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AT THE NARROWS.

SESSIONS OF THE NEW BRUNS. WICK BAPTIST CON-VENTION.

Many Interesting Reports Have the State of the Denomination-

the state of the denomination, containing a brief summary of deceased ministers. Six ministers had been ordained and seven new houses of worship opened in the province during the year. The additions to the churches by baptism

were 631.

Rev. S. H. Cornwall reported on behalf of foreign missions, after which the secretary read a communication from the secretary of the foreign mission board asking for the sprointment of a committee to confer with a committee of the foreign mission board concerning the raising of a Twentieth Century fund of \$50,000 for home and foreign missions.

The report was spoken to by Messrs. Hughes, Hall, McIntyre and others and adopted.

Seldom has it ever been the privilege of the delegates to attend a better series of meetings, both of a social and deliberative character. Large audiences througed the buildings all through the Sabbath. Quite a number of American visitors were also present, and these expressed themselves as highly delighted, not only with the natural beauty of the place, but also with the interest in the religious fexercises which prevailed throughout.

elements needed to form eggs in the winter.

In the vicinity were supplied by mining these in attendance. Among these these the powder send to us. One pack, 25 cts: five, \$1. Large can, \$1.20; six, \$5. Exp. paid, L. S. JOHNSON & CO., Boston, Mass.

were First Johnston, Mill Cove, Jemseg, First Cambridge and Upper Wickham, at all of which large congregations

were in attendance.
On Monday, at 9.30, the Sabbath school convention met to transact some unfinished business.
Mr. Bynon suggested improvements as to the appointment of teachers, having due regard to their fitness and training; also with regard to the arrangement of pupils auitably in classes for the best results.

Messrs. Hall, Coombs, Hughes, Dr. Macdoneld, C W Barton, C W Price, J S Titus and C N Barton.
Resolved, that the annual meeting of the N. B. Baptist Sunday school convertion take place on Thursday preceding the regular sessions of the convention

Sunday Meetings.

The sessions of the New Brunswick Baptist convention were reopened at 2 m.m. on Saturday with prayer by Rev. C. W. Townsend.
Report on temperance: After an amendment was adopted, Mr. E. N. C. Barnes read a report on the Grande Lique Mission, which was laid on the tatle until the discussion of that subject at the public missionary meeting.

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THREE GREAT COLONIES OF OF AUSTRALIA HAVE VOTED FOR IT.

New South Wales, South Australia and Victoria Will Certainly be United — Queenslaud, Western Australia and Tasmania Have Not Decided,

London, Sept. 12—The confederation scheme of the Australia colonies, which has been attracting so much attention, provides that addresses to the queen from three colonies asking for power to form a confederation shall be sufficient for its formation. As three colonies, which has been attracting so much attention, provides that addresses to the queen from three colonies asking for power to form a confederation shall be sufficient for its formation. As three colonies, New South Wales, South Australia and Victoria have voted addresses on the subject, the Imperial parliament, upon the resumption of its sessions will it is presumed, take the matter up, whether or not the result in the other colonies shall be favorable to joining in the movement Queensland, Western Australia and Tamania have not yet vesteltd the queetion Queensland western Australia and Tamania have not yet esticited the queetion Queensland western Australia and Tamania have not yet esticit of the queetion Queensland western Australia and Tamania have not yet esticit of the queetion Queensland western Australia and Tamania have not yet esticit of the queetion Queensland western Australia and Tamania have not yet esticit of the queetion Queensland western Australia and Tamania have not yet esticit of the queetion Queensland in the other colonies and the parliament has not yet vested an address. Western Australia and Tamania have not yet vestel and the parliament has not yet vestel and the parliament has not yet vested an address. Western Australia and Tamania have not yet estilated the queen form the parliament has not yet vested an address. Western Australia and Tamania have not yet estellated the queetion queen and the parliament has not yet vested an address. Western Australia and the parliament has not yet vested an address. Western Au

The Democra; and Chronicle of Rochester, N. Y., in its issue of September 6, contains the fellowing of interest to the many friends of Mr. E. Little: "Yesterday morning, at the residence of the bride's father, occurred the marriage

of Miss Apnie May Currie, daughter of Hop. and Mrs. Dean F. Currie of Albion, and Edmund Littler of St. John, New



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PRECIOUS STONES. BUPERSTITIONS CONCERNING THEM WHICH STILL HAVE POWER.

Owners of Gems Even in These Dayscted-Interesting Lore That Has Come

The ancients evolved out of precious stones many superstitions that cast their glamour over centain stones to this day.

The precious stone-of Paradise was the Kaabe stone at Mecca that fell to the earth at the fall of man. It was recovered from the slime after the deluge by the Angel Gabriel. It was a jacinth, and lits color, was changed from the whitethe Angel Gabriel. It was a jacinth, and its color was changed from the whiteness of purity to the blackness of sin.

Jasper was thought by the mediaeval lapidaries to be derived from the word aspis because they supposed that the jasper had its habitat in the head of an

asp.

The amethyst is a beautiful youth who was transformed by Diana into that lovely tinted stone, which is in reality nothing but rock crystal colored by manganese and iron. Bacchus in memory of his love for the youth gave to the stone the color of wine and at the same time the power to preserve wine-drinkers stone the color of wine and at the same time the power to preserve wine-drinkers from the natural results of over-indulgence. The belief that the power of the amethyst, like that of a crown of crocus, could defeat the consequences of too much alcohol obtained for many years.

According to Pliny the name of the topaz comes from an island in the Red Sea called Topazus, derived from the Greek, meaning to seek. It was so named because the island was so beset with fogs that the sahlor could only find it with difficulty.

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The diamond, though it ranks among the most valuable stones of modern commerce, is in reality not so rare a stone as one would suppose, for in South Africa are many, many stones of the purest

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will refuse the gift of an opal, or sell any they may possess, on account of its bad reputation as a bringer of bad luck and dispeller of affection.

Once it was one of the stones that would insure the efficacy of prayer. It made its wearer loyable and conciliated love; it rejoiced the heart, preserved from poison and intection; dissipated melancholy and strengthened the 'sight. melancholy and strengthened the sight.
What then could be more desirable as a gift, or a possession?

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Whence arose the bad reputation of the opal? Barbot, in his treatise on precious stones, says that it is due to its connection with "Robert the Devil," without explaining further, while sometimes it is traced to the story or the opal in Sir Walter Scott's "Anne of Geierstein."

The fates did not suffer the drop of blood that fell from Ouranos to perish when he was so cruelly treated by Saturn, but preserved them in the red hematite. The Greek myth was that in the middle ages the blood of Christ was imagined to be diffused through the heliotrope or bloodstone.

The name of the fossiled gum of the pine tree, which we call amber, on ac-

pine tree, which we call amber, on account of its power of attraction, is the parent word of electricity. The story is that amber gems were shed by the birds Meleagridis for their dead brother Mele-

Theophrastus and Pliny believed that stones of the same kind differed in gender, according to the paler or darker brightness of their rays. The transparent and reddish cornelian was called the female, the transparent, but darker, the

unlucky stone.

The same is true of the opal. The opal came from two Greek words signifying "the eye" and "to change," referring to the variable color of the gem. Mabodius, Bishop of Rennes, whose work in Latin hexameters of the 11th century on the micralogy of that time, spoke of it under the title of ophthalmius. This derivation gave rise to the superstition that it was beneficial to the wearer's eyesight.

So great was the worship of its beauty in the olden days that, after ages of admiration, the Roman Senator, who, when Mark Antony wanted his opal ring, went into voluntary exile, preferred to part with his country rather than his gem.

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