

MISSIONARY MEETINGS—OTTAWA PRESBYTERY, EASTERN SECTION.

Thurso	January 12, at 7 p.m.
Bearbrook	" 13, 7 "
Cumberland	" 14, 7 "
Missionary Deputation..... Messrs. Wardrope, Gourlay and Joseph White.	
Nepean	January 15, at 7 p.m.
Bell's Corners	" 16, 7 "
Deputation..... Messrs. James Whyte, McEwen and Mackey.	
Osgoode	January 19, at 7 p.m.
Metcalf	" 20, 7 "
Russell	" 21, 7 "
Gloucester (Johnson's School-house).....	" 22, 7 "
Deputation..... Messrs. Gourlay, McEwen and Joseph White.	
Ottawa	February 2, at 7 p.m.
Deputation... Messrs. James Whyte, McEwen and Mackey.	
Meetings in the other congregations in this section—namely, Aylmer and Wakefield (Lower and Upper)—were appointed to be held in the end of December.	
THOMAS WARDROPE, <i>Convener.</i>	

Children's Corner.

THE CHILD MARTYR OF ANTIOCH.

It was at Antioch, the city where the disciples were first called Christians, that a deacon of the Church of Cæsarea was called upon to endure the most cruel tortures, in order to try his faith and force him to deny the Lord who brought him with his own precious blood. The martyr, amidst his agonies, declared his belief that there is but 'one God, one Mediator between God and men, the man Jesus Christ.' His body was almost torn to pieces, the Emperor Galerius himself looking on. At length weary of answering their taunts that he should acknowledge the many gods of the heathen, he told his tormentors to refer the question to a little child, whose simple understanding could decide whether it were better to worship one God, the maker of Heaven and earth, and one Saviour who was able to bring us to God, or to worship the gods many or the lords many whom the Romans served.

Now it was so that a Roman mother had come to the scene of the martyr's sufferings, holding by the hand a little boy of nine years old.

The question was asked the child; and to the surprise of those who heard it, he replied, 'God is one, and Jesus Christ is one with the Father.'

The prosecutor heard, but far from being either softened or convinced, was filled with fresh rage—'It is a snare,' he cried: 'Oh, base and wicked Christian! thou hast instructed that child to answer thus' Then turning to the boy he said, more mildly, 'Tell me, child, who taught you thus to speak? How did you learn this faith?'

The boy looked lovingly in his mother's face and replied, 'It was God's grace that taught it to my dear mother; and she taught me that Jesus Christ loved little children, and I learned to love him for his love to us.'

'Let us see now what the love of Christ can do for you,' cried the cruel judge; and at a sign from him, the lictors, or officers, who stood ready with their rods, after the fashion of the Romans, instantly seized the boy.

'What can the love of Christ do for him now?' asked the judge, as the blood streamed from the tender flesh of the boy.

'It enables him to endure what his master endured for him, and for us all,' was the reply.

And again they smote the child to torture the mother.