

4. A man who *looks for guidance*—when and where to let down the net.

5. A man who promptly *drags the*

net to the shore, when the fish are enclosed, to secure them. Many a fisherman loses his haul by delay. Codfish get among his herring, etc.

VII.—STATISTICS OF THE WORLD'S MISSIONS.

—The Seven Protestant Missionary Societies of 1800 have become more than 100. Their total income then was less than £50,030; now it has grown to £2,220,000. Then the converts numbered about 50,000; now they are nearly 3,000,000. Every Protestant denomination of the least importance has its foreign missionary society.

—If the missionaries sent out by every Protestant society be distributed among the 1,030,000,000 of the pagan world, there is but one to each 200,000! Is that enough?

—The American Home Missionary Society has aided in planting 3,427 churches, and 1,600 ministers are now under commission, 135 preaching in foreign languages.

—The sum of \$171,000 has been returned to the Congregational Union in the last thirty-four years by churches which were aided in the erection of houses of worship by this society. There are now 550 unhouseed congregations that are appealing for aid.

—To-day there are 500,000 native Christians in India. Yet there was a time when a discouraged missionary said: "If I ever see one of these natives converted to Jesus Christ, I shall see something more nearly approaching the resurrection of a dead body than anything I have ever seen."

—The China Inland Mission has 129 unmarried and 43 married missionaries; these, with 117 native workers and the wives of the missionaries, constitute a band of over 300, and the mission asking for 100 more, of whom 94 are already secured. The income of the past year was £23,030. Donations were received from Africa, Palestine, America, New Zealand, Australia, India, and every European country except Austria, Turkey, and Greece. Of converts, the society mention 1,655 as "in fellowship," and 402 as baptized during the year.

—As a general statement in reference to Protestant Missions throughout the world, the following may be regarded as a fair approximation to the truth: Ordained missionaries, 3,500; female missionaries, 1,800 (many wives of missionaries not reported); native helpers, 30,000; communicants, 620,000; annual receipts, about \$11,000,000. Not far from two and one-half millions of souls in pagan and Mahomedan lands are receiving Christian instruction.

—The Moravians report for the past year 29,233 communicants in their mission fields, with a total of 83,032 persons under the care of their missionaries. The total receipts were £24,000. There is a deficiency of upward of £1,200.

—Taking the Baptist Church membership in the United States at 2,732,570, there is an aver-

age contribution: To Foreign Missions, per member, 23 cents; to Home Missions, per member, 27 cents; to State Missions, per member, 11 cents; to general benevolence, per member, 70 cents; to church expenses, per member, \$1.80.

—There are more than 500 Baptist churches in Burmah, with over 26,000 communicants.

—During the reign of Queen Victoria the Church of England has built 6,000 churches and places of worship. Seven dioceses have been created, and \$405,000,000 subscribed voluntarily in the last twenty-five years for church purposes.

—The reports of the Reformed Episcopal Church for last year are: Baptisms, 907; confirmations, 916; received otherwise, 519; present number of communicants, 8,429; contributions for all purposes, \$155,861.51; church buildings, 87; value of church property, less incumbrances, \$1,077,758.

—The statistics of missionary work in Japan for the year 1886 contain many cheering facts. Adults baptized, 3,640, making a total membership of 14,815. There are now 193 organized churches, 64 self-supporting; 93 native visitors, and 169 theological students; £5,377 were contributed by the native converts. The average wages of a day laborer do not exceed twenty cents. One man gave £2,000 to found a school under the care of the American Board.

—There are now 27 vessels engaged in missionary work in different parts of the world, under the auspices of 16 societies; of these missionary vessels 16 are running on the coasts or rivers of Africa, and six among the islands of the Pacific.—*Calcutta Witness*.

—The A. B. C. F. M.'s receipts for the first three months of the financial year are \$102,811.93—an increase over corresponding months of last year of about \$39,000.

—Samoa Islands. Of the 27,000 inhabitants 7,000 are church members, and there are at present 3,000 candidates for membership! There are two hundred native pastors at work, and asking for money or collections is unknown. The people give themselves and their money eagerly to the work.

—The British and Foreign Bible Society has an annual income of \$1,125,000; has auxiliary societies numbering 5,300, and issues over 4,000,000 copies of the Bible in 280 tongues and languages.

—The London Missionary Society, with only thirty English missionaries at Madagascar, reports the astounding number of 823 native ordained ministers and 4,305 native preachers, with 61,000 church members and 230,000 "adherents."