



CARAVAN STARTING FROM KASHGAR.

CHAPTER IX

KHANUI AND ORDAM-PADSHAH

ON the morning of the 4th of September, I was ready to take the field again. The five weeks of refreshing rest at Kashgar had passed so fast that there seemed at the end scarcely time enough for the completion of the multifarious preparations that my journey eastwards demanded. My start for Khanui, where ancient remains had been reported, was a move of distinct practical utility. It gave me an opportunity for a kind of experimental mobilisation of my caravan. As the site to be examined lay only one long march to the north-east of Kashgar, and as I should have to return to the latter place before proceeding on the journey to Khotan, it was easy to discover and remedy in time any deficiencies which in the