

too lonely, and too near Khi-boey [six or seven miles) for setting up a regular chapel; we trust we shall be guided to choose the place which the Master will be pleased to use for gathering in His sheep that are scattered abroad.

#### *Highland Scenery.*

By the time we had got within a mile of Kio-lai, we found a stream so swollen by the rains, that our guide—who had carried me on his back over a good many torrents during the day, and over this same stream lower down in the morning—said (and rightly) that no one could attempt to carry me over; so I had to wade, though the water was almost up to the waist, and the current strong. The scenery at the ford is the most like a Highland river scene that I have yet found in China; the rapid stream fringed on both sides by richly varied trees, the hills through which the river winds its way rising rapidly, clothed with abundance of brushwood, and all with a setting of fine mountains of many shapes and sizes; but for the waving bamboos and my companions, I might have thought myself on the banks of the Tummel or the Garry.

#### *Examination of Candidates, and Meeting with Inquirers at Kio-lai.*

On arriving, near dark, at Kio-lai, we found there four candidates from Liong-nia, on their way to the communion, and a long time that evening and next morning was spent in examining and instructing them, and the inquirers who belong to the village itself. How delightful to hold these large and refreshing meetings in the hamlet from which the little company of Christians had been almost driven into exile by their persecutor!

#### *Examination of 45 Candidates at Khi-boey—and Baptism of nine.*

After a mile or two we got into a lonely path, like a sheep-walk, among high mountains, till, having reached the summit level, and enjoyed the magnificent panorama, we rapidly descended to Khi-boey, where I found a number more candidates for baptism waiting to be examined. Early on Sabbath we were again at the same work, till the whole number examined in all, amounted to 45, besides some more for whom we could not find time: out of these we selected nine, and I with much joy baptised them in the forenoon. I have never seen the chapel so crowded before.

#### *Remarkable Awakening at a Distant Village.*

A remarkable movement has just begun at a village still further off, called Chhantau-po, about six miles beyond Au-liau. Several of the villagers having heard the Gospel at the Amoy Hospital, began to set up the worship of God in their houses and to forsake Idolatry. When brother Chey of Au-liau heard of it, he went over and encouraged them, one of them being a relative of his own. Their fellow-villagers then began to persecute them, and they had to hold their worship among the trees on the hillside. Opposition became yet stronger, and some of them went to Chang-chew to ask a visit from some preacher. There they were told to apply at Khi-boey, as it is nearer. So two of the Khi-boey brethren went to see them, gave them some instruction, and spoke to the head men of the village in such a way that the persecution ceased. They twice came to Khi-boey Chapel, and the brethren there twice visited them: but the distance (nearly thirty-five miles), much of it over steep and rocky passes, was found too much, and we learned that, though further from Chang-chew, they were much more accessible from it, water communication reaching within seven miles of their position. So last week, Mr. Kip, of the American Mission, visited them, found the road quite easy, and their