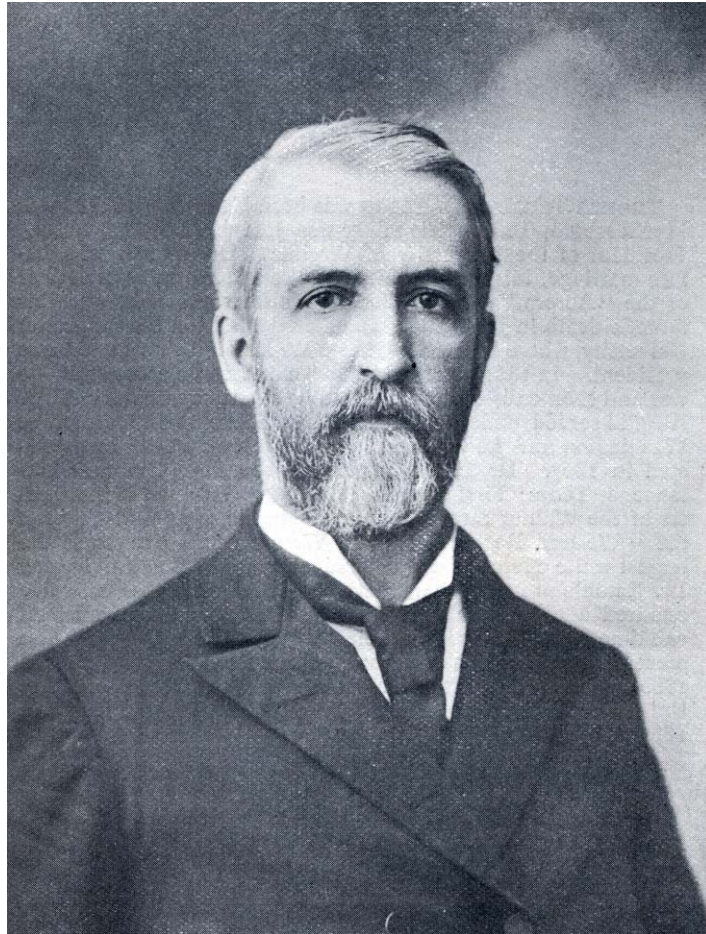


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## I. BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

- November 16, 1845 Born in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Son of Joseph Haywood Eaton, pastor of the Baptist church in Murfreesboro and president of Union University at Murfreesboro, and Esther Treadwell.
- 1845-1860 Lived in Murfreesboro. Attended Union University at academy level.
- 1860-1861 Attended Madison (Colgate) University.
- 1861-1865 Served in Seventh Tennessee Cavalry of the Confederate Army.
- 1865-1866 Taught school in Murfreesboro.
- 1866-1867 Attended Washington College in Lexington, Virginia. Graduated with high honors in 1867 with A.B. degree in moral philosophy and mathematics. Won a gold medal for oratory and spoke at commencement.
- 1867-1872 Professor at Union University in mathematics and natural science. Read law under Judge Ridley.
- December 11, 1868 Licensed to practice law. Formed the firm of Ridley, Eaton, & Childress.
- December 7, 1869-1870 Partner in publishing the Christian Herald, a Baptist paper printed in Tuscumbia, Alabama.
- January, 1870-  
October, 1872 Pastor for the Baptist church in Lebanon, Tennessee .
- February , 1870 Ordained in Murfreesboro.
- 1872 Married Alice Roberts of Nashville, Tennessee.
- October, 1872-  
September, 1875 Pastor in Chattanooga, Tennessee.
- September, 1875-  
March, 1881 Pastor in Petersburg, Virginia.
- 1878 Received honorary Doctor of Divinity from Washington and Lee University.
- 1880's Received honorary Doctor of Laws from Southwestern Baptist University, Jackson, Tennessee.
- April 5, 1881- Pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville,

1907 Kentucky.

1882-1907 Served on the Board of Trustees of Southern Seminary.  
 October 6, 1887-1907 Editor of the Western Recorder.  
 1892 Trip to Europe.  
 1895-1899 Involved in Whitsitt Controversy.  
 1896 "Baptist Pilgrimage" to Europe and Holy Land.  
 1903 Trip to West Indies.  
 June 28 1907 Died in Grand Junction, Tennessee.

Eaton was also Vice-president of Baptist Book Concern of Louisville.

## II. SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Thomas Treadwell Eaton (1845-1907) served as pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky from 1881 to 1907, but his influence on Southern Baptists extended far beyond his congregation. Serving as editor of the Western Recorder, the Kentucky Baptist paper, from 1887 to 1907, he influenced large numbers of people throughout the Convention. He played a major role in the opposition to William Heth Whitsett, the president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The sermon collection was given to the Historical Commission in 1954. The collection includes 1.25 linear feet of material and consists of 15 handwritten sermon books, one separate sermon manuscript and a travel brochure for a "Baptist pilgrimage." The sermons are dated from 1871 to 1902. The sermons usually indicate the location and date of the sermon's delivery. There is no particular order of the sermons in the bound volumes. Sermons have scripture titles and the inventory list the title, scripture citation and the date the sermons was first preached.

A companion to this collection is the Eaton Papers on microfilm (MF 1057). These papers include correspondence, biographical data, sermons, speeches, publications, and material related to the Whitsitt controversy.

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"Why the Bible and Not other Standards," essay in Baptist Why and Why Not, The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1900.

James Madison Pendleton, D.D., The First Annual Meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Historical Society, June 14, 1904, Baptist Book Concern, 1904.

Faith and the Faith, Baptist Book Concern, 1906.

Fe y La Fe (Faith and the Faith), Spanish Translation, Junta Bautista de Publicaciones, 1919. Spanish.

The Angels.

"The Bible on Women's Public Speaking", Baptist Book Concern, pamphlet. MF# 5389

The Cruise of the Kaiserin.

"The Faith of Baptists," Baptist Book Concern, pamphlet.

"Fundamental Baptist principles," pamphlet.

"The Lord's Supper; or What is 'Close Communion'?", American Baptist Publication Society. Pam 422

How to Behave as a Church Member.

Wives and Husbands.

Sanctification.

#### **IV. Additional Reference**

Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists, page 385.

T.T. Eaton Materials, 13 reels of microfilm. MF 1857

Western Recorder, microfilm. MF 362

Thomas Treadwell Eaton: pastor, Editor, Controversialist and Denominational Servant, by C. Ferris Jordan, microfilm. MF 1836

Baptist Ministerial Directory, 1899, page 230.

The First Half Century of Madison University, 1872, page 350.

**V. ITEM DESCRIPTION - SERMONS**

BOX 1

**Folder 1 -Volume 1**

If my people, who are called by my name  
II Chronicles 7:14, pp. 1-17. 1887.

Home Missions. For the love of Christ constraineth us.  
II Chronicles 5:14, pp. 19-35. 1887.

Go ye into all the world, pp. 37-53. 1887.

Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?  
Luke 6:46. pp. 55-70. 1892.

**Folder 2- Volume 2**

By their occupation they were tentmakers, Act 18:3. 1880.

Purifying their hearts by faith, Acts 13:9. 1876.

Bring us not over Jordan, Numbers 32:5. No date.

Seek ye the Lord, Isaiah 55:6-7. 1881.

Ye shall be witnesses unto me, Acts 1:8. 1876.

Jesus purifying the temple, John 2:15-16. 1876.

As an eagle stirreth up her nest, Deut. 32:11. 1876.

In the garden, John 19:41. 1876.

I am come into my garden, I Cor. 3:9. 1878.

God commanded me to make haste, II Chron. 35:21. 1880.

Be sure your sin will find you out, Numbers 32:23. 1876.

The flood came and swept them all away, Matt. 24:39, Luke 17:27, II Peter 2:5  
1877.

BOX 1

**Folder 3- Volume 3**

For they are without fault before the throne of God, Rev. 19:5. 1878.

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, Eph.6:18.  
1878.

Keep thy heart with all diligence for out of it are the issue of life,  
Prov. 4: 23. 1880.

This my joy is fulfilled, John 3: 29. 1879.

Wherefore smitest thou they fellow? No date.

Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, Ex. 3: 1-3. 1880.

No man cared for my soul, Psalms 142:4, Psalms 88:18. 1880.

I am the God of thy father, Exodus 3: 6. 1884.

#### **Folder 4- Volume 4**

Secret things belong to God, Deut. 29:29. 1878.

He that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.  
1881.

The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy, Rev. 19: 10. 1875.

Everyone over against his own house, Nehemiah 3: 28-29.

An they rest not day and night, Rev. 4: 8.  
There remaineth a rest for the people of God, Hebrews. 1876.

But the fearful and unbelieving and the cowardly, Rev. 21: 8. 1878.

Not this man but Barabbas, John 18: 40. 1876

What shall I do then with Jesus who is called Christ? Matt. 27:22. 1884.

Scourge of small cords. 1880.

The Lord alone did lead him, Deut. 32:12. No date.

BOX 1

#### **Folder 5- Volume 5**

Abraham's and Lot's quarrel. Genesis 13 ff. Feb. 1902

Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God  
(no text) Dec. 1886

Lot's choice. Sermon to business young men. Genesis 13:10-11. March 1884

Now I Know that the Lord will do me good seeing I have a Levite to my priest  
Judges 17:13. Sept. 1902

The woman's anointing Christ's feet. Luke 7:36-50. January 1884

Woman with issue of blood. Mark 5:25. May 1887

Mary's anointing Christ's feet. Mark 14:3. June 1884

Cities of refuge. Deut. 19:4. Feb. 1902

Israel's repentance. Judges 6:6-10. October 1885

Inserted in the notebook: "A Statement from the Sunday School Board," a printed statement regarding management of the Sunday School Board.

As the days of heaven upon earth. Deut. 11:21. Dec. 1888

Peter's healing Aeneas

BOX 1

**Folder 6 -Volume 6**

Truly this was the son of God. Matt. 27:54; Mark 15:39. 1883

Hiel. I Kings 16:34. July 1880

Amon. Sermon to young men. II Kings 21: 19 ff. n.d.

Rahab. And they came into a harlot's house named Rahab and lodged there Joshua 2:1. Aug. 1878

Rahab's faith and works. Heb. 11:31; James 2:25. Aug. 1878

What mean these stones? Joshua 4:21. July 1875

Circumcision and Passover. Joshua 5:10. n.d.

Let us go up at once and possess it. Numbers 13:30. Jan. 1871

The ceasing of the manna. Joshua 5:12. Jan. 1874

Be strong and of good courage. Deut. 31:6,7 and 23; Josh. 1:6,7,& 18 & 9 Nov. 1876

Taking of Jericho. Hebrews 11:30; Josh. 6. March 1875

Be ye perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect. Matt. 5:48 Oct. 1874

Inserted in back of book: Letter from Eaton, J. M. Frost, and Manly Breaker regarding testimonials for Lansing Burrows and O. F. Gregory

BOX 2

**Folder 1 -Volume 7**

Seventh plague. Ex. 9:13-33. Louisville, December 1890

And he said unto him "Follow me" and he arose and followed him. Matthew 9:9 Louisville, May 1885

Whereas it was in thine heart to...I Kings 8:18. November 1890

The Locusts. Exodus 10:3-21. December 1890

And the Spirit and the Bride say "come" Rev. 22:17. September 1884

The Plague of darkness. no ref. Jan. 1891

Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come into God by him. Heb. 7:25. Nov. 1883

Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.I Cor. 11:1. Dec. 1883

The Last Plague. no ref. Jan. 1891

For thy name's sake, O Lord, pardon mine iniquity for it is great  
Ps. 25:11. Sept. 1883

The wedding Garment. Matt. 22:12. Nov. 1882

Even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. I Cor. 5:7. Nov. 1890

I saw a great White Throne. Rev. 20:11. Feb. 1892

The mixed multitude. Num. 11:4; Ex. 12:38; Acts 7:36. Jan. 1891

Babes in Christ. I Cor. 3: 1. Apr. 1883

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near  
Is. 55:6. Feb. 1884

Excuses for not going to feast (title listed in front, but not with sermon)  
Luke 14:16-24. March 1884

#### **Folder 2- Volume 8**

John. no text. Nov. 1876

Simon Peter. no text. Oct. 1876

The twelve Apostles. no text. Dec. 1876

Paul the Apostle to the Gentiles. no text.Nov. 1876

Joseph Barnabas. no text. Dec. 1876

#### **Folder 3- Volume 9**

Yet forty days and Nineveh shall be destroyed. Jonah 3:4  
(one page only - seems not to be complete)

The Church at Smyrna. Rev. 2:8-11.Aug. 1875

There was nothing in the ark save the two tables of stone. I Kings 8:9.  
March 1879

Pure religion and undefiled before God... James 1:27. Aug. 1875

Encompassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses. Hebrews 12:1. July 1876

And keep himself unspotted from the world. James 1:27. Aug. 1875

Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us  
Hebrews 12:1; see Philemon 3:14. July 1876

I am the first and the last. Rev. 1: 17. Feb. 1877

The faithful and true witness. Rev. 3:14. August 1875

And on his vesture and on his thigh a name written King of kings and Lord of  
lords. Rev. 19:6. June 1877

#### **Folder 4- Volume 10**

Inserted in book: Our Church Bulletin, April 3, 1904, Walnut street Baptist  
Church

Come and see the place where the Lord lay. Matt. 28:6. April 1871

Jeroboam's Calves. I Kings 12:28. Jan. 1896

The rending of the altar. I Kings 13:3. Aug. 1879

Lay hold on him. I Kings 13:4. Oct. 1889

Old prophet lies to young prophet. I Kings 13:15. Apr. 1881  
(also included: a loose page version, inserted into the book)

Jeroboam's child. no text. no date

Ahijah. I Kings 14:13. Feb. 1881

For what is your life? It is even a vapour which appeareth for a little time  
and then vanisheth away. James 4:14. Oct. 1874

Behold I will extend peace to her like a river (one page). Isaiah 66:12  
June 188(5? last number not clear)

Faith is the substance of things hoped for (one page). Heb. 11:1  
n.d.

But we are all as an unclean thing (one page). Isaiah 64:6. n.d.

Wrath from heaven. Romans 1:18. (one page) n.d.

Thou meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness. Is. 64:5. (one page)  
n.d.

As a beast goeth down into the valley, the Spirit of the Lord caused him to rest. Isaiah 63: 14. (one page) April 1878

Surely they are my people, children that will not lie. Is. 63:8. (one page) n.d

Then he remembered the days of old. Isaiah 63: 11. (one page) n.d.

no title (one page) I Kings 14:6. n.d.

And all Israel mourned for him - I Kings 14:18 (one page) n.d.

But what? Even now - I Kings 14:14 (one page) Sept. 1891

Alas my brother! I Kings 13:30. (one page) n.d.

no title. I Kings 13:28. (one page) n.d.

#### **Folder 5- Volume 11**

Where is Abel, thy brother? Gen. 4:9. Oct. 1885

Take heed how ye hear. Luke 8:18. May 1884

Enclosed in book: letter from H. M. Burroughs

If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ let him be Anathema  
no text. Feb. 1886

But some of them left of it until the morning and it bred worms and stank  
Ex. 16:20. Dec. 1889

The Galileans Pilate slew and those on whom tower of Siloam fell  
Luke 13:1-5. Nov. 1888

And if it bear fruit, well. Luke 13:9. June 1889

And if it bear fruit, well, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Luke 13:9. June 1889

Hidden treasure. Matthew 13:44. July 1885

Israel's apostasy after Gideon's death. Judges 8:33-35. Feb. 1893

#### **Folder 6- Volume 12**

Though ye have lien among the pots, yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove covered with silver and her feathers with yellow gold (no text). June 1886

Ye that love the Lord, hate evil. Ps. 97. May 1886

As the Lord liveth and as thy soul liveth there is but a step between me and death. I Sam. 20:3. Aug. 1889

All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags. Is. 64:6. Oct. 1886

Wilt thou be made whole. John 5:6. Feb. 1896

The king and the fiery furnace. no text. Oct. 1887

BOX 3

**Folder 1 -Volume 13**

Marvel not that I said unto you ye must be born again. no text. March 1878

Put on the whole armour of God. Girdle of truth. Eph. 5:11 & 14. Nov. 1878

Bring forth works meet for Repentance. no text. Apr. 1878

Zacchaeus. Luke 19:2-9. July 1877

And he did evil, because he prepared not his heart to seek the Lord  
2 Chron. 12:14. March 1878

Abijam or Abijah. 1 Kings 15:3. Nov. 1878

BOX 3

**Folder 2- Volume 14**

Felix troubled. Acts 24:25. May 1873

The pearl of great price. Matt. 13:46. Feb. 1874

Other foundation can no man lay (no text) n.d. (only three sermons in book)

**Folder 3- Volume 15**

The Prodigal's Elder Brother. Luke 15:25. Dec. 1884

Doth Job fear God for nought? Job 1:9. Nov. 1896

The faithful three hundred. Judges 8:4. Oct. 1884

First the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear. Mark 4:28  
July 1886

Missionary sermon. Judges 8:6. May 1886

From henceforth thou shalt catch men. Luke 5:10. June 1885

Which thing became a snare unto Gideon. Judges 8:27. March 1897

That which fell among thorns, are they. Luke 8:14. Sept. 1885

Parable of the unjust Steward. Luke 16:8. Nov. 1885

The unjust Judge. Luke 18:6. 1886

Wilt thou go with this man? And she said "I will go" Genesis 24:58. Nov. 1884

And Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. Genesis 3:8. Mar. 1891

**Folder 4- Sermon-** "Every house is built by some man, but he that built all things is God". No date.

**Folder 5- Promotional brochure** "A Baptist pilgrimage under the leadership of T. T. Eaton, 1896."