

85-6 6<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Louisville Ky, Feb 21-'82,

Dear Bro. Powell,

Was glad to get your letter. Have followed your course with great interest and have rejoiced over the good work God has enabled you to do. In view of what you say of yourself, my advice is.

1<sup>st</sup> Ask yourself whether you are thoroughly willing to give your life to the work in Mexico, in the face of all the difficulties & hardships involved.

2<sup>nd</sup> If answered affirmatively I would offer myself to our Southern Foreign Mission Board, & this for many reasons I cannot take time to detail, but which will occur to you. Gen. Hawthorne is wise. If Texas can be moved to support you, let this by all means be done, & so long as we have a Southern Board the

work should be done through it.

3<sup>d</sup>. If the Southern Board should decline to send me & I still felt impressed that I ought to go, with the advice of good brethren in Texas, I should offer myself to the Boston Board & accept an appointment from them.

Mexico seems to me now a most promising mission field & I'm glad you feel it to be your duty to enter it. Will do all I can do to strengthen your hands there. Numbers VI 24, 25 & 26.

Hastily yours &c.

W. W. Eaton.



Hennicke Springs.  
Near Tullahoma Tenn.  
July 11<sup>th</sup> 1883,

Dear Bro. Powell.

Your card  
came just as I was leaving  
home & I could not do any  
thing about the promised  
\$200. Even had I been going to  
remain I could not well have  
done anything just yet. You  
remember when I subscribed  
I distinctly stated that I would  
not be able to raise the money  
till next Xmas. I knew of  
several things that would inter-  
fere & some other things have  
arisen I did not anticipate.  
~~But~~ Our best givens have  
become thinned here & I dare  
not crowd them for Mexico  
just now. I had to raise a

special fund of \$1,000.00 for state  
in addition to the \$500.00 raised by the  
mission, \$400.00 for city mis-  
sions, & \$80.00 to refit our lec-  
ture room, <sup>for 1200 lbs. New Orleans.</sup> This I felt was  
about as many calls as they  
would say yes to, in June.  
Beside these, a Baptist preacher  
was in distress in Louisville  
& I got our brethren to give  
him \$50.00. Then I found that  
by raising \$700.00 we could  
save the property of one colored  
church in the city, & I got them  
to take hold of that, as the case  
was urgent. Then there came  
a brother recommended by the  
Gen. Assn. to raise money for  
a school in the mountains.  
I declined to go around with  
him, but could not decline  
to commend him, & he went  
after our brethren. If I had

received your card in time  
before leaving I had made the  
call & believe I would have  
failed & the failure could not  
have been rallied from. The  
brethren will be all right af-  
ter I have rubbed them down  
a little, but to have them say  
no to me, would harm them  
& harm me. I would prefer  
to borrow the \$200.00 out of  
bank on my private account  
& pay bank interest on it  
till in the fall rather than  
ask the brethren just now  
to give it. If it is absolutely  
necessary I will do that  
still, & risk collecting it, tho'  
I am poor. I have only been  
able to pay only \$150.00 on the  
debt I incurred two years  
ago in buying my house.

There is nothing "within the length of my cable tow," my dear brother, that I am not willing to do for you. I rejoice in the glorious results of your work & in its bright promise. I pray God's continued blessings upon your labors. I am almost a fanatic about Mexico & Mexican missions, since my trip.

I am off on my vacation recreating. When I get home I'll put in for the \$200. at the very first opening. I'll be on the alert.

Old bro. Frank Fletcher is dead. He died last week suddenly & quietly in his arm chair.

As ever your bro.  
W. M. Eaton.

Louisville Ky.

Apr. 14<sup>th</sup> 1884.

Dear Bro. Powell,

Glad to hear from you. I wanted to write to you but did not know where to direct the letter. Was absent in Fla. when your card & telegram came. On reaching home I collected & forwarded to Dr. Truffer \$1100 on the Mexican school fund. Wanted to report the fact to you, but did not know your whereabouts.

Yes, I think well of your visiting two of our Ky. towns before the Convention. I suggest Hopkinsville & Lexington as the two to strike. You might stop at Russellville if you had time. I am to lecture there on "The Women" on the night of the 21<sup>st</sup> inst. Will be

glad to meet you there. Glad you have been so successful in raising money.

Another matter in which I want your cooperation. We are to have an exposition this year, from Aug 15<sup>th</sup> to Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, surpassing the one we had last year. We want a Mexican exhibit. It will be good for Mexico, & well for our exposition also. Now I want your help in getting Gov. Madrazo interested. If only the State of Coahuila, makes an exhibit, it is well worth while to secure that. Our exposition management will afford every possible facility and the railroads will give very favorable rates all the way from Saltillo to Louisville & return. I know

no way to work the matter except through you, & must leave to your wisdom to decide how to proceed. The legislature of Coahuila might make an appropriation & appoint commissioners. Whatever I can do, please let me know. We ought to be acting without delay.

Mrs. Eaton's health is decidedly better, thank you and I have strong hopes that by fall her health will be re-established.

Wish I could make some suggestion in behalf of Dr. Gwin. He is so well known that there ought to be no trouble in his getting a good position. He might get a professorship in a state college <sup>if nothing else offered</sup> - we are inadequately rep-

resented in such faculties for the simple reason that we do not push our men as do the other denominations.

Will look out for a young lady as a missionary. We have lately sent Miss Robert to China & Miss Blanford is going to Africa, & surely one is here for Mexico. I suppose she would be expected to teach in the schools.

My mother, sister & wife all wish to be specially remembered. My love to Mr Donald, Wharton & the rest. And may God richly bless & prosper you.

As ever your bro.

W. G. Eaton

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Louisville Ky,  
June 2nd 1894.

Dear Bro. Powell.

I write to re-  
mind you of our Louisville  
Exposition. The President was  
anxious to know the prospect  
of having a Mexican exhibit.  
I told him what you said &  
he was much gratified at the  
prospect. Every facility will be  
afforded. Please work the matter  
up & let me know what there  
is for me to do. The State of  
Coahuila can have all the space  
she wants, & the exhibit will  
add interest to our Exposition  
and be of great benefit to Mex-  
ico. The Exposition runs from  
Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> to Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> and no time  
is to be lost in making arrange-

ments. You know how to  
proceed & need no suggestions  
from me. I saw too little of  
you in Baltimore.

Hastily your bro,  
W. V. Catow,

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Col. W. D. Powell.

Saltillo  
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Louisville Ky.  
Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> 1884.

Dear Bro. Powell.

Was delighted to get both your letters. Glad to hear from you, glad Mrs. Powell is so near well, glad of the glorious beginning of Madens Institute, glad of the additions you report, glad the two brethren are to be trained in our Seminary & glad of the rich blessing of God on your labors. So you see I am glad in the 6<sup>th</sup> degree - or it might be expressed algebraically  $\overline{\text{glad}}^6$ .

Have been sick & confined to the house for ten days. The Mexican brethren came & last night put themselves under the care of Walnut St. Church, though I have not yet seen

them yet. Will gladly do anything  
for them I can do. I'm enthusias-  
tic over Baptist prospects in  
Mexico. You have made your  
name immortal, & have laid  
foundations on which men will  
build for centuries to come.

Wish you could have come  
on with the two brethren; but  
you must not let the work in  
Mexico be neglected. The opening  
of the Maders Institute was  
marvellously grand. Contrast  
that with your being stoned  
by the people. God works won-  
ders.

I have written up the affair  
for the Examiner & it will  
appear next week, I suppose, as  
I sent it to the post office this  
morning. Do not think you

will have much difficulty in  
raising needed money. Mexico is  
so near us, for a foreign nation,  
our people are becoming <sup>more</sup> and  
more interested in it; & the work  
there is so inspiring, that if a  
man has got any give in him  
he will give to our cause there.  
I suppose you get the Examiner  
& the Western Recorder, in ex-  
change for your paper.

Please let me hear  
from you as often as convenient,  
& count on me to render you  
any service in my power. My  
mother, wife & sister wish to be  
specially remembered. May God  
richly bless & strengthen you.

As ever your bro.  
W. H. Eaton.

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Col. W. S. Powell  
Tallito,  
Me.  
State of Coahuila.

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Dated

To Rev W D Powell

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Louisville Ky.  
Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> 1886.

Dear Bro. Powell.

Please excuse my tardiness in replying to your inspiring letters. For six weeks I've been absorbed in my protracted meeting, & have quite neglected my correspondence. And now I must write more hurriedly than I would like. I let some of our members read your letter about the \$300<sup>00</sup> a year for your missionary, & while no one seemed willing to become responsible for the whole - as an extra contribution - I thought to divide the amount up between several, & would have succeeded, but here comes Dr. Trupper & borrows from our Louisville brethren \$8000. or \$9000.

for his Board. Then too we have sprung the question of a new house for our mission at 22<sup>nd</sup> & Walnut, & that will take \$20,000<sup>00</sup>. Till that is put in definite shape our members will not take hold of anything to which they are not all already committed.

I haven't given the matter up, however, & hope to put it thro' yet, only I can't do it just now.

You do not know the deep interest I feel in you and in your work, nor how I rejoice in the signal blessing God is bestowing upon you. Hidalgo is the Washington of Mexico, but you are its Luther, only your work promises to be more thorough & Scriptural than his.

We have just had a fine

meeting - 86 additions so far, & some first rate material. Among those I baptized last Sunday night was my own boy Joe - 12 years of age. He gives good evidence of conversion. I had begun to feel very much disturbed about his religious condition, but God heard his mother's prayers & mine.

Yes, I would be delighted to visit Baltillo, and all our mission stations in Mexico. If I could only have a respectable excuse I'd do it. Am over head & ears in work. My church now has over 1500 members, having grown from 650, when I took it 4 years ago last May, & you know what that means. Besides I must do all sorts of outside things, & take a prominent part in all denominational

al matters. So you see I ~~will~~  
will get away, save in the  
summer - when it is no time to  
go far South. Though it is  
cool & pleasant at Salt Lake, I'd  
roast in getting there.

I eagerly devour every-  
thing from you in the papers.  
Our Children's Missionary Society  
prize your letters very highly.

I handed your last letter  
& the check for \$9000 to Dr. Boyce,  
& he has written you about it.  
I did not know just the situa-  
tion about the building, but knew  
Dr. B. would either apply the money  
as you wished or return it to  
you. That was a generous con-  
tribution from you. It takes  
noble men to do noble things.  
All send love.

Affectionately,  
W. W. Eaton

Louisville Ky,  
Nov. 21st 1887,

Dear Bro. Powell,

Col. Sturone  
is on the wing & three at-  
tempts to see him have  
failed. To give Miss Maberry  
& the children reduced rates  
between N. Orleans & Nashville  
is contrary to the Interstate  
Commerce law, there must  
be a party of ten, to get a  
special rate. However I  
got a special rate for  
you as a preacher, & I  
enclose the order.

We were all greatly  
disturbed by the report that  
you were imprisoned. We  
feared worse than was  
true.

You've seen that I am  
now editor of the Recorder,  
in addition to my other little  
duties.

Hope to hear from you  
often, & glad to put your  
name on our free list.

I think of you often &  
pray for you much. Can't  
you come to Louisville when  
you come to Murfreesboro?

Our ladies yesterday  
agreed to undertake the sup-  
port of a lady missionary  
taught in Mexico, as you  
desire. Is this the one you  
mentioned before, or another?  
Our ladies want to know.  
Please let me have the  
name. All send love,

Hastily your brother,  
W. W. Catow.

WALNUT STREET BAPTIST CHURCH,

N. W. Cor. Fourth and Walnut.

T. T. EATON, - - - Pastor.

Louisville, Ky. Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> 1885.

Dear Bro. Powell.

I am ashamed of myself in allowing so long a time to pass without writing to you. I did what I could do about the church property in Saltillo and hope what difficulties remain will soon be removed.

And I want to say that you did exactly right about the christening of that child. I do not see how it could have been better managed. God certainly guided you in it. So far from betraying Baptist principles you emphasized them and most effectively. If any good brethren pursue you on that subject, you might write to a number of our preachers and professors, in different sections, & get their opinions in brief & publish them. If you think a word from me will do you any good, it shall be spoken with all the vim I can command. I like your reply to the Texas brethren. In fact I like all you say and do, & thank God for the good work He is doing through you.

Our Exposition is in full blast now, & there is no more attractive exhibit than that from Mexico. Am reminded of the trip you & I, with our now Bro. Candener, and the Mayor, made there two years ago. My kindest regards to both of them.

Many thanks for your kind invitation to visit Saltillo. I would greatly like to spend six or eight weeks in Mexico, and would do it, if time &c. were not lacking. We have no more hopeful field in all our foreign mission work, and the cheering results already secured are but the beginnings.

It is expected that the Seminary will have 125 students next session, which begins, you know, the first of September. The faculty are in good trim. They did not prevent Bro. Sauphey's going to Mexico. It was his own act. Mrs. Dr. Broader was severely hurt Saturday. She was slowly crossing Jefferson St. (she has had trouble with her feet & walks poorly) & a woman driving a barouche dashed against her, knocking her against the curbstone and breaking her hip. She suffers greatly, but is doing as well as could be hoped. She will always walk with a limp hereafter.

The Mexican brethren at the Seminary last year did well, & made it a point to see them often and to cheer them all I could. Bro. Garza has been visiting district associations in Ky, and making a fine impression everywhere. Bro. Tuscan went to Va, & I have not heard from him. Please give my kindest regards to Mrs. Powell, Miss Trupper, & the other workers. Numbers VI 24-26. Affectionately  
My family all well.  
T. J. Eaton.

LOUISVILLE  
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Col. W. S. Powell,  
Tattilo,  
Coahuila,  
Mexico.



Walnut Street Baptist Church,

Northwest Cor. Fourth Ave. & Walnut Street.

T. T. EATON, Pastor.

Louisville, Ky. Dec 8<sup>th</sup> 1885.

Dear Bro. Powell.

Glad to hear of the further progress of the great work for Mexico God is doing through you. You are indeed "a chosen instrument." That hospital matter is specially worthy of thanksgiving. Your success has been & continues to be wonderful. You need help, but you need first class help. About the brother you mention, I have consulted Bro. Mauly & Whitsett (heven't had a chance at Dr. Brooks) & find their opinions agree with mine. He is pious & zealous but when that is said the story is pretty well told. He could do good work in Mexico or anywhere provided the place needed just the sort of work he is capable of doing.

I've thought of C. C. Folk as the man for you. Spoke to him once about it & he was not disposed to entertain the idea. Will speak to him again. There is no use talking, some of our best men

must go to Mexico.

There is a Bro. W. W. Carter

who joined us last summer from the Campbellites. He is a sprightly man of 45 summers & no family. I have had no opportunity of seeing his work, but he has the highest testimonials. His health requires that he avoid very cold weather. He is now in Mexico Pensacola Fla, but I think could be had for Mexico. I think you might use him there, if he is not too old. Don't know what he would think of going. Will pursue him if you wish.

Much obliged for your kind invitation to me to visit Saltillo this winter. I would enjoy it immensely but see no way of accomplishing it. My hands are full & far more than full. Pray for me & I will ever pray for you.

My wife and children, along with my mother & sister desire specially to be remembered. My regards to Bro. Cardenas. Would like to see him as a Baptist now. Can never forget your & his visit to Louisville. Remember me to Miss Trupper and the rest.

I'm always glad to hear from you and yet gladder to serve you. May God strengthen and direct you.

As ever your bro.  
T. N. Eaton.



Rev. W. D. Powell.

Saltillo,

Mexico.

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Louisville Ky.  
June 29<sup>th</sup> 1886.

Dear Bro. Powell,

Some parties  
are asking me about the  
proposed excursion to Mexico,  
what shall I tell them? They  
~~who~~ ask for the when & the  
how. Command me if I  
can serve you.

We remember your visit  
with pleasure. It is hard to  
make people believe that it  
will not be oppressively hot  
in Mexico in August.

We had a pleasant meeting  
of the Gen. Assn. at Bowling  
Green. Very little was said about  
"Plan". Every body was so afraid  
of a big now that every body  
behaved himself. Several mod-  
ifications, & as I think, improve-  
ments were made in the plan.

Dr. Warden thinks he has triumphed, & the rest of us think that so many concessions have been made, that we practically have our own way. So you see every one is content, if not satisfied. Dr. Tichenor was there & Bro. Wood from Key West. We go next year to Beauville.

I congratulate you on your D. D. I've known it was coming. The only thing to do is to submit gracefully & let the thing take its course. It makes you neither better nor worse.

We are all well at last. My wife greatly regretted not being able to see you when you were here, & I was sorry not to be able to show you more attention. May God bless you & yours.

Fraternally,  
W. J. Calow.

WALNUT STREET BAPTIST CHURCH,

N. W. Cor. Fourth and Walnut.

T. T. EATON, - - - Pastor,

Louisville, Ky. July 10<sup>th</sup> 1886.

Dear Bro. Powell.

I regret to say that I will be unable to go on the excursion. My wife is better but not well, & the doctor says she must go to Waukesha Wis. to drink that water. It is an expensive place & to meet it & be with her as much as possible I have to arrange to supply a pulpit in Chicago in August. I'm saying nothing about my not going, but it should be a bad example to others. I find our people hard to convince that with the weather so hot here, it will do to talk of going South.

You remember my wife's health gave way two years ago & I had to winter her in Fla. I must avoid if possible a second giving way.

Whatever I can do in the matter will be gladly done, & I hope you will not hesitate to command me.

Hastily your bro.  
T. T. Eaton.

Walnut Street Baptist Church,

Northwest Cor. Fourth Ave. & Walnut Street.

T. F. EATON, Pastor.

Louisville, Ky. June 8<sup>th</sup> 1886.

Dear Bro. Powell,

Col. Atmore has given me official information of rates to Saltillo Mexico & return as follows

From Louisville,	\$62.55.
" Nashville,	60.30.
" Atlanta.	58.15.
" Montgomery.	51.15.
" Mobile.	43.75.
" New Orleans.	38.30.

I have had these rates put in this week's Western Recorder. Let me know what farther I can do about the matter.

Very sincerely yours,  
T. F. Eaton.



Walnut Street Baptist Church,

Northwest Cor. Fourth Ave., & Walnut Street.

T. T. EATON, Pastor.

Louisville, Ky. Jan 4<sup>th</sup> 1887.

Dear Bro. Powell.

Both your letters came, and brought great joy with them. No letters do I appreciate more than yours, and no ones work do I feel more interest in. I thank God for W. S. Powell and for the grand work He is doing through him. God is with you, guiding and blessing you, and He will be with you to the end. I know of no single man on whose labor so much for the future depends as on yours, and I know of no one who is doing his work more faithfully than you.

Sorry you may not come to the Convention in May. I'm living in a better house now, on 2nd St. and can take better care of you than before. I was expecting to kill the fatted calf at the Convention & have you here to partake.

We are having much cold weather here. Cold wave follows cold wave with very short intervals. We've had below zero weather for weeks past, with a short let up occasionally. My boy Jo, has had a severe case of St Vitus

dance. He is still sick, but much better. Dr. Ireland says it was the worst case he ever saw. We hope now that Jo will get along well, though for a time we were greatly troubled about him.

The children will be glad to hear what you say of their missionary society. I'll read that part of your letter to them at their next meeting. They have just sent to Dr. Tupper the sixty dollars for the girl in the Maders Institute. The society is doing well. They have their show case and are ready for "curiosities". If you come across things that would interest them, please have them forwarded for the show case, at our expense of course. A little money spent that way will greatly stimulate them. Of course we could not spend very much.

Walnut St. Church moves on as usual. We are building a \$25,000 house for our mission at 22<sup>nd</sup> & Walnut. Then we must build at 4<sup>th</sup> & Oak very soon. I would like for our church to adopt you as our missionary & assume your support, if the thing was practicable all along the line.

What has been done ~~of~~ about Gov. Maders' offer to give houses & half support preachers for his five ranches? That offer ought not to be allowed to go by default.

My family desire to be specially remembered. My regards to Bro. Cardenas and my invitation for him to attend the Convention. Much love for yourself. Thanks for your paper.

# maternally

M. W. Eaton

Toluca, Mex., June 2nd., 1893.

Dear Dr. Eaton:-

Your very welcome letter and the one from Mrs. Smith were received. I do thank you and her most sincerely for the \$500. sent.

I enclose receipt and will send a duplicate to Dr. Willingham. But the receipt I send you should be forwarded to Dr. Willingham.

We find that Wilson was an open communion Baptist before he came to Mexico.

He has entered into many heresies and carried off his church.

McCormick wanted Wilson retained as he did Steelman who went to the States and joined the Methodists and who was godfather for a child while one of our missionaries. Because I insisted that these unsound people should be removed McCormick increased his warfare on me.

He believes in no native support and I believe in a limited native support but of worthy men. He made a great ado because I bought some land here a few years ago. He has been envious for some years. He is smart and a great wire puller, a business in which I do not engage and by different methods he has arrayed the American missionaries on his side while the natives stand with me.

Watkins and Chastain were sent by McCormick and Rudd to have me removed and Dr. Willingham dismissed. Watkins is a man of most limited ability and not of very good spirit. He is engaged in mining.

You have heard no doubt the great sorrow of Mr. Chastain, whose mother is said to have murdered his father. He had his mother hid in his home here for sometime and recently carried her away. I understand she is now hid in the Indian nation.

The Home Board unsolicited asked me to go to Cuba and take charge of work there and I have accepted. I expect to return sometime to Mexico.

It is impossible to do anything where there is so much bickering.

Dr. Willingham and Bro. Ellison came here and heard all their complaints and they professed to have every thing satisfactory.

Wilson then went to Saltillo and was teaching out-right heresy to our young ministers and  $\ddagger$  objected. McCormick flew into a rage and tried to get the churches to protest against Wilson's removal.. Dr. Willingham and the Board have been faithful so McCormick had Watkins and Ghastain to go Va., and have Dr. Willingham removed. For years when any thing has displeased McCormick he would say well I will resign. Instead of accepting his resignation they have held to him and now he is a spoiled child. Nothing can please him.

Of course this is all in confidence.

Certainly Dr. Whitsitt will resign. Have you ever tried to ascertain how many copies of Dr. Whitsitt's book the Methodist Book Concern sold? Ask Henry Spence.

I must have seen several thousand on sale there. This of course is not for publication. .

Wife and the ten children are well. They will remain in Mexico for the present.

We are glad to hear that May has graduated. The Lord Bless you and yours. Joe is amply able to take care of himself in the "current controversy."

Most affectionately yours,

Louisville Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>

Dear Bro. Powell.

I heard with great sorrow of the death of your little girl. God is giving you a discipline of sorrow that you may be better comforted & strengthened athens.

There is no trouble about our having \$2000. ready, whenever the work is ready for it. Our brethren here insist on the two points that the brethren sent to Mexico by the Board at Richmond shall satisfy themselves that there is no alliance between Church & state, and also that what is invested will be secure. I tell them that Dr. Tupper will satisfy himself on those points before he clears for

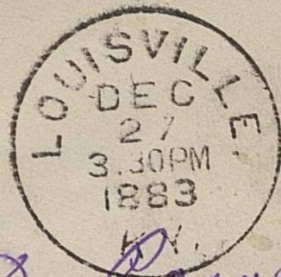
the money. If the investigation is satisfactory, a draft on W<sup>m</sup> B. Caldwell of this city for \$2000, will be paid at sight.

Haven't yet finished out the \$5000 subscription. Have got it to \$4700, without asking anybody to increase, & will get it finished. Have reached all save the odds & ends, & my wife's ill health, & my breaking up house keeping to it, have hindered my doing much. When I've gone over the field, I'll call the committee together & we will, I am sure, make up whatever is lacking.

This \$5000 has swallowed up the \$200 I was going to raise. They say that having promised \$200, I've raised \$5000, & that ought to be more than satisfactory. I haven't let go the \$200 however, but if I see that to press

it will do harm, I will have to give it up. I think Louisville has done better for Mexico than any other city, & far better when it is remembered that S. Baptists are carrying heavier loads than in proportion to their number & ability, than Baptists anywhere else in the South. I have done my best for you, & will continue to do so. May God richly bless, strengthen & comfort you. I pray for you constantly.

As ever your bro.  
W. W. Eaton.



*Col. W. D. Powell,  
San Antonio,  
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Dear Bro. Powell.

Yours of the 24<sup>th</sup> inst. received. So I understand you to say that Bro. Womack has not returned to the Seminary? That was his purpose & I am at a loss to understand why he has not carried it out, if indeed he is not in Greenville. Am sorry Dr. Broader cannot be with us during the Association. I have a promise from him to visit C. "at some time" & I in turn, have promised the people here that he shall preach for them "at some time." Constantly are they asking me "when do you expect Dr. Broader?" Lately I have told them "perhaps he will be here at our Association." Hope he can come sometime this fall. I think it would be the means of sending many young men from Tenn. to the Seminary

if Dr. B. could visit our Association & Conventions, especially the general bodies. The Gen. Ass. at Morristown Oct 10<sup>th</sup> that at Columbia Oct 24<sup>th</sup> & that at Brownsville Nov 7<sup>th</sup>. And in other respects it might do good; though it seems a pity to take him away from the schools at the Seminary even for a few days.

Am sorry you are financially embarrassed. Perhaps I may be able to do something for you. Will do so if I can but do not depend upon me. Am speak of my looking you out a field of labor. There are plenty of fields but I could do nothing definite about the matter till I knew exactly when you could be had for active service. Am glad you are enabled to do something to help yourself. My father when a student did choose to pay his board. Show the true spirit and at least persevere in completing the tasks you have undertaken. In reference to whether I could

go to Memphis to take charge of the 3<sup>d</sup> Church I can simply say that I regard myself a fixture in Chattanooga at least for a year or so more. Have lately declined several calls to go elsewhere, some of them quite flattering. Last Sunday closed my 1<sup>st</sup> year's work here, and during that time we have been signally blest. It has been my pleasure to baptize 84 receive 39 by letter & 9 by restoration; we have lost 9, by dismission, death & exclusion. Instead of 88 a year ago we now have a membership of 216; and the outlook is better than ever before. "Hitherto the Lord hath helped us," was my text Sunday night. My regards to the faculty. Shall be glad to hear from you at any time.

Very truly yours,  
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