Minutes OF THE Twenty=Fifth Session OF THE GRAND -:- PRAIRIE BAPTIST -:- ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH The Hazen Baptist Church, Oct. 13, 14, 15 and 16, 1899.

OFFICERS.

- R, H. Parker, DeWitt, Moderator.
- B. F. House, Barrettsville, Vice-Moderator.
- N. G. Williams, DeLuce, Clerk.
- A. H. Soekland, Stuttgart, Treasurer.

Next Session to be held with DeWitt Church, DeWitt, Arkansas, Friday before the Fourth Sunday in October, 1900, at 7 p. m.

Proceedings.

The Grand Prairie Baptist Association convened with the Hazen Hapten church Friday, October 13th, 10 a.m.

Fao body vas called to order by the moderator, R. H. Parker, hund hymn "When I can Read my Title Clear." After which Bro. J. H. Manders, of Forest City, read John 17, and then offered prayer. hymn "Tis Religion that can Give."

Owing to a misunderstanding as to the hour of meeting the body but an allow adjourned to meet at 7 p. m.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION.

Roussoubled at 7 . m. with moderator in the chair. Congretion sang 'Come T is Fount of Every Blessing.'' Elder D. S. Found then conducted a devotional service. Prayers were offered bild, B. F Coburn, Bro R H. Parker and Eld. Frank White. Eld. F. Routh hen delivered an address of welcome that made the bild attempt of the moderator then declared the body in congregation sang "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name." Prover by Eld. D. S. Cannon.

The introductory ser non was then preached by Eld. B. F. Coburn from John 9th, 26 v rse. Prayer by Bro. A. H. Soekland.

The committee on religious exercises was then announced by the medicator consisting of Bros. J. S. Wood, Charlie Norris with pastor and deacons of Hazen Bap ist church. Adjourned to meet at 8:30 a. Maturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING.

and the mining Outober 14th, 8:30 a. m. The body come tominer sang "Come from Fount." Prayer by Eld. J. G. Doyle of Argenta.

Letters from the churches were then called for. Eld. R. L. tale and Bro. W. Theo. Smith were appointed reading clerks. The letters were presented as called and messengers enrolled as follows: Big Lagrue Church, Sisters Alexander, Willy Allen and Docia Parker. Center Point Church, Bros. W. R. Sanders, N. P. Paris and W. A. Calley. New Bethel, J. S. Wood.

Huricane, Bros. I. T. Lewis, J. Keenan and Sister Keenan. New Hope, by letter and pastor.

Pleasant Ridge, Bros. J S. Rowe, W. L. Ricks and R A. Ricks.

Point Deluce, Bros. Abbott Powel and J. H. Powel.

Salem, Bro. W. C. Luckett, Sisters Lillie Banfield and Gay.

Rising Sun, Bro. Charlie Norris, Sisters Katie Ferguson and Georgia Boon. Cross Roads, Bros. G. T. Toler, J. T. Berry.

St. Charles, Bro. A. B. Culifer and Sister Laura Worthy.

DeWitt, Bro. J. B. Wofford, Sisters Lou Halliburton and Pearl Dudley.

Hazen, Bro. F. C. Robinson and wife, and Sister Onea Honea.

Stuttgart, Bros. W. B. Vanarsdel, J. R. Gilliland and Sister M. Hudson. Macedonia, Eld. B. F. House.

Fairmount, Bro J. R. Robinson and wife, and Sister Flora Conn.

Oak Grove, Bro. W. L. Cole and Sister Cole.

Crooked Creek, Bros. D. D. Willis, Lee Flynn and N. J. Walton.

Bethel, Bros. H. A. Willis, A. L. Garnett and D. Cupit.

It was then moved and seconded that the session adjourn to hear a sermon from Eld. Frank White of Lonoke to meet at 1:30 p. m. A short recess was taken. After which congregation reassembled. Sang "Nearer my God to Thee." Dr White then preached a sermon on the words of "Go Forward" edifying to all present. Dismissed by Eld. R. F. Routh.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body again reassembled at 1:30 p. m. and sang "'Tis Religion that can Give.'' On motion the rules were suspended and the clerk was instructed to cast the vote of the body for Bro R. H. Parker for moderator and Eld. B. F. House for vice-moderator. The clerk cast the ballot and Bro. Parker and Eld. House declared moderator and vice-moderator of this body.

On motion Bro. A. H. Soekland was instructed to cast vote of the body for N. G. Williams for clerk who did as instructed and N. G. Williams declared clerk of the body. It was further ordered that the clerk cast the vote of the body for Bro. A. H. Soekland for treasurer which was done, and Bro. A. H. Soekland became the treasurer of this association.

Correspondence called for and the following named delegates

from the Caroline association were enrolled: Elds. Frank White, H. L. Cole, J. G. Doyle and Bro. W. P. Fletcher and wife.

Bro. A. H. Soekland and Eld. B. F. Coburn were appointed to assist Bro. Hammond in preparing a Sunday School report.

Committee on finance, W. L. Cole, D. B. Willis and E. J. Mc-

Hids. D. S. Cannon and R. F. Routh were appointed to fill vain standing committee on education to report at this session of the body. The committee on publications reported which was discussed by Bros. W. Theo. Smith and W. P. Fletcher and Eld. J. Doyle; adopted as read.

Report on Sunday Schools called for read and amended by urging the churches to use the literature of the Sunday School board of the Houthern Baptist convention and the American Baptist Publication multiply.

The report accepted with the above amendment. See appendix H.

NIGHT SESSION.

Sermon by Eld. J. G. Doyle at Baptist church from Matt. 3rd shapter. Collection after sermon for State Sunday School work amounting to \$10.54, Bro. Doyle taking charge of same.

Committee on religious exercise announced that Eld. N. G. Wilhame preach at the colored Baptist church Saturday 7 p. m., Eld. Coburn 3 p. m. Sunday, Eld. E. P. Minton of Jonesboro Sunday night.

After sermon the moderator declared the body in session. Bro. II I. House asked leave of absence, granted. Adjourned to meet 9 a. M. Sunday morning.

SUNDAY MORNING.

The body come together Sunday 11 a. m. to hear the missionary Congregation sang "How Firm a Foundation ye Saints of Lord." The sermon was then preached by Eld. E. P. Minton portions of Matt., Mark and John. Then sang "Come thou of Every Blessing." Prayer by Eld. N. G. Williams. Sang There is a Fountain Filled with Blood."

A collection was taken up for associational mission amounting

to \$22.30. Turned to Bro: A.H. Soekland, treasurer.

Eld. D. S. Cannon preached at the M. E. Church South. Text Isiah 61ch. 1st.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Sunday 3 p. m. Sunday School mass meeting, secretary presiding. Prayer by Bro. W. P. Fletcher. The mass meeting waled by Eld. J. G. Doyle, secretary of the State Sunday School board The following question was discussed, "Should every church have Sunday School."

Short talks were made by N. G. Williams and W. P. Fletchar, Sang "Sunshine in my Soul."

"Who is responsible for maintaining Sunday Schools," discussed by J. G. Lile of Central College and H. W. Birdsong, "Influence of our Denominational Schools on our Sunday Schools" discussed by J. G. Lile and Eld. J. G. Doyle. Adjourned until 7 p. m.

Sunday night 7 p. m. Congregation and choir sang "All Hall the Power of Jesus Name." Prayer by Eld. C. A. Owens.

Eld. J. G. Doyle then delivered one of the best sermons ever preached before this body. Text John 11-28. After which p edge for associational mission were taken up. Amonut, \$160.00 and \$1.74 in eash.

MONDAY MORNING.

The association was called to order Monday morning at 8:30 b) the moderator. Prayer by Eld. Frank White of Lonoke,

Committee on temperance made its report which was adopted. See Appendix A.

Committee on education made its report. Adopted. See Appendix B.

The question of the next meeting of this association was the taken up and DeWitt church was put in nomination, the other churches who in their letters had invited the next setting of the association withdrew in favor of DeWitt, and by a unanimous volit was decided to meet with the DeWitt Bapt st church on Fridty night, 7 p. m. before the 4th Sunday in October 1900.

On motion and vote of the body Eld. H. Y. Morris was election

to proach the introductory sermon and N. G. Williams, alternate.

Eld. B. F. Coburn was selected to preach the missionary sermon funday a. m., Eld. B. F. House, alternate. Bro. A. H. Soekland was chosen a member of the State Board from Grand Prairie Baptist asmetation.

Correspondence to sister associations: To Caroline, Eld. R. F. Mount Bro. A. H. Soekland. To Mount Vernon, Eld. B. F. Co-Mount Zion, Elds, R. F. Routh and H. G. Morris. Eld. I. Thomas was received as corresponding messenger form the Northtorn Colored associatin, bringing a contribution of 50 cents. The material transformed thanks of the body for the contribution. Imdiately a return contribution was started by Bro. W. Theo. Smith. The collection amounting to \$2.50 was given to Bro. Thomas to be and by his association.

The following resolution was adopted: that the executive committee extend material help to destitute churches within the association as they may deem best until other arrangements can be made by thom

Return correspondence to Northeastern association Bro. W. L. To Baptist State convention, Eld. B. F. Coburn and wife, A. Boekland, R. H. Parker, Sisters Lou Halliburton and Dudley. Inters to Southern Baptist convention, Dr. F. C. Robinson and

Report on foreign missions read and adopted; Appendix C. In the mission received and adopted; Appendix D. In the mission received and adopted; Appendix E. The interventive board then made its report, adopted; Appendix F. The interventive second the made its report, adopted; Appendix F. The interventive second the made its report, adopted; Appendix F. The

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Fid. B. F. Coburn offered a resolution of thanks for the body to the Hazen church and citizens of Hazen for their hospitality to the association during our stay with them which was adopted by thing vote.

The finance committee then made its report adopted to be cortested by clerk and treasurer and be placed in its proper place in the minutes. Appendix H.

Committee on Sunday Schools made their report; Appendix Report on publication, see appendix J. On motion by Bro. A. H. Soekland the treasurer was ordered to pay clerk \$10.00 for his services the past year. The moderator then delivered a parting address to the body full of good thoughts, the parting hand was taken amid tears and thus ended the best association the clerk ever witnessed in Arkansas.

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R. H. PARKER, Moderator, N. G. WILLIAMS, Clerk.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Education—Elmer Moore and Eld, D. S. Cannon. Sunday Schools—T. W. Highfill and T. P. Hammonds. Foreign Missions—Elds. B. F. Coburn and H. Y. Mörris. Publications—F. W. Robinson and H. G. Miller. Temperance—W. F. Keaton and H. B. Dudley. Home Mission—Elds. R F. Routh and B. F. House. State Mission—Elds. N. G. Williams and Abbie Cullifier. Obituaries—Sisters Lou Halliburton and Lillie Banfield.

PLEDGES FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

N. G. Williams, Deluce,	\$ ō	00
H. P. Fletcher, Lonoke,	õ	00
R. H. Parker, DeWilt,	ō	00
W. L. Cole, Hamilton,	5	00
D. D. Willis, Fairmount,	5	00
A. H. Soekland, Stuttgart,	5	00
J. R. Gilliland, Stuttgart,	5	00
J. R. Gilliland, Stuttgart, B. F. Coburn, Stuttgart,	ō	00
T. B Sanders, Forrest City,	5	00
T. K. Eynn, Hazen,	5	00
Sister H. B. Dudley, DeWitt	5	00
J. T. Roe, Barrettsville,	5	00
Sister T. Stallings, Hazen,	5	00
Abbott Powel, Deluce,	5	00
Sister Lou Haliburton, DeWitt,	5	00
Sister Katie Furgerson, Sassafrás,	5	00
R A. Ricks, Barrettsville,	5	00

H. Wofford, DeWitt,		5	00
the Grouph Boon, DeWitt,		5	00
ettar Idilio Banfield, Cascoe,	-	5	00
ER. Wood, Carlisle,		2	50
de Hohnson, Hazen,		2	50
d Is Miller, Hazen,		2	50
too kenedy, Hazen,		2	50
Chillifer, St. Charles,		1	00
L. Foler, Cross Roads, cash,		1	00
Walter Keaton, Sassafras,		1	00
a May homina Gay, Cascoe,		1	00 -
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Herry Powell, Delace,		1	00
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dennie Bane, Cash,		1	00
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Total	15	Ģ	50
PLEDGES TO STATE MISSIONS.			
Church, Bro. Robinson,	\$	2	00
disers Church, R. F. Bouth,		2	00
Church, A. H. Soekland,		2	00
Church, J. B Wofford,		-	00
Huthal Church, J.S. Wood	-	1	00

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Total 10 00

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Called to order by the moderator to hear introductory sermon.

- Letters read and messengers enrolled.
- l'otionary letters called for.
- The election of officers for the ensuing year.
- Call for correspondence.
- Invitation to brethren and sisters to seats in the body.
- I Committees appointed on education, Sunday Schools,

finance, foreign, home and state missions, temperance publication, obituaries and religious exercises.

8. Complete correspondence appointed to sister associations and State Convention.

9. Reports on standing committees.

10. Contributions and pledges taken from churches.

11. Resolutions and propositions received.

12. Report of Executive Board.

13. Determining time and place of holding the next annual meeting.

14. Treasurer's report.

15. The Executive Board appointed.

16. Report of the temporary committees.

17. The appointment of Brethren to preach the introductory and missionary sermons.

18. Reading of minutes.

19. Parting address by the moderator.

Appendix.

"A."-TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on temperance respectfully report that after a careful review of the temperance work done during the past year we find that at last the Baptis people all over Grand Prairie Association are becoming fully aroused on this great question, insomuch that a determined fight has been made against the saloon and its evil influences. The blind tiger has been captured and destroyed in many places. We also find that where ever the saloon has been kept away and a determined fight made against the blind tiger, God's people have always come out victorious; therefore we earnestly pray God that He may incline the hearts of every Baptist here and in this broad land to stand firm, make a united effort against the saloon that it may not be said that the Baptist people favor a place where our boys are made drunkards, criminals and convicts; our women are made widows and their children ophans, believing that with the saloon out of the way all law abiding people will help to drive the blind tiger out of the land.

A. H. SOERLAND.

"B."-EDUCATION.

Never was the necessity for devoloping the mind more apparent than now. It is necessary for the Minister to be learned in order to better understand the meaning of philosophy of language, and to properly convey the truth to his audi-

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well as to successfully overcome the false doctrines taught by the oppostruth. It is necessary for the Christian, so that he may be enabled to understand the truth when presented. True education enlarges our minds, our intelligence, and makes us useful Christians as well as better citithose who desire to be better, wiser, happier and more useful on earth, ould say, if possible, procure a good education And to those who desire an we cheerfully recommend the Ouachita Baptist Central College and in Home as institutions of learning and refinement, second to uone in the and in every way worthy of your patronage.

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ROBT. F. ROUTH.

"C."-FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Master said: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every "-Math. 28:19. And in obediance to that command Wm. Cary, of Eng-1892. cried for help to have the gospel preached to the heathens, and that heard. Sixtyfive dollars was raised and one missionary was ready to go the begining of foreign mission work, and that work has continued unessent with great results. From one nation to six, from one missionary 128 native assistants; 210 in all, 845 baptisms last year, 5,347 church \$125,681.99 contributions last year. With this start let us push on in anne until the kingdom of this world shall become the kingdom of our Bavior Jesus Christ, and that the Grand Prairie Baptist Assocition contheir part of the amount asked of the Arkansas Baptists and that the be requested to collect five cents per member and the same be sent to R.

> ROBT. F. ROUTH, J. W. ROBINSON.

"D"-HOME MISSIONS.

ommittee on home missions report that the home board of the Southern Convention are doing a great work for the Master throughout the terriupled by its missionaries. The home board located at Atlanta, Ga., was when the convention was organized in 1845 in Augusta, Ga. The and of the Southern Baptist Convention during its existence has estabbout one-eighth of all the white churches in the Southern Baptist Connd to these churches 262,802 members have been added. It is apparent that not less than one-eighth of the numerical strength of the Baptists but his due to the work of home missions. There is another startling fact the standing all that has been done by our church s and mission boards fifty years and the great success that has attended their efforts, the have increased from 450,000 to 2,600,000. In this southern land it emmissionaries last year, supplied 2,580 churches, baptized 6,552, total adbouch its missionaries 12,383 members, organized 194 churches, built 92 meas, amount expended in its work \$65,818 81,

N. G. WILLIAMS.

"E"-STATE MISSIONS.

We, your committee on State Missions, submit the following for your consideration: The state mission board is that branch of missions which is fostered within the bounds of our own state convention and by that convention. It is a work from which every church within our state may expect some benefit sooner of later. This work deserves the earnest prayers of every Baptist in the state. We look with humility on the past, that the means contributed to this work by the churches of this association have been so small. The state board sustains the same relation to the state convention that the executive board does to the association. The state board is composed of one member from each association, and every effort is made to make its work a state work in deed and in truth. They seek to cultivate fields where no work is done, and so far as they are able to supplement salaries of pastors of churches which are weak but located in populous communities. The idea is to bring Baptist doctrine to the attention of the great, est possible number of souls. It is evident that the board is limited only by the means given it by the churches. Give the state board double the means next year that it has had and it will occupy double the number of unoccupied fields and sup plement the salaries of pastors of twice as many weak churches as it has during the past year. We most heartily commend this work to the churches.

B. F. COBURN.

"F."-EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Your committee would report that it has had regular meeting on Saturday before each 5th Sunday during the year and for want of funds very little has been done. At the meeting of the board in April there being a special contribution of \$30 to the board for a special work, the board employed Eld. R. F. Routh to do this special work which was to visit each church in the association and preace one sermon on missions to each church, take collections for missions and report the same to the clerk. His report here appended:

Report of Robt. F. Routh, Missionary of Grand Prairie Association.

Days of labor 30, miles traveled 643, public prayers 79, visits made 94, sermon preached 34, people preached to 2,491, average attendance 73, money collected \$28.25. R. F. ROUTH.

> R. H. PARKER, Moderator. N. G. WILLIAMS, CLERK.

'G."-TREASURERS REPORT.

For A	ssociation	Missions,	Stuttgart	\$7	13
**	**	**	Routh		
**	45	**	various collections	4	50
July 2	29, sold tw	o bibles .		1	80
Last	years min	ute fund		14	25
Last	vears cleri	x's fees		6	00
Home	e Missions			3	25

Foreign Missions	2 85
State Missions, Bro. Routh 11	9 98
Missionary Journal	2 50
For special missionary fund 3	0 00
Total\$100	3 56

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for publishing minutes	\$14	00
Puid to the Foreign Mission Journal	2	50
Paid to Foreign Mission Board	2	65
Paid to Home Missions	3	00
Paid to State Missions	25	22
Paid Clerk's fees, last year	6	00
l'aid to Bro Routh	30	00
Oct. 13, Cash on hand	25	19
Total		\$108 56

"H"-FINANCE.

Having carefully examined the clerk's record we find that the association has mainformed as follows:

Foreign	Missio	ns	\$5	72
Home	"		8	27
State	**		22	45
		ssions		
Minutes	·		. 17	15
Clerk's	salary.		10	00

We also find that the treasurer books show that after paying all demands to show this association there is a balance in his hands of \$44.22.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. L. COLE. E. J. MCEWEN. D. D. MILLER.

"I"-SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Sunday schools beg to report that we find a lack of Bunday school workers within the bounds of this association. That our churches have no Sunday school at all is true; that several of our only avail themselves of this blessing a portion of the year is true, and true that the churches who have a good live Sunday school all the time that the churches who have a good live Sunday school all the time that the churches who have a good live Sunday school all the time that the churches the necessity of more earnest Sunday school work, any Baptist present go home from this meeting with a determination to do more work in this line, for we, your committee believe with all our hearts that herein lies the future welfare of not only those present, but of this entire association; therefore we hope that an earnest effort will be made to the end that we may more fully carry out the wish of our Savior who said: "Suffer little child dren to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heav en." And furthermore that we earnestly recommend all our schools to use the literature furnished by the S. B. C., and American Baptist Publishing Society.

J. T. HARMAN. B. F. COBURN. A. H. SOEKLAND.

"J."-PUBLICATION.

Your committee on publication respectfully report as follows: That we is an association have great reason to be thankful to the Great Ruler of the universe for the state of our board of publication, which is doing a grand and glurious work for the Master and the human race. We will state that we are highly pleased with the earnest and God-forbearing manner in which the Arkansas Bap tist and other papers meet and confront errors, and pray earnestly that they may never cease to do so until the Master shall say, "Come ye blessed of my fathinherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." We cannot too highly recommend careful attention to these publications and their general distribution among our people, and we do most earnestly recommend the doctrines of our church to the entire world, and humbly ask that they may in examined prayerfully and carefully compared with the Bible.

> D. S. CANNON. W. C. LUCKETT.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Almyra,	C. F. Edwards	Hazen,	H: G. Miller
Bethel,	H. A. Willis	New Bethel,	J. S. Wool
Big LaGrue,	J. P. Allen	New Hope	
	. Carew McSwain	New Zion	
Bayou Meto	J. Carpenter	Oak Grove,	
	E. J McEwen	Pleasant Ridge,	
	H. H Highfill	Point DeLuce,	
	D. D. Willis	Rising Sun,	
DeWitt	J. B. Wafford	Salem,	
Fairmount.	J. W. Robinson	St. Charles,	
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ORDAINED MINISTERS.

N.G. Williams.	DeLuce.
D. S. Cannon	DeWitt.
B. F. Coburn	Stuttgart.
R F. Routh	
T. K. Flinn.	Hazen.
B. F. House	Barrettsville.
H. Y. Morris	Barrettsville.
UNORDAINED.	
D. D. Willis	Fairmount

CHURCHES.	By Baptism.	By Letter.	Restoration.	Statement.	Excluded.	Dis. By Letter.	Died.	Present Membership.	Sunday School	For Minutes.	Pastor's Salary.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Hcme Missions	Foreign Mission	Value of Churoh Property.	CLERKS & ADDRESSES.
Bayou Meto. Bellvue Bethel. Big LaGrue Cash Prairie. Cash Prairie. Crooked Creek. Cross Roads De Witt Fairmount. Hurricane Hazen. Macedonia. New Bethel New Bethel New Bethel New Hope Oak Grove. Pleasant Ridge Point DeLuce Rising Sun Salem. St Charles. Stuttgart.	4 2 2 1	4	······································		8 1 2 4 .1 .2 1 1 1	22 1 4 32 1 6 2 4 1 5 1 6	12421	$\begin{array}{c} 64\\ 21\\ 21\\ 51\\ 35\\ 58\\ 13\\ 78\\ 43\\ 41\\ 75\\ 58\\ 27\\ 20\\ 51\\ \end{array}$	1	90 1 00 500 2 000 55 75 1 10 1 25 75 1 00 1 25	\$75 00 22 00 60 00 150 00	2 75 3 25 2 25 1 70 7 13	4 15 50 75 75 75 75 75 75 75 7 95	\$1 50 2 57 1 65	2 57 2 57 2 70 	\$ 200 00 1000 00 \$00 00 2000 00 900 00 300 00	Carew McSwain, Ethel. H. M. Garrett, Fairmount. R. H. Parker, Van. W. H. Bullock, Hazen. N. J. Walton, (Not given.) Chas. Highfill, Hickory Pl's. J. B. Wofford, De Witt. Florence Conn, Fairmount. Jessie Westrope, Valey. Mrs. Hattie Saunders, Hazen. S. F. Ross, (Not given.) Geo. Gerhan, Carlisle. W. D. Bennett, Tichnor, Eimer Moon, Hagler. W. L. Cole, (Not given.) F. L. Ricks, Barrettsville. Abbott Powell. DeLuce C. J. Henderson, Sassafras, Lillie Banfield, Cascoe. A. B. Cullifer, St. Charles A. H. Soekland, Stuttgart.