Slater (John Rothwell) papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	Rare Books, Special Collections, and Preservation
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Biographical / Historical note

John Rothwell Slater was born on March 14, 1872 in Marion, Virginia. He graduated from Harvard University in 1894 and then attended Newton Theological Institute. He received a Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1898 and his Ph.D. in 1904 from the University of Chicago. He was the managing editor of *The World Today* in Chicago until 1905 when he came to the University of Rochester as an assistant professor of English. In 1908 he became a full professor and head of the English Department, a position he held until his retirement in 1942. Dr. Slater died on June 22, 1965. The inscriptions on the interior and exterior of Rush Rhees Library are Slater's work. More information about Slater's long career at the University is available in Arthur May's https://rbscp.lib.rochester.edu/2347.

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Scope and Contents

The John Rothwell Slater Papers consist primarily of Slater's writings, mostly typewritten copies and newspaper clippings. The order of the articles and book reviews in Box 3 (binders and envelope) was arranged by Dr. Slater himself, who planned to publish his works under the title *Obiter Dicta*.

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Controlled Access Headings

- College teachers
- English teachers
- Authors, American
- Literature
- Book reviews
- Slater, John Rothwell, 1872-1965
- University of Rochester -- Faculty

Collection Inventory

Series I: Copies of articles bound in the volumes "Essays and addresses" by John R. Slater

Physical Location: Cataloged and classed as LD 4750 S63

Title/Description	Instances	
Boethius and the consolation of philosophy	Box 1	Folder 1
Saint Francis of Assisi	Box 1	Folder 2
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The Mysticism of Dante	Box 1	Folder 3
Sir Walter Raleigh	Box 1	Folder 4
Shakespeare's silences	Box 1	Folder 5
John Donne	Box 1	Folder 6
Sir Thomas Browne	Box 1	Folder 7
Walter Savage Landor	Box 1	Folder 8
Browning and the ascent of man	Box 1	Folder 9
Browning as a revealer of personality	Box 1	Folder 10
Thomas Hardy	Box 1	Folder 11
Anatole France	Box 1	Folder 12
A master of sentences: Charles William Eliot	Box 1	Folder 13

Contemporary humanism	Box 1	Folder 14
English surnames	Box 2	Folder 16
Contemporary biography	Box 2	Folder 17
John Buchan	Box 2	Folder 18
The swastika and the Aryans	Box 2	Folder 19
Modern views of witchcraft	Box 2	Folder 20
The Harvard Tercentenary	Box 2	Folder 21
Bell-Partials as a factor in chiming	Box 2	Folder 22
Liberal culture in an age of specialization	Box 2	Folder 23
The unity of knowledge	Box 2	Folder 24
Is progress a delusion?	Box 2	Folder 25
Arbor Day address	Box 2	Folder 26
What the new high school means	Box 2	Folder 27
Making Christmas out of nothing	Box 2	Folder 28
Edna St. Vincent Millay	Box 2	Folder 29
Maurice Evans	Box 2	Folder 30
Eve Curie	Box 2	Folder 31
Phi, Beta, or Kappa - which?	Box 2	Folder 32
Contemplation	Box 2	Folder 33
Religion - rest or unrest?	Box 2	Folder 34
Religion - revelation or discovery?	Box 2	Folder 35
The freedom of the mind	Box 2	Folder 36
Christ in crises	Box 2	Folder 38
"This too will pass"	Box 2	Folder 39
The good life, or the best?	Box 2	Folder 40
A gentleman in overalls	Box 2	Folder 41
Rush Rhees	Box 2	Folder 42
Donald Bean Gilchrist	Box 2	Folder 43
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"Bright intervals"	Box 2	Folder 45
Are minorities always right?	Box 2	Folder 46
How to be fair	Box 2	Folder 47

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Series II: Other writings of John R. Slater

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Early days of the Fortnightly Club	Box 2	Folder 1
Ewald Eiserhardt	Box 2	Folder 2
The Hopeman Memorial chime	Box 2	Folder 3
Is our language improving?	Box 2	Folder 4
Miscellaneous publications	Box 2	Folder 5

Insight, essays in practical mysticism

Scope and Contents

Rochester, Du Bois Press, (1936)

"Kilbourn Hall"

Scope and Contents

Poem written for the formal opening of Kilbourn Hall, Eastman School of Music, University of Rochester, Rochester, N.Y. (March 3-4, 1942)

[Introduction to] *Of magnanimity and charity* by Thomas Traherne

Scope and Contents

Edited and with an introduction by John Rothwell Slater. N.Y., King's Crown Press, 1942. 20 pages

Memorial service for Professor John Rothwell Slater

Scope and Contents

University of Rochester, Rochester, N.Y. (March 13, 1966)

"Peace for the world, a hymn of international peace", 1911

The sources of Tyndale's version of the Pentateuch

Scope and Contents

Dissertation submitted to the Faculty of the Graduate Divinity School in candidacy for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Chicago, University of Chicago Press, 1906. 56 pages

Miscellaneous verse

	Box 2	Folder 6
"Prayer for peace," University observance of V-E Day, May 7, 1945	Box 2	Folder 7
"To American in arms", 1918	Box 2	Folder 8

Scope and Contents

Translation of a poem by Gabriele D'Annunzio

Writings of John R. Slater Physical Description: Items are stored in a binder	Box 3	Volume 4
"Early days of the Fortnightly Club" Physical Description: Pages: 1-11		
"Rochester forty years ago" Physical Description: Pages: 12-29		
"Forty years of Fortnightly" Physical Description: Pages: 30-46		
"Albert Schweitzer" Physical Description: Pages: 47-73		
"The fourth Gospel" Physical Description: Pages: 74-88		
"Recent theories of world history" Physical Description: Pages: 89-105		
"Ideas and men" Physical Description: Pages: 106-125		
"The diary of George Templeton Strong" Physical Description: Pages: 126-151		
"The philosopher Whitehead" Physical Description: Pages: 152-165		
"The Dead Sea scrolls" Physical Description: Pages: 166-184		
"More than a century of progress" Physical Description: Pages: 185-188		
"Program for the University of Rochester"		
"Centennial community convocation" Physical Description: Includes the "Centennial Ode" by John R. Slater. Pages: no page numbers		

Program for the United Nations concert given by the Eastman School of Music and the Rochester Association for the United Nations , October 24, 1958

Physical Description: Includes a statement written by John R. Slater titled, "For what do we listen?" Pages: no page numbers

"The future of women in the university"

Rochester Alumni Review, February 1954

Physical Description: Pages: no page numbers

"Lewis Henry Morgan"

Physical Description: Pages: 189-197

"Goodbye, Mr. Boody"

Physical Description: Pages: 198-199

"The spirit of the university"

Rochester Alumni Review, November 1952

Physical Description: Pages: no page numbers

"Prayer for peace: university observance"

"Of V-E Day, May 7, 1945"

Physical Description: Pages: 200-201

"The Anderson statue"

Physical Description: Pages: 202-203

"Goethe in Highland Park"

Physical Description: Pages: 204-212

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Includes newspaper articles

"Human dignity"

Rochester Alumni Review, June-July 1949

Physical Description: Pages: no page numbers

Program from the Rochester Public Library Second Annual Literary Award , May 19, 1958

Physical Description: Pages: 213-221

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Address: "The Saga of Bellamy Partridge" by John R. Slater

Letter from Bellamy Partridge to Dr. Slater , June 7, 1958

Physical Description: Pages: 222

"Fraternity week"
Physical Description: Pages: 223-236

"Human dignity"
Physical Description: Pages: 237-243

"What is the use of living?"
Physical Description: Pages: 244-254

"Man's cosmic significance"
Physical Description: Pages: 255-264

"Doctor Morrison and literature"
Physical Description: Pages: 265-273

"Builders of this house: the dedication of the First Baptist Church"
Physical Description: Pages: no page numbers

Florida trip , 1951
Physical Description: Pages: 274-293

"The soul restored"
Physical Description: Pages: 294-297

"The peace of Jerusalem: in memory of the late Count Folke Bernadotte, United Nations mediator in Palestine, and of the late Rabbi Judah L. Magnes, President of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem"
Physical Description: Pages: 298-306

"Blessed are they"
Physical Description: Pages: 307-310

"The peaceable kingdoms of Edward Hicks"
Physical Description: Pages: 311-312

"Releasing latent energy"
Physical Description: Pages: 313-317

"On magnanimity and charity"
Physical Description: Pages: 318-323

Writings of John R. Slater — Box 3 — Volume 5
Physical Description: Items are stored in a binder

Preface
Physical Description: Pages: no page numbers

"How to be fair"
Physical Description: Pages: 1-6

"What is wisdom?"
Physical Description: Pages: 6-8

"Great questions"
Physical Description: Pages: 9-10

"Destiny"
Physical Description: Pages: 11-15

"Human dignity"
Physical Description: Pages: 16-19

"Making a life"
Physical Description: Pages: 20-23

"A prayer in wartime"
Physical Description: Pages: 24-26

"Releasing latent energy"
Physical Description: Pages: 27-29

"Tom Swinburne '92: poet-philosopher of the Genesee" (*Rochester Alumni-Review*)

November 1951
Physical Description: Pages: 30-31

"The spirit of the university"
Physical Description: Pages: 32-35

"Goethe in Highland Park"
Physical Description: Pages: 36-37

"The university meridian"
Physical Description: Pages: 38

"At the center"
Physical Description: Pages: 39

Manuscript of *Obiter Dicta* | Box 3 | envelope 1

Scope and Contents

Includes articles

Preface
Physical Description: no page numbers

"What is wisdom?"
Physical Description: Pages: 1-3

"Great questions"

Physical Description: Pages: 4-5

"How to be fair"
Physical Description: Pages: 6-12

"Destiny"
Physical Description: Pages: 13-18

"Human dignity"
Physical Description: Pages: 19-23

"Making a life"
Physical Description: Pages: 24-27

"Releasing latent energy"
Physical Description: Pages: 28-31

"The spirit of the university"
Physical Description: Pages: 32-35

"The university meridian"
Physical Description: Pages: 36-37

Manuscript copy of *Rhees of Rochester* Physical Description: Manuscript stored in binders	Box 4	Volume 1-2
"What is the use of living?" Chapel address by John Rothwell Slater, May 2, 1948	Box 5	Folder 2
Six chapel talks: "The Father of Lights," "What is the Use of Living?", "Releasing latent energy," "Blessed are they," "This too will pass"	Box 6	Folder 5
"Philosophies - popular and otherwise" Physical Description: Typescript carbon 10 pages	Box 5	Folder 4
"The Spencer Club" Physical Description: Xerox of typescript, 4 pages	Box 5	Folder 5
"Ode to Shakespeare"	Box 5	package 1

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Music by Henrich Jacobsen, words by John R. Slater. Written for the Shakespeare Tercentenary Pageant, Rochester, N.Y. (June 7-9, 1916)

"Shakespeare the immortal"	Box 5	package 1

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Words by John R. Slater

John R. Slater, "Insight: essays on practical mysticism"	Box 6	Folder 6

John R. Slater, "The point is made in last paragraph" (Rochester *Times-Union*, March 13, 1965)	Box 6	Folder 10
Slater, *The cavalier: a romantic drama of the Puritan Rebellion*, 1914	Box 6	Folder 13
John R. Slater, *Living for the future*, 1916	Box 6	Folder 16

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Newspaper clippings and manuscripts from Dr. Slater's column "Today in Books" in the Rochester *Times-Union*:	Box 3	Folder 1
"Lively lives" - biographical book reviews	Box 3	Folder 2
Jefferson and the ordeal of liberty, by Dr. Dumas Malone Physical Description: Pages: 38-39		
In God we trust, edited by Norman Cousins Physical Description: Pages: 40-43		
The journals and miscellaneous notebooks of Ralph Waldo Emerson, edited by William H. Gilman, et al. Physical Description: Pages: 44-45		
The letters of Herman Melville, edited by William H. Gilman Physical Description: Pages: 46		
A Thoreau profile, edited by Milton Meltzer Physical Description: Pages: 47-48		
Focus on infinity: a life of Phillips Brooks, by Raymond W. Albright		
A Rauschenbusch reader: the kingdom of God and the social gospel, edited by Benson Y. Landis Physical Description: Pages: 51		
Mark Twain, the man and his work, by Edward Wagenknecht Physical Description: Pages: 52		
Alfred Nobel, the man and his work, by Erik Bergengren, translated by Alan Blair		

Physical Description: Pages: 53

For freedom and unknown future, by Joseph P. Lash
Physical Description: Pages: 54

"The uniqueness of Robert Frost." Article written by John R. Slater
Physical Description: Pages: 55-56

Cellist in exile, by Bernard Taper
Physical Description: Pages: 57

George Hoyt Whipple and his friends, by George W. Corner
Physical Description: Pages: 58

The essential Lippmann: a political philosophy for liberal democracy, edited by Clinton Rossiter and James Lare
Physical Description: Pages: 59

Herbert Hoover: a biography, by Eugene Lyons
Physical Description: Clipping and booklet, Pages: 60

Lewis Henry Morgan, American scholar, by Carl Resek
Physical Description: Pages: 60a

Abraham Flexner, an autobiography, by Abraham Flexner
Physical Description: Pages: 60b-60d

"American history" - historical book reviews	Box 3	Folder 3

The federalist, by Alexander Hamilton, et al., edited by Benjamin F. Wright
Physical Description: Pages: 61

Terrible swift sword, by Bruce Catton
Physical Description: Pages: 62

A narrative, Fredericksburg to Meridian, by Shelby Foote
Physical Description: Pages: 63

Gettysburg, The Long Encampment, by Jack McLaughlin
Physical Description: Pages: 64

1913: America between two worlds, by Alan Valentine
Physical Description: Pages: 65

A new history of the people of the United States, by Oscar Handlin
Physical Description: Pages: 66

The United States of America, a history, by Glyndon G. Van Deusen and Dexter Perkins

Physical Description: Pages: 67

The urbanization of America, 1860-1915, by Blake McKelvey

Physical Description: Pages: 68

Changing patterns of prejudice: a new look at today's racial, religious and cultural tensions, by Alfred, J. Marrow

Physical Description: Pages: 69

Justice Holmes: the proving years, 1870-1882, by Mark De Wolfe Howe

Physical Description: Pages: 70-71

Felix Frankfurter reminiscences, an intimate portrait, by Harlan B. Phillips

Physical Description: Pages: 72

"Foreign history" - historical book reviews	Box 3	Folder 4

Elizabeth and Leicester, by Elizabeth Jenkins

Physical Description: Pages: 73

Portrait of a golden age, edited by Brian Connell

Physical Description: Pages: 74

Lord George Germain, by Alan Valentine

Physical Description: Pages: 75

The culture of contemporary Canada, edited by Julian Tark

Physical Description: Pages: 76

Canada: tomorrow's giant, by Bruce Hutchison

Physical Description: Pages: 76

Builders of emerging nations, by Vera Micheles Dean

Physical Description: Pages: 77

New patterns of democracy in India, by Vera Micheles Dean

Physical Description: Pages: 78

The United States and Latin America, by Milton S. Eisenhower

Physical Description: Pages: 79

Pedro Martinez: A Mexican peasant and his family, by Oscar Lewis

Physical Description: Pages: 80

The splendor of Israel, by Robert Payne

Physical Description: Pages: 81-82

"The humanities" - book reviews	Box 3	Folder 5

A selection of English carols, edited By Richard L. Greene
Physical Description: Pages: 83

One great society, by Howard Mumford Jones
Physical Description: Pages: 84

The powers of poetry, by Gilbert Highet
Physical Description: Pages: 85

Shakespeare for everyman, by Louis B. Wright
Physical Description: Pages: 86

Francis Bacon: the temper of a man, by Catherine Drinker Bowen
Physical Description: Pages: 87

The shadow of Cervantes, by D. B. Wyndham
Physical Description: Pages: 88

Praisers of folly, by Walter Kaiser
Physical Description: Pages: 89

Sir Thomas Browne, by Frank Livingstone Huntley
Physical Description: Pages: 90-91

"Goethe in Highland Park," article written by John R. Slater
Physical Description: Pages: 92-92a

"Science and arts" - book reviews	Box 3	Folder 6

Science in the cause of man, by Gerard Piel
Physical Description: Pages: 93

The firmament of time, by Loren Eisely
Physical Description: Pages: 94

Music of the spheres, by Guy Murchie
Physical Description: Pages: 95

Harmonic materials of modern music: resources of the tempered scale, by Howard Hanson
Physical Description: Pages: 96

Santayana, the later years: a portrait with letters, by Daniel Cory
Physical Description: Pages: 97-98

The Bernard Berenson treasury, edited by Hanna Kiel

Physical Description: Pages: 99-100		
The three worlds of Boris Pasternak, by Robert Payne Physical Description: Pages: 101		
Vaughan Williams, by James Day Physical Description: Pages: 102		
"Saving the land" - book reviews	Box 3	Folder 7
Wilderness, America's living heritage, edited by David Brower Physical Description: Pages: 103		
This is the American Earth, text by Nancy Newhall, photographs by Ansel Adams Physical Description: Pages: 104		
The eloquent light, by Nancy Newhall Physical Description: Pages: 105		
The quiet crisis, by Stewart L. Udall Physical Description: Pages: 106		
"Ultima" - book reviews	Box 3	Folder 8
El Morro: Inscription Rock, New Mexico, by John M. Slater Physical Description: Pages: 107		
Reflections on growing old, by Father John LaFarge Physical Description: Pages: 108		
"Magnanimity and charity," article written by John R. Slater Physical Description: Pages: 109-111		
The last great secret, by John R. Slater Physical Description: Pages: 112-115		
Deo gratias pro omnibus, by John R. Slater Physical Description: Pages: 116		
Dr. Slater's book reviews	Box 5	Folder 3

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Correspondence and miscellaneous, 1954-1962	Box 6	Folder 15
Personal photographs of Slater family, circa 1905-1920	Box 5	Folder 6
Pocket manual of *Rules of Order ...* by Henry Robert Custodial History: **Custodial History** (Dr. Slater's copy	Box 5	Folder 7
Map of Pulteneyville, as surveyed by E. Phelps, 1939	Box 6	Folder 3
"A memorial service for John Rothwell Slater" (*University of Rochester Library Bulletin*, Spring 1966)	Box 6	Folder 4
Miniature hand-lettered book of poems by Eleanor Slater	Box 5	Folder 6
Eleanor Slater, "A cradle carol" and "O little Lord Jesus" **Scope and Contents** Poems	Box 6	Folder 7
Eleanor Slater: photos, essays, correspondence, circa 1939-1969	Box 6	Folder 8
Eleanor Slater, *Why Hold the Hound?*, 1941 **Scope and Contents** Book of poems	Box 6	Folder 9
Residence floor plans	Box 6	Folder 11
Engraving of Sibley and Anderson Halls (Prince Street)	Box 6	Folder 12
Clippings and obituaries, 1964-1965	Box 6	Folder 14
Oil painting on canvas of boats at shoreline	Box 6	Folder 1
Sketch of an ankh with corresponding photograph (garden watercolor on back)	Box 6	Folder 2
Watercolor of Lakeview Cemetery in Pultneyville	Box 6	Folder 17

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