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The twenty-first of December will be henceforth a kind of Cretian Fourth-of-July, for it was on that day that Prince George of Greece arrived at Suda Bay, escorted by the English, Russian, French and Italian flagships, to assume the duties of High Commissioner of the Powers. This marks the complete substitution of Christian for Turkish rule over the island.--Ex.

A new tariff went into effect in Cuba on the first of January, by an executive order signed by President McKinley. There are large reductions in the rates imposed by the Spanish tariff; agricultural implements are admitted free, and cattle at a low rate, and the rates on food products are reduced to an average of 25 per cent, of their value. The tariff is especially framed to encourage local industry and to promote the recovery of agriculture --Ex.

### Peel Parish S. S. Convention.

Peel Parish Sunday School Convention convened at River Bank Hall January 6th, 1899. Mr. Lucas, the Field Secretary, was present and opened the Convention. A good number of delegates from the several schools reported and the reports were very favorable and encouraging.

Peel reported an increase of attendance and the addition of a Home Department of twenty-five members. Reported by Miss Flora Rideout. River Bank: Reported school in average condition and making an effort to open a Home Department--Miss Maud Jones; Lansdowne: School open and in better condition than last year; have a committee on Home Department--Miss Cordelia Ross; East Florenceville Union: School in a very progressive condition--Miss Bernie Tompkins; East Florenceville Baptist: School in as good working order as usual--Miss Maud Hartly; Mount Pleasant: School now forms one large class for the winter--George Quick; Gordonsville: No report, but usually closes in the winter; is a good strong school in summer; Oakland: A large school of scholars but no one to take much charge of it. Arrangements were made to have Rev.

D. Fisk meet with it each alternate Sunday and a committee of workers the remaining Sundays, for the present quarter. The Convention was much pleased with the good reports, and especially to meet the young lady delegates.

Evening Session: After Devotional Exercises by Rev. D. Fiske, R. W. Tompkins and Rev. A. Lucas the nominating committee named the following for office for the ensuing year: Pres., J. K. Fleming; Vice Pres., G. W. Melville; Secretary, Miss Maud Jones; Additional members, B. F. Smith, Miss Maud Hartly, Wm. Jones, (Gordonsville,) Delaney Foster. After fervent prayer on behalf of the new officers they were installed. The President gave a pleasant address.

A Normal lesson or particulars of a Normal Class was given by Rev. A. Lucas.

E. L. Ross gave a very carefully prepared and well received address.

Rev. D. Fiske gave an address on "Reading for S. S. workers," in his usual earnest manner.

The President introduced "The Evangel," and procured ten subscribers for it.

Short addresses were also given by R. W. Tompkins, Past President Quick, Delaney Foster and E. W. Harmon.

Rev. A. Lucas gave a very interesting talk on the Lessons of the year and the force of words, which was very much appreciated by all.

On motion a vote of thanks was tendered to the people of River Bank for their more than generous and kind hospitality; also a vote of thanks was tendered to J. K. Flemming and Secretary E. W. Harmon for their efforts on behalf of the S. S. schools the past year.

The above programme was interspersed by good spirited music by the audience. Miss Maud Jones presiding at the organ. Adjourned to meet at Peel March 28th. Benediction by Rev. D. Fiske.

### PERSONAL NEWS.

W. H. Banks was at the Riverside this week.

Mrs. C. Humphrey Taylor was quite ill but has now recovered.

R. L. Phillips and Mr. Caldwell, of Fredericton spent Sunday and Monday in the village.

W. R. Gillin returned home on Monday from Fredericton where he has been spending a couple of weeks.

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