

for the name of the Christian 安馬里忽思 An Ma-li-hu-ssü, An Markus, known at Chên-chiang at that time (cf. *TP*, 1915, 651, 682; *Mo*, 159); An is a Chinese surname, and Markus, Mark, was then of frequent occurrence among Nestorians in China.

The ultimate fate of all these churches is unknown. PAUTHIER (*Pa*, 484) has already quoted, from the accounts of the Dutch Embassy in 1795 published by MOREAU DE SAINT-MÉRY and by DE GUIGNES, two parallel texts relating to a temple which the envoys saw outside the city of Tan-yang (a district south-east of Chên-chiang) and where a Christian had lived « 300 years earlier ». Cf. also DUYVENDAK in *TP*, 1938, 90-91. CHARIGNON (*Ch*, III, 67) seems to connect these texts with the church which, he says, was erected in 1295 « south of Tan-yang ». But CHARIGNON is mistaken; the church of 1295 was erected « south of the Tan-yang hostelry » (丹陽館 Tan-yang-kuan), and this is a well-known government hostelry which was at Chên-Chiang, not at Tan-yang (cf. *TP*, 1915, 639, 670). The tradition recorded by the members of the Dutch Embassy is nevertheless of real interest. It is quite possible that a former Christian church, founded at Tan-yang, was afterwards taken over by the Buddhists or the Taoists, and that some memory of its origin survived; for a similar case in the region of Shanghai, cf. *TP*, 1915, 631; the very name of the temple, given as « San-y-ko » by DE GUIGNES, may represent 三一閣, « Hall of the Triune », *san-i* having been, from T'ang times, a Chinese term used for the Holy Trinity; but it may also be something else. I have not at my disposal the local monographs which would allow me to reach more precise conclusions.

280. MALES (ISLAND), see FEMELES

malle FBt, TA¹, TA³

maschia VA

mascholi, *mascoli*, *masolle* VB

mascholina Vr, VL

maschulina V

mascola, *mascolina* R

mascula L, Z

masculina P; G

masculus L

mascus Lr

masle F, FA, FB

masles F, Fr, t, FB

281. MEDIA, see ASYA MEDIA and INDIE

282. MEDIANE, see INDIE

283. MELCHIOR

marchio V, VB

melchion FA

melchior F, FB, LT, TA¹

melchyor Z

melquior L

One of the three Magi kings; cf. *Y*, I, 82-83, and the bibliography added here under « Baltasar », *q. v.* The name is Aramaeo-Assyrian, Milki uri, « My king is my light » (V. SCHEIL).