

**CONFEDERATION
OF
AUSTRALIA.**

The Confederation of Australia has added another bond toward consolidating the British Empire. The Australians, knowing well the value of a good constitution, have selected theirs with the greatest care. The one which they have adopted is unlike that of any other nation. It has been modeled partly after that of Canada, partly after that of the United States, and partly after that of Switzerland. It took what was best in the three, and the statesmen of our sister nation supplied what was still lacking. With a confederated Australia, with its vast resources, its progressive people and advantageous position it would be unwise to attempt foretelling its future. In the late war its people have displayed their loyalty and the Empire rejoices to see them united and formed into a nation.

XAVERIANA.

RE-OPENING. Vacation has come and gone since our last issue. Examinations, begun on Jan. 10th, are now happily a thing of the past, and the students have settled down to the old routine. Classes have been reorganized and work is progressing with all possible animation. We are pleased to see our old students back again and to welcome the new ones.

**CHRISTMAS
AT
ST. F. X.**

Vacation was very quiet at the College. The few who remained made little noise, but they admit that they spent a very pleasant and merry Xmas.

The altar of the Infant of Prague in our Chapel was very beautifully decorated and, when Christmas at midnight Rev. Dr. Thompson began the Holy Sacrifice, it was a mass of plants and lights. A few ladies and gentlemen from the town kindly lent their services, and during the three Masses appropriate