

Old Yenking had, when occupied by the Kin, a circuit of 27 *li* (commonly estimated at 9 miles, but in early works the *li* is not more than $\frac{1}{5}$ of a mile), afterwards increased to 30 *li*. But there was some kind of outer wall about the city and its suburbs, the circuit of which is called 75 *li*. ["At the time of the Yuen the walls still existed, and the ancient city of the Kin was commonly called Nan-ch'eng (Southern city), whilst the Mongol capital was termed the northern city." *Bretschneider, Peking*, 10.—H. C.] (*Lockhart*; and see *Amyot*, II. 553, and note 6 to last chapter.)

Polo correctly explains the name *Cambaluc*, i.e. *Kaan-baligh*, "The City of the Kaan."

NOTE 2.—The river that ran between the old and new city must have been the little river *Yu*, which still runs through the modern Tartar city, and fills the city ditches.

[Dr. Bretschneider (*Peking*, 49) thinks that there is a strong probability that Polo speaks of the *Wen-ming ho*, a river which, according to the ancient descriptions, ran near the southern wall of the Mongol capital.—H. C.]

NOTE 3.—This height is from Pauthier's Text; the G. Text has, "twenty paces,"



South Gate of Imperial City at Peking.

"Elle a douze portes, et sur chacune porte a une grandissime palais et biaux."

i.e. 100 feet. A recent French paper states the dimensions of the existing walls as 14 mètres (45½ feet) high, and 14.50 (47¼ feet) thick, "the top forming a paved promenade, unique of its kind, and recalling the legendary walls of Thebes and Babylon." (*Ann. d'Hygiène Publique*, 2nd s. tom. xxxii. for 1869, p. 21.)

[According to the French astronomers (Fleuriats and Lapied) sent to Peking for the Transit of Venus in December, 1875, the present Tartar city is 23 kil. 55 in circuit, viz. if 1 *li* = 575 m., 41 *li*; from the north to the south 5400 mètres; from east to west 6700 mètres; the wall is 13 mètres in height and 12 mètres in width.—H. C.]

NOTE 4.—Our attempted plan of Cambaluc, as in 1290, differs somewhat from this description, but there is no getting over certain existing facts.