

**Committee
on Supple-
ments.**

Rev. T. Sedgewick read the report of the committee on supplements. The report was adopted, with instruction to Presbyteries to be more stringent in requiring that the congregational payments be made before supplement be paid. And farther, that Presbyteries be directed to deal with such supplemented congregations as are numerous and able to support ordinances, so as to bring them up to the position of self-sustaining congregations.

**Systematic
Beneficence.**

Rev. Wm. Murray next read the report of the committee on Systematic Beneficence, which was adopted with the following recommendations:

1. That Presbyteries enjoin Sessions to bring the whole subject before the congregations under their inspection in such way as they think best.
2. That ministers be directed to preach or lecture on the subject during the year.
3. That the committee be authorized to prepare a small circular stating the principle and method of scriptural proportionate giving, to which subscription lists be attached, and to forward them to sessions for the use of the collectors.

Psalmody.

Rev. Mr. McKnight read the report of the committee on Psalmody shewing that they had under consideration the manuscript copy of a volume of sacred vocal music to be called the "*The Mayflower*," which they considered well adapted to the wants of the church. The committee recommended that attention be called by presbyteries to the state of congregational psalmody in congregations under their charge, at presbyterial visitations, and for this purpose that a question be added to those now in use, enquiring how the psalmody of the congregation is conducted, and what means are being used for its improvement. The report was adopted, the question just named referred to the committee having the question in charge, and the committee re-appointed with the addition of Mr. James Hepburn, of Pictou.

**Presbyterial
Records,
Truro.**

Rev. D. S. Gordon read the report of the committee to examine the minutes of Truro and Cape Breton Presbyteries. The committee pointed out some small omissions in minutes of Truro presbytery, but reported that in general the minutes were correctly kept and business regularly conducted. Ordered that the minutes be attested. The committee further pointed out irregularities in the keeping of the minutes and conducting of business of the Presbytery of Cape Breton. On motion was agreed that the serious attention of the Presbytery be called to these errors, and that for the present they be not attested.

Cape Breton.

**Halifax.
Tatamagouche**

Rev. W.R. Frame read the report of committee appointed to examine the minutes of the Presbyteries of Halifax and Tatamagouche, shewing that the records of these Presbyteries were accurately kept and business regularly conducted. Ordered that these records be attested.

**Pictou.
P. E. Island.**

Rev. Mr. Gillivray read the report of the committee appointed to examine the minutes of the Presbyteries of Pictou and P. E. Island, shewing some omissions of signatures and other small errors in both Presbyteries, but that in general the minutes were carefully kept, and business regularly conducted; exception, however, being taken to one irregularity of some consequence in Pictou Presbytery. Ordered that the minutes of the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island be attested. Ordered that notwithstanding the admitted irregularity pointed out, the minutes of Pictou Presbytery be attested.

Boards.

Rev. Mr. Henry read the report of the committee appointed to examine the minutes of the Boards of Missions, and of Superintendence, stating that they had examined these records and found them to be correct.

On motion agreed that the resolution adopted last year with respect