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Brief History

The College of California was chartered in 1855 and operated in Oakland, California until 1869. Initially it functioned as a preparatory academy, under the name of College School, and the first college class of ten freshmen began in 1860. The aspirations of the College led it to search for a larger site as early as 1856, and this search gradually led to the acquisition of land north of Oakland at a site the trustees named Berkeley, after George Berkeley, Bishop of Cloyne.

In 1866, California took advantage of the Morrill Land Grant Act and created the Agricultural, Mining, and Mechanical Arts College. The trustees of the College of California realized the implications for their own institution's lack of financial support and offered all the college's assets if the legislature would create a University of California combining the aims of the Agricultural, Mining and Mechanical Arts College and the more humanities-oriented College of California. An act to found the university was passed by the California legislature and was signed into law on March 23, 1868. The College of California offered no instruction after the 1868/69 academic year.

Scope and Content

This collection of fifty five reports include information on the operation of the institution, the buildings and finances of the school, and reports on instruction. Report no. 54 comments on the purchase of land in Berkeley and the disappointing land sales of the College Homestead Association, causing financial difficulties for the school.

- item 1 **Oakland Collegiate School Report of committee of superintendence, Dec. 7, 1858.**
- item 2 **College of California. Trustees Building Committee. Report presented at the annual meeting, Dec. 7, 1858. [Paper trimmed at top with some loss of text.]**
- item 3 **Report of committee appointed to examine the Collegiate school, Oct. 8, 1858**
- item 4 **Kellogg, Martin. Report to Executive committee on failure to raise funds in the East. 1861.**
- item 5 **Willey, Samuel H. Report on the finances of the College, Sept. 24, 1861.**
- item 6 **Kellogg, Martin. Report of progress for the second term, 1861/62.**
- item 7 **Kellogg, Martin. Kellogg, Martin. Report of the faculty for the first term, 1861/62.**
- item 8 **Willey, Samuel H. Report on finances and general statement, 1862.**
- item 9 **Day, Sherman. On the study of languages, ancient and modern, June 14, 1862.**
- item 10 **Kellogg, Martin. Report on the course of instruction, May 17, 1862.**
- item 11 **Willey, Samuel H. Report on instruction, buildings, finances, 1863/64.**

- item 12 **Kellogg, Martin. Faculty report for first term, 1863/64.**
- item 13-16 **Reports of instructors Brayton, Kellogg, Durant, Hodgson, Dec. 1863.**
- item 17 **Willey, Samuel H. Remarks on the instructors' reports.**
- item 18 **College of California. Building Committee. Report, Mar. 26, 1863.**
- item 19 **Willey, Samuel H. Report as agent on finances, subscriptions, 1863.**
- item 20 **College of California. Examining Committee. Report, Dec. 1864.**
- item 21 **Twining, Kinsley. Report as an examiner, Dec. 30, 1864.**
- item 22-26 **Reports of instructors Durant, Kellogg, Hodgson, Des Rochers, Barker, June 1864.**
- item 27 **Kellogg, Martin, Remarks on the instructors' reports.**
- item 28-33 **Reports of instructor, Durant.**
- item 29 **Kellogg, Martin. Remarks on instructor reports, Dec. 1864-Feb. 1865.**
- item 30-33 **Reports of instructors Hodgson, Sanborn, Des Rochers.**
- item 34 **Kellogg, Martin, Remarks on instructors' reports.**
- item 35-38 **Reports of instructors Durant, Des Rochers, Hodgson, Sanborn, Kellogg, June 1865.**
- item 39 **College of California. Examining Committee. Report, June 1865.**
- item 40 **Willey, Samuel H. Report as agent on finances, College Homestead, May 1865.**
- item 41 **Kellogg, Martin. Report on course of instruction, Aug. 1, 1865.**
- item 42 **Kellogg, Martin, Committee report on library needs, 1865?**
- item 43 **Kellogg, Martin. Report on instruction, [1866?].**
- item 44 **Willey, Samuel H. Report on examination, [1866?].**
- item 45-47 **Kellogg, Martin. Report, Sept. 3, 1866, and schedule of exercises for 1866/67.**
- item 48-53 **Kellogg, Martin. Report on instruction, Dec. 1865, with reports of instructors Durant, Sanborn, Hodgson, Des Rochers.**
- item 54 **Willey, Samuel H. Statement regarding the Simmons purchase and the College Homestead, Dec. 4, 1866.**
- item 55 **Willey, Samuel H. Report as agent on college affairs, 1864/65.**