

whom without doubt belong to us, they will be over 15,000. Comparing these figures with those presented to the Presbytery now, it appears that not less than 7,000 of a population, claiming to belong to the Synod, are nevertheless outside the control of the Presbytery.

FINANCE.—MINISTERIAL INCOME.

The stipend paid last year to 18 pastors, amounted in the aggregate to \$9,408, against \$8,289 paid to 15 the previous year. It is too bad that a decline in the average stipend must be reported. In last Report the average was set down at \$640 nearly, now it is only \$522.66. Of course the average does not reveal the worst features in the picture. When the stipends of the three ministers in the city and of St. Stephen are subtracted from the aggregate sum, the average of the remaining fourteen amounts to no more than \$393. The working man who gets a dollar and a quarter per day for each working day of the year gets within an insignificant trifle of that sum. More need not be said to show the disgrace that is involved in keeping ministers of the gospel at that figure. And that is the average of the 14, there are some even below that. Even when the \$1,000 of supplement is added to that the average is no more than \$464. It may seem to some that all the hardship connected with what Dr. Guthrie characterized as a "scandalous maintenance" falls to the lot of the country pastor only with his small salary. His case is hard enough doubtless, yet there is a question whether the pastor of the city and the town, with a salary apparently much larger, be in the end more at ease in the things of the world than his rural brother. In several cases there is some improvement however, over the previous year. Six congregations increased the salaries of their pastors by a total of \$231. These are St. James, Sussex and Union, Harvey, Londonderry and Campbell Settlement, Salt Springs and Hammond River, and Bocabec, Waweig and St. George. In the congregation last named, however, the pastor writes that while he got more last year than he has got in any year since he entered the ministry, more than 27 years ago, yet the increase is due to new stations that he has opened lately and not to growing liberality on the part of the old. That increase of \$231 is, however, rendered partially nugatory by a decrease that has affected three other congregations to the amount of \$183. These are Prince William, Moncton, and Springfield and English Settlement. The bulk of the decrease belongs to the first. The net increase is therefore no more than \$48.

MISSIONS.

It is gratifying to have to report that the

contributions reported now as given to the schemes of the church are 50 per cent. above what was reported last year. Part of the increase is doubtless owing to the fact that congregations heretofore vacant, and therefore giving little or nothing, have got settled and now give with some measure of liberality. Last year 76 distinct contributions were reported as given to six schemes; this year there are 99. That, however, would account but for 30 percent. of the increase. Hence the growth is more or less spread over the Presbytery. Last year it was reported that four congregations were without a blank; this year there are nine. Twelve congregations have increased their contribution by a total of \$513, and we may add to this \$114 for three congregations and a station that gave nothing before, making a gross increase of \$627. Four congregations have decreased to the amount of \$37. The net increase therefore is \$540. Of those that have increased their contributions, there are several that deserve special mention. The contributions given by Carleton are fourfold what they were before, Fredericton three and a half, and by St. David's two and a half nearly. In Moncton, too, the increase has been 70 per cent. Let the two years be now compared as to each scheme separately. As reported now 16 congregations have given to the Synod Fund \$138, the previous year 13 gave \$104. As reported now, 14 congregations have given to Ministerial Education \$161, as against \$111 by 11 congregations. 18 Congregations have given to Home Missions \$314, as against \$203 by 13—increase over 50 per cent. 20 congregations have given to the Supplement Fund \$384, as against \$254 by 14—increase fully 50 per cent. 18 congregations have given to Foreign Missions \$508, as against \$268 by 14—increase 80 per cent. 13 congregations or Sabbath schools have given \$253 to the *Dayspring* and to the Church and Manse at San Fernando, as against \$213 by 10. The whole amount given to the schemes of the church was \$1,759, as against \$1,193 in 1871. As usual, there are in the amounts given by congregations grave discrepancies which cannot be explained sufficiently by numbers or wealth, or both together. One congregation, St. David's Church, gave 20 per cent. of the whole amount. Two congregations, St. David's and Calvin Churches, gave 36 per cent. of the whole amount. The congregation that stands at the head of the list this year ought to take that position, as all know its numbers and wealth demand that it should, but it will hardly be claimed that the second and third on the list are the second and third in numbers and wealth in this Presbytery. The aver-