

## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Clarence McCheyne Gordon, Professor of Physics from 1909 to 1947, was born in Fannettsburg, PA, in 1870, the son of Jeremiah Smith Gordon, a Presbyterian minister, and Margaret Beatty Kyle. Gordon received undergraduate and master's degrees from Princeton University, in 1891 and 1893. Following two years at Williams College (1893-95), he attended the University of Göttingen, Germany; in 1897, he received the Ph.D., with a thesis entitled *Über Messung der Polarisationscapazität.* In Germany, he published "Eine neue Methode für die Bestimmung der Polarisationscapazität, *Z. Elektrochem.* 3.8 (1896): 163-64, and *Über Messung der Polarisationscapazität, Wied. Ann.* 61.5 (1897): 1-29. Prior to Lafayette, he taught at Harvard University (1897-98) and Centre College of Central University, Danville, KY (1898-1909). At Lafayette, Gordon succeeded James W. Moore '64 as Head of the Engineering Physics department. A member of the American Physical Society, Gordon prepared a laboratory manual, *Experiments in General Physics*. Upon his retirement from Lafayette, he moved to Danville, KY. Gordon and his wife, Amie Beber Lanier, had one daughter, Margaret Lanier Gordon. He died in 1961.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The Gordon papers (1 box; .5 linear ft.) consist of a manuscript materials, dated 1931-33, for *Experiments in General Physics*. Many of the student solutions are by Bernard S. Wildstein, class of 1935, and David D. Schwimmer, class of 1935

## **INVENTORY**

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#### **Folder**

- 1 Class notes
- 2 Physics experiments
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- 5 Summary of Physics 4 class work