THREE NATIONAL HEROES

Deified heroes: in the center Kuan Yü, subsequently called Kuan Ti when he was canonized as god of war in 1594, at his right his companion Kuan P'ing, at his left Chou Tsang-each seated on a red-lacquered wooden throne. Kuan Ti is the ideal of gentlemanly conduct, combining the efficiency of the sword with practical wisdom and experience and with sound principles of state craft. Brass, the two figures on the sides gilded.

K'IEN-LUNG PERIOD (1736-95)