



Colloquium and Dedication of the Collection of Historical Scientific Instruments

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“Natural Philosophy at the University of Vermont”

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Natural Philosophy, or Physics, has been taught at the University of Vermont since its founding. One way to follow the development of the subject at the University is to look at the apparatus used to teach it. Slides of apparatus similar to that furnished to the University in the first decade of the nineteenth century – and subsequently lost in the Old Mill fire – will be shown and discussed, along with the curriculum at the middle of the century. UVM is fortunate to have saved a good deal of apparatus from the second half of the nineteenth century, and the pictures taken of this apparatus in a flying visit to the physics department in the summer of 2001 will also be shown and discussed.

The Collection is housed in Room A424, Cook Physical Sciences Building. The new storage and display area will be open to the public from 1:00-4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 25 with refreshments and the dedication at 3:30 p.m.

Colloquium talk begins: 4:00 p.m., Room B106, Angell Auditorium (Cook Bldg).