

he had visited the several congregations, in compliance with the instructions of Presbytery at their last ordinary meeting, and dispensed the Lord's Supper in each, besides baptizing children, and setting apart Elders in the town of Sydenham, and in the congregation of Brant. Mr. Barrie also reported that he had moderated in a Call in the Lake Shore Congregation, after preaching from 1st Peter ii. 10, which had come out unanimously in favour of Mr. Robert Dewar, Preacher of the Gospel, and was now laid on the table, signed by fifty members and thirteen adherents. It was agreed that the Moderator's conduct be approved, and that the Call be sustained as a regular Gospel Call, and the Clerk was instructed to notify Mr. Dewar of the same.

Mr. Barrie next gave a narrative of the steps he had taken in the matter anent Mr. Devine, which he had been instructed to investigate, by a special meeting of Presbytery held on 12th July. After hearing the voluminous evidence he had collected, read, and deliberating upon it, it was moved by Mr. Torrance, seconded by Mr. William Armstrong, and unanimously carried, "That the Presbytery, having heard Mr. Barrie's statement of the mode in which he had proceeded to investigate the origin and foundation of the *fama* that had been raised against the Rev. J. A. Devine cordially approve of his whole conduct in the matter, and tender him their thanks for the energy and prudence he has displayed." Entered upon the case of Mr. Devine. He being present, and being asked if he had any remarks to make on the evidence read, rose, and called attention to certain discrepancies in the testimony of Mrs. Wylie, and made some general observations. Heard Mr. Barrie and the other members of the Presbytery; after which it was moved and carried, "That the Presbytery, having heard *seriatim* the evidence taken by Mr. Barrie in his investigation of the *fama* clamant against the Rev. Mr. Devine, said evidence having been taken upon oath and duly subscribed by the parties giving it; the Presbytery having also heard Mr. Devine in his own defence, and Mr. Barrie on the whole case, were unanimous in their judgment that Mr. Devine is a somnambulist, and that if he entered the bed-room of Mrs. Wylie at all, it must have been while he was in a state of somnambulism. It is also their unanimous judgment that Mr. Devine has acted injudiciously in not letting families with whom he might be stopping know that he was given to sleep-walking: but, in view of all the circumstances, the Presbytery feel bound to remove the sentence of suspension, and restore Mr. Devine to his full standing as a minister in the United Presbyterian Church, yet deem it their duty to notify the Committee for the Distribution of Preachers that, on this account, they do not consider it prudent that he be any longer employed as a travelling missionary." Mr. Devine having expressed his concurrence in the finding of Presbytery, craved extracts.

A petition from the congregation of Garafraxa, praying for a Moderation, was read and granted. Granted a petition from the congregations of Euphrasia and St. Vincent, for £16. 9s. 9d., as supplement of stipend for the half-year ending with 25th July last. After hearing some missionary reports, and transacting some other business, the Presbytery closed, having appointed the next meeting to be held in Eramosa, on the Tuesday after the fourth Sabbath of September.

Gleanings.

A SALUTARY IMPULSE CASUALLY COMMUNICATED.

The following passage from the Speech delivered some time ago by the Rev. Dr. Guthrie, Edinburgh, at the annual meeting of the Original Ragged Schools, shows how he was led to take an interest in such institutions, and contains some wholesome teaching besides.

"My interest in Ragged Schools is an example of how in Providence a man's destiny,—his course of life, like that of a river,—may be determined, and affected by very trivial circumstances. It is rather curious, at least it is interesting to me