

Preface

This volume consists of a study of two manuscripts from Xinjiang in the collection of the Ethnography Museum (Etnografya Müzesi) in Ankara, numbered EM13135 and EM13138. Ahmet Temir first called attention to the existence of these texts in 1951, and subsequently edited and published the shorter of the two (Temir 1951, 1961).

Here we offer new editions and analysis of both texts. Part 1, by David Brophy, gives a sketch of the history of the Turfan *junwang* dynasty, whose activities are described in the two manuscripts. Chapter 2 is an essay by Onuma Takahiro on the community of Turfani Muslims who resided in the Guazhou oasis of western Gansu from 1732 to 1756. Along with a transcription and translation of EM13135, it also investigates social conditions within this migrant community. In Part 3, David Brophy gives a transcription and translation of EM13138, the Turkic version of the Qing official Qing biography of Emin Khoja, comparing it with Mongolian and Manchu texts from which it was translated.

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