

special audience room behind the barracks, having walked there from his charming villa just behind. He was without a hat and was dressed in a picturesque long orange robe with a bright yellow jacket. He was close shaven, but with a small twisted moustache and a minute beard. On Pereira entering he remained seated. Pereira then presented him with a khata (ceremonial scarf) and received a very fine large one in return. After this Pereira took a seat, and quite an interesting conversation followed, for he found the Dalai Lama very intelligent. The Lama himself drank Tibetan tea, but he gave Pereira Indian tea and milk in a little English tea-service.

After this visit Pereira called on the Prime Minister, "Long Chin" by name, in the Potala. He was a nice old man. But his office, consisting of three small rooms, had to be reached by a flight of slippery stone steps and long dark passages.

Pereira also, while at Lhasa, visited the great Sera monastery, which nominally has 5500 monks, though he would have estimated the number as lower. The way to it leads across a sandy plain, and it is situated at the foot of bare stony hills $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles north of the Potala. It is a regular little town from 600 to 800 yards long, with streets of two- or three-storied houses. There are three big temples with gold roofs of the usual small Chinese pattern. On the whole, Pereira was disappointed with the monastery. If there were five thousand monks, it was only a little bigger than the Labrang monastery in Kansu, and for situation and general appearance Labrang is much finer.

The Commander-in-Chief came to say good-bye