

Mission Field.

TIED AND BOUND WITH THE CHAIN OF SIN.

A Mohammedan pilgrim arrived about a year ago at Bombay, who travelled partly as a passenger, partly as luggage, for he had caused himself to be loaded with chains weighing six hundred pounds! His story is that as a young man, more than twenty-four years ago, he began to put on chains to keep himself from committing sin. As he found the chains insufficient he added others, until their weight was so great that he could not move about. Even so he felt the power of sin, and was going on pilgrimage to see if he could wash away its guilt. What an illustration of the bondage of sin! And how one longs that all such as this poor pilgrim might learn to pray, "Let the pitifulness of Thy great mercy loose us."

"WILL HE COME TO-DAY?"

Near the town of Tarn-Taran in the Punjab is a settlement of about two hundred lepers. Through the ministrations of the missionary there, about thirty of the lepers have become Christians. Some time ago a stranger went with the missionary to visit them. Seated in the little mud hut which serves them for a church, the stranger questioned the poor lepers about their faith, and amongst other matters, about the Creed. They knew of the Ascension and Second Coming of our Lord.

"When do you think He will come again?" was the next question.

"We don't know," was the reply.

The questioner passed on to other subjects, and presently put the question again in a simpler form.

"Do you think He will come again to-day?"

There was much whispering among the lepers, and then a look of earnest longing passed over their faces as their spokesman replied, "We don't know, but we hope so."

That mission will not have been in vain, even if it does no more than bring so glad a hope to these poor lepers.

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