



The temple tower in the Sydza liang pass in the neighbourhood of Yutai Shan.

quite as stony and also quite passable after the recent repairs. — After 5 li (25 li) the gorge debouched into a slightly larger one going in a NE—SW direction. Here lay the village of Sichiachuang with 20 houses. The surrounding slopes and stony valleys contained a few scattered, poor strips of field, all enclosed by low stone walls. — We continued along this new gorge for $1\frac{2}{3}$ miles to the SW, when it debouched into another, considerably larger, but equally stony. After another $1\frac{2}{3}$ miles we came to the village of Tsha-pu with 20 houses. The houses were few and miserable, the village street a cesspool, along which we proceeded by hopping from one stone to the next. The distance from Yutai Shan was estimated at 30 li.

The next village we passed was Taiku with 5 houses. The mountains were denuded, the ridges jagged and many of the peaks reached a good height. — The ground nothing but stones. We passed a great many small spurs of rock that made the road very rough and constantly crossed the little river in the valley. — We passed a small village, Huling, with 7 houses, a little beyond another small one containing a miao. After 45 li Yung fanku with 40 houses. 2 li beyond lay the village of Langchia chuan-tzu with 8 houses. After 60 li Yengtutsung with 50 houses in two groups on either side of a gorge opening up from the SW. This, too, contributed a sea of stones that formed an appreciable spur of rock at its mouth. The road took us up and down over such spurs. After 75 li we came upon a village at a place where the gorge made a bend to the north for a short distance.