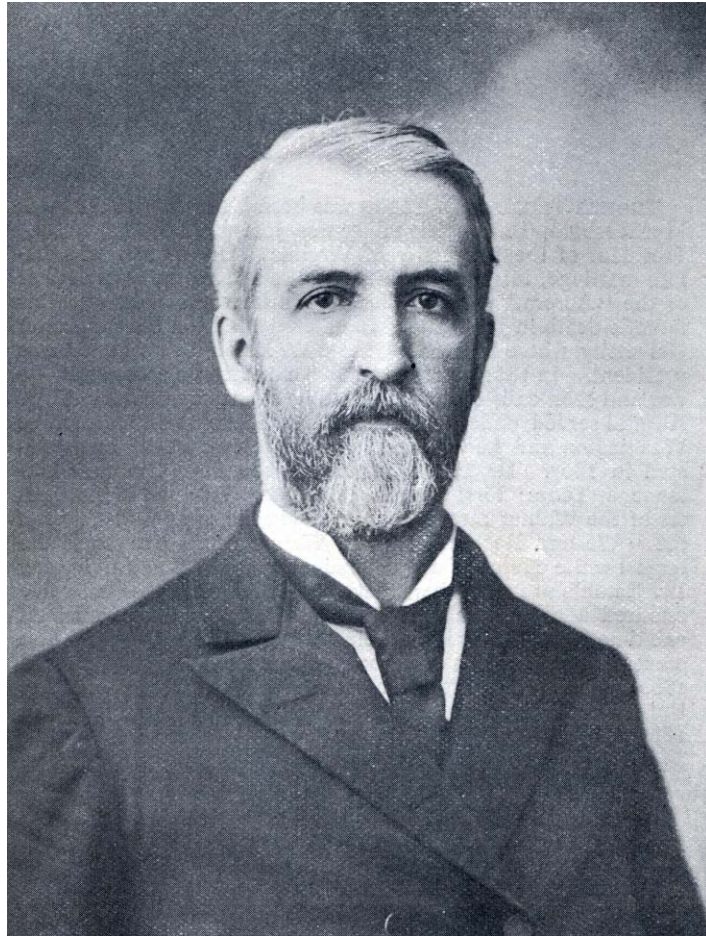


THOMAS TREADWELL EATON

PAPERS

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Summary

Main Entry: Thomas Treadwell Eaton Papers

Date Span: 1871 – 1902

Abstract: Thomas Treadwell Eaton was a Southern Baptist minister, educator, and editor. He served as pastor to churches in Tennessee, Virginia, and Kentucky. He was editor of the *Western Recorder*, the Kentucky Baptist newspaper. Eaton was also Vice-president of Baptist Book Concern of Louisville. The collection consists of handwritten sermons by Eaton. The sermons include a Bible text title and usually the date of preaching and location.

Size: 1.25 linear ft. (15 bound volumes)

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Biographical Sketch

- Nov. 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.
- Dec. 11, 1868 Licensed to practice law. Formed the firm of Ridley, Eaton, & Childress.
- Dec. 7, 1869 - Partner in publishing the *Christian Herald*, a Baptist paper printed in Tusculumbia, Alabama
- 1870
- Jan., 1870- Pastor for the Baptist church in Lebanon, Tennessee.
- Oct., 1872
- Feb., 1870 Ordained in Murfreesboro.
- 1872 Married Alice Roberts of Nashville, Tennessee.
- Oct., 1872- Pastor in Chattanooga, Tennessee.
- Sept., 1875
- Sept., 1875- Pastor in Petersburg, Virginia.
- March, 1881
- 1878 Received honorary Doctor of Divinity from Washington and Lee University.
- 1880's Received honorary Doctor of Law from Southwestern Baptist University, Jackson,

Tennessee .

April 5, 1881- Pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky.
1907

1882 – 1907 Served on the Board of Trustees of Southern Seminary.

Oct. 6, 1887- Editor of the *Western Recorder*.
1907

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.

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 and usually indicate the location and date of the sermon's delivery. There is no particular order of the sermons in the bound volumes. Each sermon has a scripture title, and the inventory lists the title, scripture citation, and the date the sermon 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.

Published Works

Talks to Children, Baptist Book Concern.

Talks on Getting Married, Baptist Book Concern, 1891.

"Conscience in Missions", Centennial Address delivered at Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tennessee, May 13, 1893. Pam 1016

"Did Baptists in England Immerse Prior to 1641?" *Bibliotheca Sacra*, January, 1897. MF 1057, Reel 13

"History of the Walnut-Street Baptist Church," Baptist Book Concern, 1900, pamphlet. MF 1057, Reel 13

"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.

Arrangement

Sermon books are arranged in numerical order

Provenance

Donated to the Historical Commission in 1954

Preferred Citation

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Access Restrictions

None

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Eaton, Thomas Treadwell, 1845 – 1907

Walnut Street Baptist Church (Louisville, Kentucky)

Baptists – Sermons

Sermons, American

Preaching

Related Materials

Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists, page 385.

T.T. Eaton Collection, 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

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

Container List

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.

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.

And 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.

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.

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, and 18-19, 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.

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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.

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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, 2nd. 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:, 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.

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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.

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, 1986.

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 8:2,. 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."