

fidelity and diligence in carrying out the discipline of the Church, against those who continue in the liquor traffic wherever evil consequences to morality are clearly traced to it.

The committee was then re-appointed and their expenses ordered to be paid.

Report of Com.
on Sabbath
observance

The Rev. R. S. Patterson read the report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance, exposing prevalent evils, and shewing that the proceedings initiated in this Synod last year, in reference to the military music in the streets of Halifax, had resulted in a united application from the Protestant ministers and leading laymen of Halifax, to Major-General Sir Charles Hastings Doyle, which had been favourably received and the practise discontinued.

Thanks to Sir
C. H. Doyle

Agreed, that the Clerk of Synod convey to Major-General Doyle, the cordial thanks of this Synod, for his prompt response to the application of the Christian community.

Saturday mar-
ket at Char-
lottetown

It was further agreed, that the committee be authorized in the name of this Synod, to make a strong representation to the City Council at Charlottetown, against the continuance of the Saturday market in Charlottetown, as leading to much Sabbath desecration.

£10 to Mrs.
Blackwood

An application was made by Dr. Smith, for the sum of ten pounds, still due to Mrs. Blackwood, the widow of the late Rev. R. Blackwood, for arrears of stipend. Agreed that the money be paid.

Vote to Mrs.
Miller

Agreed that £7 10s. be paid from the Board of Home Missions, to Mrs. Miller of Mabou, widow of the late Rev. Wm. Miller.

Systematic giv-
ing

The Rev. Wm. Murray read the report of the Committee on Systematic giving, submitting a plan for securing regular monthly contributions of all office bearers, members and adherents of this Church. The report was received and the diligence of the committee approved. The committee was re-appointed and directed after revision to publish their scheme in the *Record*; and though the Synod, for want of time for discussion, cannot at present give it their formal sanction, yet they desire the committee to keep it before the Church during the year.

Synodical re-
mits

Rev. G. Walker reported as Convener of committee to examine the remits of Synod, that on the Statistical Questions no reports had been received—that on the subject of Questions to be put at Presbyterial Visitation, various changes were proposed both by Presbyteries and Sessions. Agreed, that the Statistical Questions be adopted, with the addition of a column for expenses in Church building, another for preaching stations.

On motion, agreed that the consideration of the reports of Presbyteries and Sessions, on questions for Presbyterial Visitation, on the mode of ordination of elders and of deacons, and on formulas for the licensing of preachers, and ordination of preachers, elders and deacons, be postponed till next meeting of Synod.

Prof. Smith's
pulpit

Agreed, that Professor Smith's pulpit be supplied as last year.

Repts. of Coms.
on Minutes

Reports of the committees appointed to examine the minutes of the Presbyteries of Halifax, Truro, Prince Edward Island, Richmond, Cape Breton, Victoria, Pictou, and Tatamagouche, were submitted, from which it appeared that while there were some inaccuracies in nearly all the Records, yet minutes generally were kept with accuracy and business regularly conducted.

Boards

The report of the committee to examine the minutes of Boards was submitted, shewing that minutes of proceedings are regularly kept.