

attached to it was small, and there was not sufficient open space for observing. For this purpose I had to betake myself to the roof, which proved so shaky that it was only by placing two of the feet of the theodolite on the main wall and keeping my assistants perfectly motionless, so as not to disturb the third foot while the levels were being read, that I could accomplish the work.

I had not been long in Khotan when news reached me



ISLAM AKUN IN DISGRACE.

that Islam Akun had been taken, and had been sentenced by the Chow-Kuan to wear the cangue, a large square board, weighing about 30 lbs., round his neck for a month.

At this town, letter writing and the dispensing of medicines occupied most of my time. I had a well-stocked medicine-chest, and, having had occasion to administer drugs and even to perform surgical and dental