

were baptized, have worshipped God nearly a year past."

BAPTISM AT KYNYENGOUK:

"While I was gone to Ya, an old man who lives at Kynyengouk, a village on Tavoy river, about fifteen miles above the town, came down to ask for baptism. He has been an inquirer a long time, and for more than a year past we have thought him pious. As soon, therefore, as my boat came round from Ya lah, I took sister Mason and our two Burman assistants, Ko Mynta, and Ko Lah, and went up to his village. We arrived the same day, and examined the candidate in the evening, after sermon. He was unanimously received, and the next morning baptized. Just before he was led down into the water, he kneeled down and offered himself up to God in prayer. The inhabitants of the village came down to witness the old man's renunciation of idolatry, and consecration of himself to the living God. I made them an address on the importance of believing on the Lord Jesus Christ, urging that it was just as necessary for them to believe and be baptized, as for the candidate. All must be saved in the same way, or not at all."

COMMUNION AT TOUNGBYOUK.

"Yesterday being the Sabbath, the ordinance of the supper was administered. All the members of the church came together, excepting one of those at Mentah, who is in poor health. At our preparatory meeting, the church seemed to be in a prosperous state; entire union prevailed; and, at the communion, they behaved with much solemnity. During my stay here six have asked for baptism, four of whom were admitted to the sacred rite;—and in the place and vicinity are several very hopeful inquirers."

From the whole, Mr. Wade is encouraged by the conviction that—

"The gospel comes with great power to the Karens; still, however, we often meet with those who are decidedly and violently opposed. Many who were so at first, have afterwards been bowed, which encourages us in regard to others."

PERSECUTIONS IN HOLLAND.

The reader, we imagine, will look over this title again, from the idea that he has not read it correctly. He will scarcely think it possible that a country, in which our fathers in the 16th century found an asylum from the persecutions of England, should

itself be the seat of persecution in the 19th century. Yet such is the sad reality; and it shews us that man is but a wayward creature—that his judgment is capricious, and his passions strong—and that in any situation and at any time, some may be found who have too little respect for the memory of their fathers, and the honour of their country, to restrain them from the commission of revolting and sanguinary deeds.

The persecutions in Holland are directed against those who meet to pray, to read, and to converse together on the word of God, and chiefly to those who do not worship in the National Churches, or adhere to the state religion, distinguished from the conformists by the title "Separate Christians." These are exposed to fines and imprisonment, and exactions by soldiers, who are frequently quartered in the houses of those families who dare to assert and act upon liberty of conscience. Not only the populace, but the authorities of the state, are engaged in this persecuting work, so dishonourable to all the parties engaged in carrying it on, and so cruel and unjust to those who are the subjects of it.

Numerous instances in various parts of the Kingdom are reported in those periodicals which still dare to make these iniquities known to the public. We have several now lying before us, to which we intend to call the notice of our readers as soon as we can find room for them. At present we can only quote the following:—

"The former burgomaster of Emmichoven, Mr. J. den Dekker, whose wife and children have united with the Separate church has been obliged to lodge seven soldiers. After having suffered a great deal, satisfied a number of excessive demands, and endured the fulfilment of many threats without being heard to utter the least complaint, he was at last obliged (it can be said without exaggeration), in order to save his life, to abandon his house, with all his family, and seek a retreat near Almkerk, where for a dwelling he has