



KANCHOW

Kanchow is surrounded by a wall of baked bricks, 6 fathoms high, with a crenellated parapet. The gates are protected by large wall projections. The other wall projections are of no considerable size. Small tower-shaped buildings of clay are placed on all of them. The gates to the W and S are protected by a double wall projection. The outer archway is 16 yds deep; from it to the middle archway 120 yds; the latter is 20 yds deep. From the middle gate to the inner one 50 yds and the depth of the inner archway is 40 yds. The walls are well preserved; gates of massive timber with iron fittings. Outside the wall the ruins of the parapet of a protected space are visible in some places. No fosse, but branches of the Ch'ih ho flow round the town. Impassable morasses, 15—20 fathoms in width in some places, have formed in the N, partly in the S and especially in the E. Outside the town there is an open plain, 1 1/2—2 miles wide, both in the N and E, untilled and uninhabited, with large deposits of salt. In the NW and W there is a tilled area with many scattered houses and a few trees. A similar one in the S, but lying considerably lower. — An old, well preserved wall, 3—3 1/2 fathoms high, enclosing a small space, runs S of the wall of the SW corner. Outside the W, S and E gates and a short distance from the N gate there are small groups of houses. SE of the SE corner another group of houses of some importance. — The space inside the wall is divided into four equal parts by two densely populated main streets that cross under a kulo tower. The other 8 streets run,