

these the most interesting was to the tomb of Nurhachu, the founder of the present dynasty. Manchus have high ideas as to the resting-places befitting their great men, and there are few more impressive tombs than this of the simple mountain chief who raised his clan from perfect obscurity to be the rulers of the most populous empire the world has ever seen. Situated in the country, away from the din of city life, in the midst of a park of sombre cypresses many miles in extent, and surrounded by a wall, at the massive gateway of which guards are placed to prevent any but Manchus of pure descent from entering, it impresses the imagination with a sense of dignified repose, in truest keeping with its object.

In Mukden, too, and its neighbourhood there are many temples, but of the ordinary Chinese type, and of no special interest. In the matter of temples, indeed, the Chinese are singularly unsuccessful in inspiring interest. I did not see a single temple in China that really impressed me—not one to compare with those which may be seen in any part of India. With but few exceptions, they are tawdry and even