



*View from the foot of
Hwai shan.*

red, of the poppy-fields. Apparently far more poppies are grown in the Weinan and Hwachow districts than in the immediate neighbourhood of Si-an-fu.

Once more the road led us over a centuries-old stone bridge, under which a small, low-lying river flowed. On the E of it the road was slightly marshy for a couple of short stretches and must be rather difficult after heavy rain. Throughout almost the whole journey it ran between two rows of tall, shady trees. — After 50 li we passed the town of Hwachow, embedded in verdure. Judging by the shops and stands, basket-work and roughly glazed clay vessels must be a speciality produced in the place. We had to cross many well-built, broad stone bridges over dug canals before we reached the village of Hwai miao after a journey of 120—125 li.

During the journey we passed the following villages: (the distance reckoned from Weinan): 7 li Tsahutserh with 10 houses; 10 li Shih-li-pu with 7; 15 li Hsing tserh with 20; 20 li Che shui cheng with 180; 25 li Tsao chia pu with 50; 35 li Shihyn-li-pu with 5; and 50 li the town of Hwachow.

(Distance from Hwachow): 10 li Luo meng cho with 35 houses; 15 li Liang hua sy with 5; 20 li Liutzu with 20; 30 li Thai thu with 1,000, (of which only a small group close to the road); 40 li Fushui with 50 on a small river of the same name; 50 li Yu-shih-li-pu with 5; 60 li Hsie chow with 4; 70 li Hwai hsien; and 75 li Hwai miao.

The same plants are grown here as at Weinan. The average crop, however, is said to be only 7—8 fold, owing to the scarcity of rain. The neighbourhood is said to be rich in fruit.

May 17th. S or, perhaps, SSW of Hwai miao a dark group of 3 steep peaks rises from the adjacent *Nan feng* chain of mountains. Their sides, falling perpendicularly at times, and their rugged outlines *temple.* can be seen by any traveller a few dozen miles before reaching Hwai miao. It is impos-