

re-appoint the Committee; and earnestly call upon ministers, and all other friends of the Church, to make an immediate and combined effort to extend the circulation of the *Record*.

Mr. Burns, Agent for the various Committees of the Church, read an abstract of the of the contributions of the various congregations and mission stations.

On motion made and seconded, it was agreed

That the report be sustained, and printed under the direction of the Agency Committee; and that the thanks of the Synod be tendered to Mr. Burns, for his assiduity and faithfulness in attending to the accounts of the various Committees of the Church.

Thanks were tendered to Mr. Burns accordingly by the Moderator.

The Synod called for the report of the Committee on Sabbath Desecration.

The report was read by Dr. Burns, and adopted.

The Synod continuing to recognize the importance of the subject, agreed to appoint the following Committee, viz., Dr. Burns, Convener, Messrs. Gale, McLean, Gray, Wightman, Cheyne, Rintoul, (ministers), McLellan, Davidson, A. Gibb, Burns, elders, instructing them to use their best endeavours to carry out the recommendations of last Synod and other suitable means, for awakening the community to a sense of the awful evils consequent on any relaxation of the claims of the Sabbath.

Mr. Davidson in behalf of the Committee on the Funds gave in a report.

The same was read and approved of; and the thanks of the Synod tendered to the Committee through Mr. Davidson.

The Synod approving generally of the recommendations of the Committee, respecting stated collections, throughout the ensuing year, agreed, to remit the report of the Agency Committee, to be afterwards appointed, instructing them to determine the best way of raising the funds for the arrears of the salary of the Agent, and to fix the time for the general collection,—and the Synod farther agreed in reference to the wants of weak congregations, as brought out by the overture from Perth, under consideration in the afternoon session, and the petition from Gatineau, to authorise the Agency Committee to determine the best way for raising funds for the current year for weak congregations; and, to correspond with Presbyteries on the subject.

Dr. Burns gave in a commission from the French Canadian Missionary Society, in favour of himself and J. Redpath, Esq., empowering them to present to the Synod an extract from the minutes of the Committee of said society, expressing their thanks for the liberal support given to the society, by collections throughout the congregations of the Church last year; and requesting the Synod to give a renewed recommendation for similar collections.