

a young Karen man. It is simple and short, but it may make us think.

The Rev. J. Hackney, Missionary at Toungoo, was on one of his tours through the villages. At one village, a place called Toloh, a young Karen named Morse joined him, and wished to follow him from place to place, and help him in his work. He began to go, but after a few days he was taken ill, and had to be left behind in the care of a person whom Mr. Hackney knew. Mr. Hackney and those who were travelling with him went on to the next village, a place called Zaminee; while they were there they were astonished to see Morse staggering in on Sunday morning. He was ill with fever; weak and weary he fell fainting at Mr. Hackney's feet. He had crawled after them all the way, and at night had slept under a tree in the jungle.

For the next twelve days he was quite delirious, and had to be watched night and day. Mr. Hackney doctored him regularly and hired four men to carry him from village to village. He became so emaciated that he could not even sit up, and was quite delirious for days, talking the utmost nonsense. Mr. Hackney's one desire was to get Morse from Zaminee to the Railway Station as soon as possible by the shortest road, but he was disappointed and could not get direct to the railway, on account of the hills and the forest. "At Ko Nya bor," writes Mr. Hackney, "I thought that he would die, and that I should have to bury him on the road. He is now much better, and rapidly gaining flesh, and I intend preparing him for Catechist work among his countrymen. His own anxiety now is that he is unable to repay me. His brother came down the other day, and was delighted and surprised to find him alive and well. It appears that the Karens firmly believed him to be dead and buried on the road. Such, they say, is the fate of 'the children of the devil,' and the people are curious to know whether 'the children of God' fare better. Morse certainly caused me great anxiety; but who can tell what the result may be?"

Who can tell, indeed? This young man's determination to follow Mr. Hackney, in spite of his illness, Mr. Hackney's care of him, and his marvelous recovery, may be the beginning of a life-long devotion to good work for God. There is something which should speak to us in this story. Perhaps it may suggest different things to different people. All will, at any rate, see in it an instance of the working of that leaven of the Gospel which is working in all Christian Missions. Our Blessed Saviour's miracles of healing accompanied His preaching to the people, and the Missionaries to the heathen may well, to the utmost of their ability, follow the Holy example of Him who "went about doing good."

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"Jewels and gold, in hunger's sore distress, When food alone can save, are valueless."

PART II.

The poor man now seemed likely to die of hunger, though in possession of pearls worth many thousand crowns. But he prayed earnestly to God; and presently he saw a Moor coming towards him at great speed, on a camel. The Moor had lost the pearls, and was overjoyed at finding them again. He had compassion on the half-famished man, and giving him some bread and refreshing fruit, took him up behind him on the camel. "See," said the Moor, "how wonderfully God contrives! I considered it a misfortune to lose my pearls; but it was a happy event for you: for God has so ordered it that I, of necessity, came back hither, and so saved your life."

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