

News Summary.

It is announced that Melbourne will be the capital of confederated Australia.

The month's magazines are on sale at the well equipped book store of T. H. Hall, St. John.

The New Brunswick Free Baptist Conference met last week in its annual session with the church at Central Hampstead.

Steamer Santa Ana, with 265 passengers and from \$500,000 to \$600,000 Klondyke and Nome gold, has arrived at Seattle.

Nearly five hundred emigrants a day are being shipped by agents of the government of Queensland from England to Australia. For every adult shipped an agent gets \$2.50 and for every child he is paid \$1.25.

The Dominion Coal Company purpose spending one million dollars at Glace Bay alone, with a view to doubling their output there, while the smaller collieries are all adding new machinery and other improvements.

The Department of Militia has received \$40,000 to pay on behalf of the government of India Canadian manufacturers who have furnished large shipments of great coats, clothing, boots, socks, moccasins, etc., for use of India troops in China.

Winfield Townsend, a negro, was burned at the stake in Eclectic, Ala., early Tuesday morning. The crime with which he was charged was an attempted assault upon Mrs. Lennie Harrington, and her husband set fire to the pile which reduced Townsend's body to ashes.

In Bridgetown, N. S., on Saturday, a colored boy, named Chandler, was shot and killed, by another boy named Wade. The terrible deed, is said to have resulted from a dispute as to how many rabbits the boys had shot in the woods on the previous day.

Chancellor Boyd at Toronto on Saturday delivered an important judgment, holding that the claims of creditors against the proceeds of a life insurance policy were invalid. The case was that of Milligan vs. Macdonald, tried at St. Thomas some time ago to ascertain the right to \$25,000 insurance on the life of Norman Macdonald, deceased.

The board of aldermen of Calais, Me., have declared that the prohibitory law shall be strictly enforced. On Tuesday the police were ordered to close every drinking place in the city by Wednesday, to cease smoking on the streets, riding back and forth on the electric, loafing, etc.

A D. A. R. ballast train at Hebron bridge, Yarmouth, ran over Joseph Amiro, a train hand, Wednesday morning, cutting off both legs. Amiro was at the brake when the wheel came off the rod. He lost his balance and fell under the car wheels. He was taken to Yarmouth, where doctors operated, but it is thought he will not live.

Mr. William Dennis, of the Halifax Herald, has issued an appeal to the teachers and school children of Nova Scotia, to assist in the praiseworthy work of gathering a fund for the purpose of erecting in Halifax a suitable memorial of the brave Nova Scotians who have fallen in the Boer war in South Africa.

The general result of the British elections now in progress has been to strengthen the position of the Salisbury administration. There have been elected 481 members thus far, 322 of whom are ministerialists and 159 are representatives of the opposition. There is no probability that the result of the balloting in the 189 constituencies still to be heard from will materially affect the present position of the parties, and it is generally conceded that the ministerial majority in the new parliament will be in the neighborhood of 150.

"Whisky, you're the devil!" says the Irishman, who nevertheless employs it to cast out the uglier devil, a cough or cold; how much more sensible to employ Adamson's Botanic Cough Balsam, which never fails. 25c. all Druggists.

Personal.

Pastor E. A. McPhee has settled with the Argyle Baptist church in Yarmouth county, and wishes all correspondents to address him at Argyle, N. S.

The pastor of the Moncton church is not only a Boanerges in the pulpit but a Nimrod in the woods. Mr. Parsley has been hunting recently in the vicinity of Canaan, and the accuracy of his aim has been attested by the fall of at least one monarch of the forest.

Rev. Oswald Keith has gone to Boston where he will visit some of his relatives. He will perhaps spend the winter at the "hub."

Rev. Perry J. Stackhouse of the Tabernacle church is taking a short vacation in the United States and is expected to occupy his pulpit again next Sunday. Rev. Wm. McGregor preached very acceptably for the Tabernacle last Sunday evening.

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An Impressive Social Gathering.

On Wednesday, Oct. 3rd, quite a large number of friends met at the delightful home of Deacon E. J. Elliot of Clarence, N. S., to celebrate the 90th birthday of his mother, widow of the late Joseph Elliot, Esq. We found this aged lady in the enjoyment of her faculties in a most remarkable degree. Her hearing seemed perfect, and her sight, memory and conversational powers were unusually good for one of her advanced years. Mrs. Elliot well deserves the great respect and love of the people of Clarence which she largely enjoys, because she and her late husband did much toward founding and sustaining the late Ladies' Seminary of Clarence, that did such a grand work in its day; and the intelligent and enterprising character of the people of that community may be traced to the elevating and refining influence of that School. After some 20 guests had enjoyed the abundant hospitality of Deacon Elliot's charming home in partaking of a sumptuous dinner, they repaired to the spacious parlor and enjoyed excellent music led by our singing Evangelist, Hugh A. McLean. Many beautiful pieces, old and new, were well rendered, including "Jesus, lover of my soul," "How firm a foundation," and "I shall know Him." After an hour thus spent most pleasantly, Rev. Isaiah Wallace read portions of the 71st Psalm and made remarks congratulating the aged disciple on her having attained so great an age, and rejoicing with her children and grandchildren in their happiness in having their beloved and honest parent and grand-parent with them. Brother Benjamin Miller, one of our licensed preachers, and the father-in-law of Deacon Elliot, followed with similar strain, as did also Pastor E. L. Steeves. Deacon Robert Marshall, who in his 80th year made touching reference to his having witnessed our aged sister's baptism by the late Rev. Nathaniel Vidito about 70 years ago when he was yet a lad, and to the salutary influence her life had exerted upon him. Brother Alfred Wilson and Brother Leander Elliot also made remarks indicating the high regard for this aged pilgrim. Mrs. Elliot is a striking illustration of Ps. 91: 16 for she has attained to a very great age and enjoys much her present life and has bright prospects of the life to come. After tea the party repaired to the Baptist Meeting House of Clarence, where special meetings were being held and listened to a sermon by our venerable brother, Wallace. Then closed a day that will long be remembered with pleasure.

ONE PRESENT.

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Ordination.

In response to a call from the Andover Baptist church a council convened on Sept. 27th for the purpose of considering the advisability of ordaining the pastor, Bro. R. W. Demmings. The council organized at 3 o'clock, p. m., by electing Rev. A. H. Hayward moderator and Rev. E. P. Calder secretary. Bro. Demmings then gave a clear and concise statement of his Christian experience, call to the ministry and doctrinal belief. Questions were asked freely by the brethren present to which satisfactory answers were given and the council unanimously advised the church to proceed with the ordination that evening. Evening session opened at 7.30 p. m., at which the following programme was carried out: Ordination sermon, Rev. W. H. Martin

of Albert St. Baptist church, Woodstock; ordination prayer, Rev. A. H. Hayward, pastor of the Florenceville churches; charge to candidate, Rev. F. N. Atkinson, Jacksonville; hand of fellowship, Chas. Stirling (lic), Tobique churches; charge to the church, Rev. E. P. Chalder, Centreville; Pastor Demmings closed the service with benediction. Bro. Demmings has a large field comprising many scattered interests and is popular with his people, and uniformly successful in his work.

Denominational Funds.

THE 1ST QUARTER OF NEW CONVENTION YEAR ENDS WITH OCTOBER.

The missionaries expect their pay early in November. It is important therefore that all the churches should take their 1st quarter's collection before the close of the month of October. Circulars are being sent to all the pastors and clerks and it is hoped that these will be brought before the churches in some way. The Nova Scotia Baptists made a good financial record last year. We hope this may be made still better in this year the first in the second century of their history. If all the churches will see to it that collections for our Denominational Work are made, at least quarterly, this will be the case, we make no doubt. Envelopes will be furnished free on application. All moneys should be sent to the undersigned.

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