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NAME OF COLLECTION: Robert Bage CANFIELD Manuscripts

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SUBJECT: Religion; Physics

DATES COVERED: 1858-1862 NUMBER OF ITEMS: 19

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DESCRIPTION:

Lecture notes and essays of Robert Bage Canfield, 1843-1929 (B.A., 1862) while a student at Columbia College. A number of subjects are covered including Richard Sears McCulloh's lectures on physics, on optics and on pneumatics, Francis Lieber's lectures on history and John McVickar's lectures on religion. Also included is Canfield's graduation thesis, "The Dignity of Labor." Born in Newark, N.J., Robert Canfield spent his boyhood and youth in New York and after studying at the Columbia Law School for several years without a Law degree, he left in 1865 for the West. He returned from silver mining in Nevada to take the New York bar exam in 1868. In 1873 he moved West again when he was admitted to the California bar. He settled in Santa Barbara in 1876 and established his law practice there in 1878, forming a partnership with Henry P. Starbuck in 1896. He was appointed to the bench of the Superior Court by Gov. Stockman in 1886, served as President of the Santa Barbara Bar Association for 17 years, organized the Santa Barbara Water Co., was President of the local Unitarian Society, and showed an active interest in many other civic, state and national projects. He married Mrs. Louis Davison in 1873.