



*Cleaning tobacco on a factory
roof at Tsinchow.*

his left foot on a wriggling frog or human being with, if possible, a still less voluptuous expression. One of the side-buildings contains a large sleeping Buddha, though far smaller than the one I saw at Kanchow. Someone told me that, according to a legend, three brothers arrived at Tsinchow once upon a time. One of them fell asleep, another sat down to rest on the brow of the hill near Fukiang and the third, anxious for the fate of his brothers, climbed over and fell down a hill near Fukiang, where the outlines of his body and legs can be seen to this day. — Not far from the Nanshan miao there is an old cemetery, where Lihuang, a general of the time of T'ang, is supposed to have been buried.

With the exception of these temples, which are supposed to date back to very remote times, there is nothing interesting to see. The streets are embellished with a few »peilu» that bear witness to the deeds of former inhabitants. These and the tiled roofs of the houses brighten up the town and give it an old-world appearance. The town, including the suburbs that adjoin it, is 2 to 2 1/2 miles long and probably about 1 1/2 miles at its broadest. — Since the Dungan revolt the Taotai, who was formerly resident in Minchow, has his seat here. Tsinchow chow, Kung-Chang-fu and Kiechow chow are subordinated to him. — Tsinchow chow embraces Tsinghan hsien, Huihsien, Liangtan hsien, Tsinghui hsien and Sentsa ting. — An in of »tchyping» is quartered in the town under the command of a Juti, who is said to be subordinated directly to the Tidu at Kuiyuan.

The missionary prefecture of Southern Kan Su, containing scarcely 10 congregations, is situated here. Unfortunately, I was unable to make the acquaintance of the prefect Terlak. As he had to be present at a synodal meeting of bishops at Hsing fu, he had taken the opportunity of making a tour of inspection in his diocese and had not yet returned. A younger and very charming missionary, Demaret, a Walloon by birth, did the honours not only in the large new and pleasant buildings of the prefecture, but also to a great extent on my visits to other parts of the town. Two padres had left on the morning of my arrival, two others on the following day and Demaret's solitary companion was a padre who was reco-