11 to 11.30. In the afternoon were sports for children, of which there were seventy (English and Canadian) over four years of age. Then there was a patriotic march with the flag as well as songs and recitations to keep up the love of country. All was very effective, and if everybody took the same trouble all over the world as Mr. Hewlett and Mr. Brace (working for the Y.M.C.A.) took, we would not, he thought, be having so much trouble at home.

Then he had a round of Chinese feasts which, in accordance with Chinese etiquette, he was expected to attend. At these big official feasts countless heart-burnings in regard to the correct seating of