



*Three beautiful
antique Chinese
bronzes from
Lanchow.*

chi. The strict discipline and carefully superintended exercises introduced by Fou provoked dissatisfaction and there was very nearly a mutiny. The old man was so upset by this that he died. — His successor Shang, a Manchurian, is said to continue the European training very unwillingly and to be slack in maintaining discipline. Since then another »in» has been added to the others, but nothing has been done in training the troops. At first there was an instructor from Hing-anfu, reputed to have been skilful, but he is now a bambanj of the commander of in No. 3 and has been replaced by another, who received an imperfect training here. There are 2 or 3 soldiers in each in, trained among the Chihli troops, but the officers, with the exception of one or two, are as ignorant and careless as ever. One of the exceptions is the bambanj of the commander of the pautui in. He strikes one as intelligent and capable and was formerly trained in the army of Li-hun-tchang that was famous in its time and was trained by German instructors. Drill and education are carried on according to the old routine, target practice is neglected and there is no tactical training. By the term »European drill» the Chinese here really mean slow marching, lifting their knees very high, a few manipulations with their rifles and a few changes of front in consequence of the new division of the battalions. The tchang pei dziung battalions and 2 tchi of matui (cavalry) are housed in a number of impanjes not far from the Hwang ho and to the E of the NE corner of the town. Large sums have been spent on rebuilding four impanjes and furnishing them, but practically nothing has been done about securing new arms, machinery etc. Bauer, for instance, left this place after a short and, as I was told, fruitless stay. The new buildings for the arsenal and stores of ammunition and arms were unavoidable, for their former site had been leased to a cloth factory. On closer examination you really come to the same conclusion as Yuan Shih-K'ai, that very little attention has been