Irish Capuchin Archives

Descriptive List

Fr. Theobald Mathew: Research and Commemorative Papers

Collection Code: CA/FM/RES

A collection of research material relating to Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC (1790-1856) and the temperance crusade. The collection includes correspondence, publications, newspaper cuttings, ephemera and original artefacts relating to various commemorations of Father Mathew and his total abstinence campaign from the nineteenth century onwards.

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Fig. 1: Memorial print by John Mahoney honouring Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC (1790-1856) and his temperance campaign. *The Father Mathew Record* (February 1913).

Fig. 2: The official unveiling of the Father Mathew Statue on Sackville (later O’Connell) Street on 8 February 1893. (Irish Capuchin Archives).
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Identity Statement

Reference code  
IE/CA/FM/RES  
Title  
Fr. Theobald Mathew: Research and Commemorative Papers  
Creator(s)  
Irish Capuchins  
Date range  
1790-2006; predominately c.1850-1930  
Level of Description  
Fonds  
Extent  
21 boxes, comprising 121 files and 626 items and approximately 6,453 pp

Context

Biographical History

Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC (1790-1856)

Theobald Mathew was born at Thomastown Castle near the village of Golden in County Tipperary on 10 October 1790. The Mathews were an old landed family with both Catholic and Protestant branches. Francis Mathew (1738-1806) was the owner of Thomastown Castle. He was created Viscount Landaff in 1793, and then Earl Landaff in 1797 (the title derived from the place in Wales from which the family had come to Ireland in the seventeenth century. The title was sometimes referred to as the Earldom of Llandaff since that is the more common Welsh spelling but it is Earl Landaff in the Peerage of Ireland. The Mathews of Thomastown held this title from 1797 to 1833). In the 1760s, Francis Mathew had adopted his orphaned cousin, James Mathew, Theobald’s father. On reaching adulthood, James was appointed the agent for the Mathew estate. Unlike many of the Mathews, James remained a Catholic throughout his life. His wife, Anne Whyte, was also a Catholic. They had twelve children, the fourth of whom was Theobald. The young Theobald Mathew had a privileged childhood, enjoying favoured treatment from his Protestant relation, Lady Elizabeth Mathew, the daughter of Francis Mathew. Lady Elizabeth knew and approved of Theobald’s priestly ambitions, and in 1800 she provided the money to pay for his education at St. Canice’s, a Catholic boarding school in Kilkenny. In September 1807, Theobald enrolled at St. Patrick’s College, Maynooth, for seminary training. However, his plans were upset when in his first year he was forced to leave Maynooth in order to avoid being expelled for holding what appears to have been a drunken party for his fellow students. He was subsequently accepted by the Capuchin Franciscan Order as a novice and he made his way to Church Street in Dublin to be trained. The Capuchins, in common with many of the religious orders in Ireland, were weak at this time and were thus extremely anxious for new recruits.

On 3 April 1813 Mathew was ordained a deacon. A year later he was ordained a priest by the Most Rev. Daniel Murray (1768-1852), later Archbishop of Dublin. After a brief sojourn in Kilkenny, Fr. Mathew moved back to Cork where he came under the influence of Fr. Daniel Donovan OSFC (d. 14 Jan. 1821) who was elected Provincial Minister of the Irish Capuchins in 1816. Fr. Mathew devoted a good deal of his time to practical charitable enterprises, establishing schools for poor and orphaned children. In these schools the children were taught household skills in addition to elementary subjects. In 1821, Fr. Donovan died and Fr. Mathew was elected his successor as Provincial Minister. He would continue to hold this position until 1851. In 1832, he broke ground for an elaborate, Gothic-style Capuchin church in Cork (subsequently called The Church of the Most Holy Trinity), on Charlotte Quay (later renamed Father Mathew Quay). Due to a lack of funds the church would remain unfinished in Fr. Mathew’s lifetime. It was not until 1890 that the spire and façade were added. Nevertheless, Fr. Mathew gained an excellent reputation in the local community for his tireless endeavours in support of the poor of Cork. He was also noted for his exceptional spirit of
ecumenism. He was on friendly terms with a number of leading Protestants and Quakers in the city. Fr. Mathew joined the total abstinence movement in Cork in April 1838. The Cork Total Abstinence Society was established with the avowed aim of encouraging people to make one enduring act of will which would keep them sober for life. This act of will was enshrined in the pledge to abstain from the taking of intoxicating liquor.

From the very beginning Fr. Mathew’s endeavours in the cause of temperance gained striking success. Under his leadership, teetotalism drew a large number of adherents in Cork and spread throughout Munster and eventually throughout Ireland. The Society’s ranks quickly grew, and within three months, Fr. Mathew had enrolled 25,000 new members in Cork alone. In five months, the number had increased to 130,000. He travelled across Ireland, convincing thousands more to pledge teetotalism. In August 1842, he began traveling internationally, first to Scotland, then England. At its height, just before the outbreak of the famine in 1845, Fr. Mathew’s temperance movement had enrolled three million people, or more than half of the adult population of Ireland. By the mid-1840s he was frequently travelling to Britain with equally dramatic results. The leading nationalist politician, Daniel O’Connell (1775-1847), described the temperance movement as Fr. Mathew’s ‘mighty moral crusade’. In 1847, the priests of the diocese of Cork selected him to be their bishop. However, there was strong opposition from members of the hierarchy. It was held against him that the he had accepted a pension from the Government. One long-standing critic among the bishops described him as ‘the hired tool of a heretical government’. This reflected the long-standing determination of the Catholic Church in Ireland not to accept state funding and the interference that would come in its train. Fr. Mathew’s financial mismanagement (he was known to be bountiful and generous to the point of extravagance), liberal Catholicism and Protestant associations also told against him. The Pope acceded to the almost unanimous advice of the Irish hierarchy that Fr. Mathew should not be appointed to the bishopric. Nevertheless, his standing as a popular figure remained undiminished. In July 1849, he visited the United States where he was greeted with enthusiastic acclaim. In Washington, the Congress unanimously admitted to him to a seat on the floor of the House; he was the first non-American after the Marquis de Lafayette to be so honoured. Rallies and demonstrations were held across the country to honour Ireland’s renowned ‘Apostle of Temperance’.

Despite this personal adulation, it was clear that Fr. Mathew’s movement had reached its zenith. From the late 1840s the movement began to decline almost dramatically as it had risen. His health started to fail (he had suffered a stroke in 1848) and crippling debts began to accumulate, making it increasingly difficult to continue the temperance crusade. The onset of the famine, brought about by the failure of the potato crop in 1845, dealt a grievous blow to the movement; thousands of Fr. Mathew’s followers died or emigrated in those years. Many of those who remained in Ireland had to contend with more pressing concerns than the maintenance of their pledge to abstain from alcohol. In late 1853, despite declining health, Fr. Mathew ventured to Limerick where he administered the pledge in what was his last appearance at a public meeting. In October 1854, on medical advice, he travelled to Madeira but his health continued to deteriorate. In the absence of its charismatic leader the temperance movement continued to weaken. He suffered a severe stroke in late 1856 and died in Queenstown, County Cork, on 8 December 1856. He was 66 years old. He was buried in St. Joseph’s Cemetery in Cork, which he had established twenty-six years earlier.

Archival History

The fonds form part of the archival collection of the Irish Province of the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin. The collection is held at the Provincial Archives, Capuchin Friary of St. Mary of the Angels, Church Street, Dublin 7.
CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

Scope and Content

The surviving original correspondence of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC held in the Irish Capuchin Archives has been catalogued and is listed elsewhere (IE/CA/FM/COR). The majority of the collection listed below is comprised of research material relating to Fr. Mathew’s life and temperance crusade. In the late nineteenth century, Ireland experienced temperance revivals which had the effect of renewing popular interest in the total abstinence campaign led by Fr. Mathew in the 1840s and 1850s. Widespread public interest in his legacy remained undiminished, and his life continued to be the subject of popular admiration. The collection includes published historical works, biographical research and other copy source material relating to the ‘Apostle of Temperance’. The collection comprises compilations of archival sources and research notes compiled by Fr. Stanislaus Kavanagh OFM Cap. (1876-1965), Fr. Angelus Healy OFM Cap. (1875-1953), and Fr. Nessan Shaw OFM Cap. (1915-1997), Capuchin friars who undertook extensive research into Fr. Mathew’s life and ministry.

The fonds also contains correspondence, publications, posters, circulars, newspaper cuttings and ephemera relating to various commemorations of Fr. Mathew from the nineteenth century onwards. In 1864, John Francis Maguire MP (1815-1872), Fr. Mathew’s friend and first biographer, organised the erection of a statue of him on St. Patrick’s Street in Cork sculpted by John Henry Foley (1818-1874). As part of an exhibition held in Philadelphia in 1876 to mark the centenary of American Independence, the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America erected a statue of Fr. Mathew in Fairmont Park. His statue stood alongside three Irish-American Catholics who had played a significant role in the American Revolution, Bishop John Carroll SJ, Charles Carroll and John Barry. In 1890, to mark the centenary of Fr. Mathew’s birth, a committee with a large Protestant membership came together to erect a statue in Dublin. There were generous donations from both England and Ireland and from Irish emigrant communities in North America. The statue, by the Irish-born artist Mary Redmond (1863-1930), was unveiled on Sackville (later O’Connell) Street in February 1893. The statue depicted Fr. Mathew in a Capuchin habit, an attire he never wore in life. In 1938, as part of the celebrations of the centenary of the foundation of the Cork Total Abstinence Society, the Most Rev. David Mathew (1902-1975), the Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster, who was a great-grandnephew of Fr. Mathew, had a statue erected near Thomastown Castle, Fr. Mathew’s birthplace. Similar nationwide commemorative events were held in 1956 to mark the centenary of his death. More low-key commemorations were held in 1988 (150th anniversary of the inauguration of the temperance campaign), 1990 (the bi-centenary of Fr. Mathew’s death), and in 2006 (the 150th anniversary of his death). The collection includes correspondence, newspaper cuttings, publicity material, photographs and memorabilia concerning the organisation and celebration of these commemorative occasions.

The total abstinence movement in the Catholic Church in England was revived by Cardinal Henry Manning (1804-1892) who in 1872 started the League of the Cross. In the same year the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America was founded. In 1887, one if its leaders, Bishop John Ireland of Saint Paul, Minnesota (1838-1918), who, as a young man in his native Kilkenny had taken the pledge from Fr. Mathew, obtained approval from Pope Leo XIII for the organisation of a total abstinence movement. In Ireland, some Capuchin friars sought to renew the campaign against intemperance. In 1880, Fr. Albert Mitchell OSFC (1826-1893) established a sodality in Dublin under the title of the ‘Temperance Society of the Sacred Thirst of Our Lord Jesus Christ’. A meeting place for the sodality was secured with the opening of Father Mathew Centennial Memorial Hall on Church Street in January 1891. A hall for a similar temperance sodality and religious confraternity was opened by the Capuchins in Cork in 1907. Temperance activity received a major boost in 1905 when the Irish hierarchy invited the Capuchins to preach a National Crusade. The crusade initially
garnered widespread public enthusiasm and by 1912 the Capuchins had administered over a million pledges throughout the country.

By this point the Capuchins were not alone in tackling the scourge of intemperance in Ireland. Fr. James Cullen SJ (1841-1921) founded the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association (PTAA) in Dublin in December 1898. Although the PTAA looked to Fr. Mathew’s earlier temperance campaign for inspiration, Fr. Cullen’s movement displayed some marked differences. In his speeches, Fr. Cullen regularly asserted that widespread temperance among the Irish would pave the way for Irish independence from Britain. The PTAA was not primarily directed at excessive drinkers but at devout Catholics, who were to make what was described as a heroic sacrifice to atone for the sins of intemperance. This movement was essentially devotional and firmly rooted within the Catholic Church. An essential component of the Association was devotion to the Sacred Heart with a focus on the spiritual element in the work of the PTAA. Many of the twentieth-century commemorations of Fr. Mathew were organised by the PTAA as part of the promotion of their cause. Fr. Cullen’s pioneers remained a vital force in Ireland until the mid-1960s and 1970s, when they found themselves unable to adapt to the dramatic political, cultural, religious changes occurring in an increasingly secular Ireland. The collection comprises much material relating to the promotion of temperance issues by organisations such as the PTAA including newsletters, publications, publicity and commemorative material (much of which focused on Fr. Mathew’s legacy), and memorabilia.

Finally, the fonds includes a highly significant collection of artefacts such as original temperance society medals, pledge cards, prints, posters, photographs, temperance memorabilia, manuals, church plate, ephemera and other items and relics associated with Fr. Mathew and his temperance movement from the 1830s to the 1850s. These items were collected by various Capuchin friars in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries with a view to exhibiting them for devotional and historical purposes.

System of Arrangement

The material has been catalogued (2018) and a new arrangement has been imposed upon the fonds. The collection has been divided into nine series, which have been further divided into sub-series. The papers in each series represent a distinct grouping. The first series includes transcribed copies of contemporary letters and documents relating to Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. Some original material is extant in this series and has been listed in separate files. The second series comprises the original copy of James McKenna’s History of the Temperance Reformation in Ireland, England and Scotland (1838-1846). The third series includes material associated with various commemorations and anniversaries of Fr. Mathew from the centenary of his birth (1890) to events marking the 150th anniversary of his death (2006). This series has been divided into sub-series relating to particular anniversaries connected with either Fr. Mathew or his temperance crusade. The fourth series comprises a vast collection of archival sources and research notes on Fr. Mathew compiled by later Capuchin friars and researchers. The research notes are arranged primarily under separate sections relating to the principal researcher. The fifth series contains material generated by temperance organisations and societies which post-date Fr. Mathew. The sixth series includes visual material relating to Fr. Mathew and his temperance activities. The seventh series contains a vast assemblage of newspaper clippings relating primarily to the commemoration and celebration of the ‘Apostle of Temperance’. The eight series contains a large collection of published works dealing with the life of Fr. Mathew and the progress of the Irish temperance movement. The final series lists a highly significant collection of original artefacts and memorabilia relating to Fr. Mathew and his temperance campaign from the 1830s to the 1850s.
Postnominal Abbreviation

The Capuchin Franciscans are an order of friars within the Catholic Church, among the chief offshoots of the Observant Franciscans (Order of Friars Minor) founded by St. Francis of Assisi in 1209. The Capuchins have used several postnominal abbreviations during their existence. In Latin, the Order is officially referred to as the *Ordo Fratrum Minorum Capuccinorum* (Order of Friars Minor Capuchin) usually abbreviated to OFM Cap. Up until about the second decade of the twentieth century the postnominal abbreviation of OSFC (Latin: *Ordinis Santi Francisci Capuccinorum*) was widely used. The text of this catalogue broadly reflects this change and utilises the older postnominal abbreviation of OSFC to refer to friars living from the foundation of the Capuchins in 1520 up until the first decades of the twentieth century.

Access and Descriptive Control

Language
The majority of the material within this collection is written in English. Some specified material is in Latin, Irish, French and German.

Physical characteristics
The papers are generally in good condition. Some tearing, water damage and mould is evident on some of the material.

Archivist’s note
Descriptive list compiled by Provincial Archivist.

Conventions
*Irish Guidelines for Archival Description* (2009)/ISAD(G), 2nd Ed.

Date of description
March 2018

Access Conditions
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Allied Materials
The archives of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association (PTAA) are held in University College Dublin Archives (UCDA). A descriptive catalogue for this collection (P145) is available at [https://www.ucd.ie/t4cms/p0145-ptaa-descriptive-catalogue.pdf](https://www.ucd.ie/t4cms/p0145-ptaa-descriptive-catalogue.pdf)
1. Transcripts of Letters and Documents relating to Father Mathew

Level: Series
Date of Creation: c.1807-1889
Scope and Content: The series includes mostly copies of contemporary letters and documents relating to Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC and his temperance campaign. Most of the transcriptions of original source material in this series are undated but it can be surmised that they were compiled in the early decades of the twentieth century. Note that the date element refers to the original date of creation of the document or the time-period to which the research pertains. The original material is for the most part described in separate files.
Format: Bound volume, manuscript, typescript, cutting and printed
Extent: 17 files; 700 pp

CA/FM/RES/1/1 Transcribed Documents relating to Father Mathew
c.1841-1849
Manuscript, typescript and printed
40 pp
- Transcript from the Limerick Reporter, 3 Sept. 1841, referring to the appointment of Fr. Mathew to the ‘High Office of Commissary Apostolic’. The extract reads ‘Proud indeed may Father Mathew be, that his vast toils, are thus recognised by the venerable Pope Gregory XVI. ... We congratulate the Apostle of Temperance ...’. Typescript, 1 p.
- Inscription on the Gong presented by Fr. Mathew to the South Presentation Convent in Cork. It reads: ‘May each sound of the bell be accompanied to the mercy seat by a pious supplication for the conversion of sinners of whom I am the chief / Theobald Mathew’. Manuscript, 2 pp.
- Dublin University Magazine, June 1849, containing a biography of Fr. Mathew and a description of his temperance campaign. Printed, pp 694-706.
- Copy letters of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC to John Maher, Mrs. C. Hall, Rev. T. Fitzgerald, Hugh Green, and Richard Scully, c.1846-7. Subjects include the Famine, the Ursuline Convent in Thurles, and his precarious financial situation. Typescript, 5 pp.
- Lyrics for a song celebrating Fr. Mathew’s temperance crusade. The first lines read:
  ‘Ye teetotallers all both great and small
  Of every rank and station
  Once rally around this clergyman
  The pride of Erin’s Nation’.
  Manuscript, 2 pp.
- Copy letters of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. The copies were made by Fr. Stanislaus Kavanagh OFM Cap. An annotation on the first page suggests that some of the originals ‘are held in the Cork Museum’. Another annotation indicates that they were copied into an archival source book by Fr. Stanislaus. The notebook includes: Copy letter from Fr. Mathew to Elizabeth O’Connor (16 Sept. 1849). Copy letter from Cardinal Paul Cullen to Fr. Mathew (10 Oct. 1841). Copy will of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC (21 Nov. 1849). The witnesses are noted as David O’Meara and Cornelius R. Mahony.
Copy extract from Social Notes / concerning social reform, social requirements and social progress, editor, S.C. Hall FSA, Part 7 (Sept. 1878). The extract provides a biography of Fr. Mathew.

The copy notes give a transcription date of 3 Oct. 1923.

Manuscript, 18 pp.

Conservation note: The notebook is badly frayed and some of the pages are torn at ends. Careful manual handling is required.

CA/FM/RES/1/2 Transcribed Documents relating to Father Mathew
1807-1856
Manuscript, typescript, and printed
56 pp

- Poem titled ‘Fr. Mathew’s Cornet’. Manuscript, 1 p.
- Poem by ‘A Parish Boy’ titled ‘Capashine Fathers’. The first lines read:
  ‘Oh God bless the Capashine Fathers
  For their hard and toilful strife
  By which they’ve raised our city
  To its present state of life …’.
  Manuscript, 3 pp.
- Copy letter of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC to H. Sharp re a visit to a Mr. Brabason. 3 Nov. 1841. Typescript, 1 p.
- Copy extract from Saunder’s News-Letter referring to Fr. Mathew administering the pledge to nearly five thousand people at the Custom House in Dublin. 31 Mar. 1840. Typescript, 1 p.
- Copy poem by Seaghan Ó Laoghaire titled ‘Glory be to Whiskey’. Manuscript, 1 p.
- Copy letter from Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC to Dr. Shiel, Ballyshannon, County Donegal, referring to his visit to state prisoners and his attitude towards William Smith O’Brien. 26 Aug. 1844. Typescript, 1 p.
- Poem by J.E. Murphy titled ‘Lines suggested by seeing the beloved Apostle of Temperance, returning from the Charity Sermon preached at the Cathedral, Cork, 17th April 1852’. Manuscript, 1 p.
- A note affirming that Fr. Mathew entered Maynooth Seminary ‘as a student from Cashel’ in 1807. Manuscript, 1 p.
- Extract from the annals of the South Presentation Convent in Cork re the celebration of the golden jubilee of Mother Clare O’Callaghan at which Fr. Mathew attended in January 1845. Manuscript, 1 p.
- Copy letter of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC to Richard Foley, 37 Francis Street, Kilrush, thanking him for his kind gift of £5. The letter reads: ‘It has graciously pleased the Almighty to smite me with
general Paralysis, which fixed particularly in my right arm, consequently I write with difficulty and almost illegibly. My exertions in America, preaching temperance to the expatriated Irish, in that vast Republic, exhausted my strength’. 31 May 1854. Typescript, 1 p.


CA/FM/RES/1/3 Transcribed Documents relating to Father Mathew 1842-1847
Manuscript and typescript 11 pp

- Copy letters from Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC to Cornelius Maxwell, Chairman of the United Total Abstinence Societies of Kilkenny, re his attendance at a temperance banquet in Kilkenny. 2 Dec. 1842-10 Dec. 1842. Typescript and manuscript, 7 pp.


- Note re a charity sermon preached by Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC in Tipperary town on 23 Feb. 1845. Manuscript, 1 p.

- Copy letter from Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC dated at Cork, 7 Aug. 1846. Fr. Stanislaus Kavanagh OFM Cap. notes that the letter was published in the Irish Independent under the title of ‘The Black Famine of 1847 / A Father Mathew Letter’. It reads ‘... I passed from Cork to Dublin, and with an occasional exception, this doomed plant appeared most luxuriant. Returning on 3rd inst. I beheld with sorrow one vast scene of rottenness. In many places the wretched people were seated in the fences of their decaying gardens, wailing bitterly the destruction that has left them foodless’. Manuscript, 2 pp.

CA/FM/RES/1/4 Copy confirmation of the election of Fr. Mathew as Provincial Minister 5 June 1839
Manuscript 1 p

- Contemporary copy confirmation of the election of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC as Provincial Minister for three years at a Chapter held in the Church Street Chapel. The confirmation reads: ‘Rev. James L. O’Riordan was elected first definitor having 12 votes
Rev. Mr. McCarthy of the Convent of Kilkenny 10 votes
Rev. G.J.M Brennan 10 votes
Rev. Mr. MacLeod 7 votes
... the election of Provincial was then proceeded with ... [and] that the ex-Provincial was re-elected there being for him all the votes except two which were given one for Rev. Mr. McLeod [and] the other for Rev. G. Brennan’. Conservation note: The document is torn and frayed at edges. Careful manual handling is required’.
Transcribed Documents relating to Father Mathew
1843-1857
Manuscript, typescript and printed
143 pp

- *The Catholic Register* (1857) containing a biographical sketch of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC at pp 248-54. Also contains biographical notes re the Right Rev. Dr. Egan, Bishop of Kerry, the Right Rev. Dr. Murphy, Bishop of Ferns, and the Right Rev. Dr. Murphy, Bishop of Cloyne. Printed, 11 pp.


- Copy letter from Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC, Nashville, Tennessee, to Sr. Magdalen, South Presentation Convent, Cork, affirming that ‘the excessive labour attendant on my mission has enfeebled me’. 28 Apr. 1851. Typescript, 1 p.

- Copy letters of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC to Mr Dowden and to Miss [Kinaghan?] referring to the harsh sentence handed down to a sailor at a court martial in Cove Harbour and the disposition of Indian Meal for the relief of the destitute in Cork during the famine. 12 June 1847. Typescript, 5 pp.


- Notes from the South Presentation Convent Annals re the death of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC on 8 Dec. 1856. It reads ‘He was Superior and Confessor to this Community for several years and always entertained for the Sisters a sincere respect and esteem’. It is noted that these Annals were written by Mother de Pazzi who knew Fr. Mathew personally. Reference is also made to Mother Aloysius Nagle ‘who was brought by Father Mathew to the South Presentation Convent, and was a relative of his. She celebrated her Golden Jubilee in 1911, and died in 1914’. The notes were compiled by Fr. Angelus Healy OFM Cap. in July 1928. Typescript, 2 pp.

- Notes from the Ursuline Annals, Cork, re the death of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC on 8 Dec. 1856. Typescript, 1 p.

- Account from Sr. M. Ignatius Moore, Presentation Convent, Mountmellick, County Laois, re the blessing given to her sister by Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC in 1841. It is noted that Sr. Ignatius was ‘born in the same year and is still living’. Typescript, 1 p.
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Transcribed Documents relating to Father Mathew
1840-1848
Manuscript, typescript and printed
40 pp

- Newspaper cutting of a letter from Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC dated at Cork, 31 March 1847. It reads ‘We shall ever regard America as our deliverer in the hour of bitter calamity. The immense supply of Indian corn, wafted into the Cove of Cork, the last few days, and the Free-Gift cargoes, daily expected, have had an unexpected effect on the Corn Market’. The letter was reprinted from the *Albany Evening Journal*.

- Manual of tablets of maxims, eulogies &c in prose and poetry reciting descriptively the blessings and benefits arising to the members of the Very Rev. T. Mathew’s Temperance Society (Dublin, 1840). Printed, 36 pp.

- Letter of the Most Rev. Daniel O’Connor OESA, Titular Bishop of Saldae (1786-1867), John Street, Chapel House, Dublin, to James Roche, Cork, re his support for the ‘completion of the Church of my excellent friend, Father Mathew’ in Cork. 4 Nov. 1848. Manuscript, 1 p.

- Sermon delivered by the Very Rev. T. Mathew on Sunday last in Marlborough St. Chapel. 29 Mar. 1840. Printed. 2 pp.

Conservation note: The leaflet is torn at edges and is frayed with various fold marks. Careful manual handling is required.

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Transcribed Documents relating to Father Mathew
1839-1848
Printed
3 pp

- Flier titled *Father Mathew’s Advice! / Keep away from the Public House*. Includes various exhortations to ‘Keep away from the Public House’ and ‘Judge Hale on Whiskey Drinking’. The flier concludes with a warning from Fr. Mathew to ‘his beloved Teetotalers not to be duped by persons who sell poisons falsely called “Temperance Cordials” – Whiskey is the principal ingredients in all these Cordials’. [c.1840]. Printed, 1 p.

- Rules of the Committee Rooms of the Total Abstinence Society, Cork. The rules are dated at Cork, 24 Aug. 1839. Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC is named as the President of the Association. Conservation note: The item is badly torn and frayed at edges. A portion of the lower left-hand corner of the leaflet is also missing. Careful manual handling is required. Printed, 1 p.

- Copy appeal on behalf of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. The appeal was made at a meeting of the ‘friends of temperance’ held in the Lord Mayor’s Office, Paradise Place, Cork, on 18 July 1848. It reads ‘it is essential that he [Fr. Mathew] should be relieved from the pressure of the pecuniary difficulties necessarily incurred in the operations of his great mission, and that therefore exertion should be made to realise the subscriptions hitherto promised …’. The appeal is signed by William Lyons, Lord Mayor of Cork, and Francis A. Walsh, barrister. Printed, 1 p.
CA/FM/RES/1/8  Flier for Tea Festival at Franciscan Great Temperance Hall  
c.1840  
Printed  
1 p.  
- Flier for a Tea Festival to mark the opening of the Franciscan Great Temperance Hall, Mary Street, [Cork]. It is noted that the ‘Very Rev. Theobald Mathew and other greater advocates of temperance will attend’.  
Conservation note: The item is very badly torn with portions of the edges missing and frayed. Very careful manual handling is required.

CA/FM/RES/1/9  Transcribed Documents relating to Father Mathew  
c.1808-1854  
Manuscript and typescript  
15 pp  
- Notes from the register of the Dublin Capuchin community re novitiate arrangements in the early nineteenth century. It reads ‘Fr. Celestine Corcoran, Provincial Minister, in a letter to the Fr. General on Sept. 2nd 1815 mentions that he had arranged with the “Patre Provinciale Baeticae” to send young men to be received in that province. Six young men were received in the Convent of Seville, Spain, on Sunday, November 19th 1815, and were professed there on November 24th 1816. ... At the request of Fr. Mathew in accordance with a decree of the Sacred Congregation of Regular Discipline of Dec. 20, 1825, the Convent of Frascati was appointed as a novitiate for Irish novices. ... Irish friars were received also in Convents in Italy, and in Fr. Mathew’s time (1850) four were received in Bruges, Frs. Tommins, Dillon, Mitchell, and O’Reilly, and in the following year (1851) five entered in Frascati, Frs. Muldoon, Rourke, Dunne, Knaresboro and Maher’. The file also includes notes relating to Fr. Mathew taken from the Capuchin General Archives in Rome. The notes refer to the appointment of Fr. Mathew as Provincial Minister of the Irish Capuchins from c.1813-52. ‘In a letter to the Fr. General dated Sept. 2nd 1815, he signs himself “Provincialis Hiberniae”’. Also includes a copy of the decree by which the Irish Capuchins were permitted to have a novitiate in their houses in Ireland dated 29 May 1808. It is noted that a copy of this decree is preserved in the Franciscan Library, Merchants’ Quay, Dublin. Typescript, 3 pp.
- Extracts from the account book of the Capuchin Friary in Cork relating to the building of Holy Trinity (Father Mathew Memorial) Church. The extracts were compiled by Br. Nessan Shaw OFM Cap. The notes refer to the difficulties in securing funding for the completion of the church. It reads ‘During the great excitement of the temperance movement Fr. Mathew was pressed from many parts of Ireland to allow the church to be finished by subscriptions of teetotallers but would not allow the matter to be accomplished’. The following statement of accounts is also given in the notes: ‘Mr. Anthony, contracting architect received £13,000  
Sir Thomas Deane & Co. received £1,000  
Since 1848 to various parties £2,500
Total: £16,500
Collection made in 1854: £500
Total: £17,000'
Manuscript, 3 pp.

- Copy letter of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC to David O’Meara, his secretary, affirming that he is attending to his sick brother in Kenmare, County Kerry. 30 Jan. 1848. Typescript, 1 p.

- Copy letter of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC to Larry Egan, Herbert Park, Gardiner’s Hill, Cork, regarding his life assurance which he has assigned to William Rathborne of Liverpool, merchant. 11 May 1849. Manuscript, 1 p.

- Copy letter from Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC to Symon Carew, 96 Lower Mount Street, Dublin, re his brother’s (Charles) illness and the payment of rent. He writes ‘The persons who at present hold the land are no tenants of mine, neither have I any control over them. The will continue to keep possession and pay no rent’. 5 Feb. 1848. Typescript, 1 p.


- Copy letter from Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC to Mrs Cronin re an Altar Stone consecrated by the late Pope Gregory XVI which he is happy to forward on to her. 24 July 1846. A note appended to the letter reads ‘The original [letter] is in the South Presentation Convent, Douglas Street, Cork / The original, from which I typed this copy, is in the hand of one of the secretaries of Fr. Mathew, David O’Meara’. Typescript, 1 p.

- Copy letter from Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC to the Rev. Guardian [possibly Fr. Vincent McLeod OSFC] re an accusation that Fr. Laurence O’Flynn OSFC (1807-1863) had ‘repeatedly hunted upon and destroyed game’ on the lands of Reginald Greene. Fr. Mathew writes ‘That a member of the Capuchin Order should subject himself to such a charge, and partake of such amusements, must fill a religious mind with horror. You will Rev. Father Guardian deliver the enclosed obedience to the Rev. Father O’Flynn, and take care that my mandate shall be strictly obeyed’. The letter is dated at Cork, 20 Sept. 1846. With a typed copy of the letter in Italian held in the Capuchin General Archives in Rome. Typescript, 2 pp.

CA/FM/RES/1/10 Transcribed Documents relating to Father Mathew
1826-1889
Manuscript, typescript, cutting and printed
21 pp

- Notes by Fr. Stanislaus Kavanagh OFM Cap. re letters written by Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC to the Rev. Dr. Paul Cullen and the Rev. Dr. Tobias Kirby, the Pontifical Irish College, Rome, from 1840-7. See Correspondence of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC (CA/FM/COR). Manuscript, 2 pp.
A physical description of Fr. Mathew by the Very Rev. M.B. O’Shea, Archdeacon and Pastor of St. Patrick’s Church, Cork, in 1826 taken from John Francis Maguire’s biography of the Apostle of Temperance. Typescript, 1p.

Copy cutting of an article from the *Cork Examiner*, 11 Oct. 1850, relating to the opening of Holy Trinity (Father Mathew Memorial) Church, Charlotte Quay, Cork. Copy cutting, 3 pp.

Extracts from Asenath Nicholson, *Ireland’s Welcome to the Stranger: Or An Excursion Through Ireland, in 1844 & 1845, for the Purpose of Personally Investigating the Condition of the Poor* (1847). The extracts were compiled by Fr. Stanislaus Kavanagh OFM Cap. and refer to Fr. Mathew’s role in famine relief. Manuscript and typescript, 5 pp.


Extracts from D. Owen-Madden, *Revelations of Ireland in the Past Generation* (Dublin: James McGlashan, 21 D’Olier Street, 1848). The extracts were compiled by Fr. Stanislaus Kavanagh OFM Cap. and refer to Fr. Mathew. Manuscript, 1 p.


Copy letter of Fr. Theobald Mathew to J. McHugh re the ‘Washington Branch of the great Temperance Tree that now overshadows nearly the whole earth …’. 28 Mar. 1845. With an annotation by Fr. Nessan Shaw OFM Cap. indicating that the letter was given to him by Fr. Vivan O’Connell OFM Cap. Typescript, 2 pp.

Copy extract from a newspaper referring the generosity of Fr. Mathew during the famine. The extract reads ‘The money which was intended to finish the church [Holy Trinity, Cork] was doled out by him to the famine stricken’. An annotation reads ‘No name of paper, nor date given. Letter to the Editor, headed “The Father Mathew Memorial Church” in a News Gleanings book in the Archives’. [c.1889]. Typescript, 1 p.
extracts date from 1840 and include reviews of the *First Annual Report of the Irish Temperance Union* (25 Feb. 1840) and the *Speech of John Hackney Esq. on Temperance delivered on Dec. 29th, 1837, at the Rotunda* (Dublin 1840). The notebook also contains extracts from the *Limerick Chronicle*, 17-20 Aug. 1842 referring to a speech by Fr. Mathew at Ennistymon in County Clare. The extracts were compiled by Fr. Stanislaus Kavanagh OFM Cap.

**CA/FM/RES/1/12**  
Copy letters to Father Mathew from the Doyle Brothers  
Aug. 1843  
Bound volume  
Photostat Copies  
8 pp  
- Photostats of letters from Henry and Richard Doyle to their father on the occasion of Fr. Mathew’s visit to London in 1843. The letters date to Aug. 1843 and have illustrations showing scenes from Fr. Mathew’s visit. The volume was presented to Fr. Aloysius Travers OFM Cap. to mark the centenary of Fr. Mathew’s death on 6 December 1856.

**CA/FM/RES/1/13**  
Letters to William O’Connor re the Father Mathew Tower  
1846-1847  
Bound volume  
29.5 cm x 24.5 cm  
Manuscript  
22 pp  
- Bound volume of replies sent to William O’Connor in response to his gifts of engravings of the ‘Father Mathew Tower’ in Cork. The engravings were sent to individuals who agreed to act as patrons of the tower. The correspondence runs from 1846-7. The file includes letters from George Howard, Viscount Morpeth, Henry Petty-Fitzmaurice, 3rd Marquess of Lansdowne, Capt. Forbes of the *Jamestown*, Admiral Edward Codrington, Henry Pelham-Clinton, Earl of Lincoln, and Asenath Nicholson, author of *The Bible of Ireland* (1852). A dedication on the title page reads ‘I am with high respect Dear Mr. O’Connor, your grateful and affectionate friend, Theobald Mathew, Cork, 26th November 1846’. Some of the covering envelopes are also pasted into the volume. Conservation Note: The spine-binding is broken and partially detached. Careful manual handling is required.

**CA/FM/RES/1/14**  
Transcribed Documents relating to Father Mathew  
1834-1838  
Copy print  
25 pp  
- Photostat copy a Memorial to Thomas Hamilton, 9th Earl of Haddington, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, from Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC, re ‘a loan, not to exceed £4,000, towards finishing a Catholic place of worship’ in Cork. The memorial is dated 19 Aug. 1834. The copy was obtained from the original in the Chief Secretaries’ Office. The reference number is CSORP/1834/3428. Copy print, 3 pp.
Photostat copy a ‘Memorial of Revd. Theobald Mathew respecting payment of a loan made by the Commission of Public Works for a Chapel at Cork’. The document reads ‘That memorialist expended of his own private resources, in the erection of such building over £4,500, and obtained from benevolent individuals of all persuasions (including the loan of £1,000 hereinafter mentioned about £9,000, all of which was expended on the building which, is in a very advanced state, having been roofed in. The memorial seeks a loan of £4,000 to enable him to complete the building. The memorial is dated 21 Jan. 1840. The copy was obtained from the original in the Chief Secretaries’ Office papers now held in the National Archives of Ireland. The reference number is CSORP/1840/W1044. Copy print, 10 pp.

Copy documents relating to the ‘Father Mathew Annuity Fund’. The documents refer to the work of a committee established to secure a sum of £7,000 ‘to procure a Life-Annuy of £800 for the Rev. Theobald Mathew, in order to enable him to continue, during his mortal life the great Temperance Movement ...’. The file includes lists of subscribers to the fund. 1843-8. Copy print, 12 pp.

CA/FM/RES/1/15 Transcribed Documents relating to Father Mathew 1822-1854
Manuscript, typescript and printed
65 pp

- Copy flier for Portraits of Father Mathew painted by Dr. Lees. It is noted that the ‘drawing will take place on the 1st of September 1845, at Lister’s Temperance Hotel, West End, Leeds’. Copy print, 1 p.
- Copy invitation to a festival organised by the Shamrock Temperance Hall, Blarney Lane, Cork. It is noted that Fr. Mathew, the Apostle of Temperance, will attend. Copy print, 1 p.
- Photocopy from County and City of Cork Post Office General Directory (1844-5). The entry refers to the Capuchin friars in Blackamoor Lane, Cork. They are: Very Rev. Theobald Mathew (Provincial Minister), Cove Street; Rev. Denis McLeod, Rev. G. Brennan, Rev. James Reardon, and Rev. J. O’Connell (Guardians). Copy print, 1 p.
- Photocopy of a letter from Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC to Fr. William Keane, Parish Priest, Midelton, County Cork, referring to the history of St. Joseph’s Cemetery in Cork city. The letter reads ‘The insults offered to Catholic priests who were grossly outraged in Protestant Church Yards, the large fees demanded from the very poorest for the internment of their Relatives, induced me to open my present large and beautiful burial grounds. ... The Cemetery was
blessed by the late Archbishop, the Most Rev. Dr. Laffan, assisted by the late Vicar General, Archdeacon Keeffe at the period of the Month’s Mind of the late admirable Bishop Coppinger ...’. The letter is dated 22 May 1847. A compliments’ slip indicates that the original was held by Fr. Bertie Troy (1930-2007), Parish Priest of Holy Rosary Church, Midleton, County Cork. Copy manuscript, 5 pp.

- A timeline relating to Fr. Mathew’s ministry as Provincial Superior of the Irish Capuchins from 1822-1852. Typescript, 1 p.

- Photocopies of letters from Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC to Mother De Pazzi Leahy, Superior, South Presentation Convent, Douglas Street, Cork, to a Mrs Bernard and to a Mrs Cronin. A covering note on the copies by Fr. Nessan Shaw OFM Cap. states that two of the letters were written by Fr. Mathew whilst he was in New Orleans, Louisiana, and that the originals are held in the Archives of the South Presentation Convent in Cork. The letters date from 24 July 1846-18 Mar. 1851. Copy manuscript, 8 pp.

- Copy extract from a letter from Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC to the editor of the Cork Constitution dated 27 Apr. 1843. The letter reads: ‘I do not arrogate to myself the merit of having originated the Temperance Society, on the contrary I have ever given my predecessors in this Sacred Cause the highest degree of approbation ...’. Typescript, 4 pp.

- Copy photographic print of a letter from Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC to Richard Foley dated 31 May 1854. The prints measure 7 cm x 4.2 cm. Prints, 3 pp.

- Photocopies of documents from the State Paper Collection relating to female emigration to Australia. The documents are notices issued by a committee (among whose 16 members was Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC) offering free passage on a ship to New South Wales, Australia, in May 1836. Copy print, 4 pp.

- Photocopy of a letter from Fr. Theobald Mathew dated 23 July 1845. Fr. Nessan Shaw notes that the original is the possession or Rev. Con O’Donovan CC, Convent Hill, Mitchelstown, County Cork. The letter refers to an ‘inspired sermon’ which was sent to Fr. Mathew and which he intends to circulate to teetotallers. Copy manuscript, 2 pp.


**CA/FM/RES/1/16  Copy Temperance Reports**

28 July 1839-15 June 1840

Copy Manuscript

168 pp

- Photocopies of Temperance Reports held in the State Paper Office (now the National Archives of Ireland). The reports are part of the Official Papers Collection (OP/1840/131/10). Police and magistrates in the southern counties of Ireland submitted detailed reports on the progress of the temperance crusade in their districts at the beginning of 1840 in reply to a circular (12 Mar. 1840) from the Chief Inspector of the Constabulary in Dublin. These replies (the
Temperance Reports) have survived in the original handwriting of the police officers and magistrates. The counties covered in the reports include Waterford, Limerick, Kerry, Tipperary, Wexford, Cork, Clare and Galway. The file also includes a copy of the ‘Rules of Saint Mary’s Temperance and Mortality Society established July 28th, 1839, in Limerick’. The photocopies were acquired by Fr. Nessan Shaw OFM Cap. in March 1982. The file also includes notes (compiled by Fr. Nessan) taken from evidence found in the Temperance Reports particularly in respect of the locations visited by Fr. Mathew and the numbers pledged.

CA/FM/RES/1/17  Musical Scores

c.1850
Printed
36 pp

- The song of the river / A tribute to temperance societies / dedicated by permission to the Very Rev. Theobald Mathew by Haydn Corri (Dublin: Haydn Corri's Musical Academy, 3 Hamilton Row, Merrion Square). 2 copies. One of the copies has a manuscript annotation on the front cover: ‘With the composer’s best regards’.
- The Mathew Quadrilles for the piano forte / composed and respectfully dedicated to the Very Reverend Theobald Mathew / the bright morning star of temperance / by Henry Devlin (London: T.C. Bates, 6 Ludgate Hill).
2. History of the Temperance Reformation by James McKenna

Level: Series
Date of Creation: 1838-1846
Scope and Content: James McKenna (d. 1846) played a key role in the founding of the Cork Total Abstinence Society (CTAS) in 1838. He also acted as Fr. Mathew’s principal travelling secretary during the early years of his campaign. McKenna made extensive efforts to publicise the movement through newspaper advertising, the printing of posters, pamphlets and handbills but the most comprehensive expression of his temperance philosophy is preserved in his manuscript history of the movement. McKenna kept his voluminous records of the CTAS’s progress in his History of the Temperance Reformation in Ireland, England and Scotland by James McKenna, Chief Travelling and Confidential Secretary to the Very Reverend Theobald Mathew. This eclectic, meticulously handwritten collection of hundreds of outsized pages of transcribed material was woven together in McKenna’s own strident presentation. The text recorded very many of the activities connected Fr. Mathew’s temperance campaign from 1838 to 1846. McKenna intended to publish his account, as the definitive, triumphal and popular history of what seemed like a permanent social revolution. McKenna’s early death (in Cork in 1846), and the temperance crusade’s rapid retreat, probably combined to prevent the manuscript’s publication. Although of dubious literary merit, McKenna’s manuscript represents an extremely important source for Fr. Mathew’s temperance crusade. The text is preserved in the Irish Capuchin Archives.

Format: Bound volume, manuscript
Extent: 3 files; 1,153 pp

CA/FM/RES/2/1 History of the Temperance Reformation
Bound Volume: 1838-1846
Ref. 239
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‘History of the Temperance Reformation by James McKenna, chief travelling secretary to the Very Rev. Theobald Mathew’. The volume commences with a piece titled ‘National effects produced by temperance in Ireland; general decrease of crime taken from the assizes; returns, statements and testimony of judges; returns from the police officers; general decrease of disease and sick in hospitals and infirmaries …’. Returns from assizes and police officials are given from various parts of the country from 1839-41. The volume includes a large number of testimonials and addresses from various members of the aristocracy, landed gentry, politicians (including Daniel O’Connell), the clergy and other public figures referring to the beneficial effects of Fr. Mathew’s temperance crusade. With copy testimonials and letters from Lord Morpeth, the Marquis of Lansdowne, the Lord Bishop of Norwich and other prominent individuals. The volume also includes articles and reflections on the history and progress of the temperance movement, pledge-taking statistics, and descriptions of Fr. Mathew’s meetings and rallies in cities, towns and villages all over Ireland. ‘A history of the temperance movement and progress in England’ by James McKenna is extant from pp 563-895. Copy testimonials, letters and addresses from England, Scotland, the United States and Canada are transcribed from pp 961-88. A comprehensive index to the volume is included from pp 987-1,005 pp.
Conservation note: The volume is in poor condition. The covers are detached from the text block and the spine binding is exposed. The joints are slightly cracked and there are marks and evidence of occasional worming. Internally, the endpapers are marked and have evidence of past worming with some dust accumulation. Many of the page ends are frayed, torn and desiccated. Very careful manual handling is required.

**CA/FM/RES/2/2**  
Research Notes on James McKenna’s Temperance Reformation  
1838-1846  
Manuscript and typescript  
139 pp

- Notebook with references and extracts by Fr. Stanislaus Kavanagh OFM Cap. to McKenna’s unpublished history of Fr. Mathew’s temperance movement. The notes are arranged under various headings including:
  - His piety
  - His humility
  - His priestly character
  - His mode of life
  - Regarded as a Saint
  - Working cures
  - Results of his work
  - His trials in his temperance work
  - Rules of his society
  - Manuscript, 41 pp.

- Note by Fr. Stanislaus Kavanagh OFM Cap. re the travels of Fr. Mathew and James McKenna, his principal secretary, from May 1844 to Nov. 1845. Manuscript, 1 p.

- Notes from McKenna’s *The History of the temperance reformation in Ireland, England and Scotland*. Typescript, 28 pp.

- Notebook containing an index to and summary of James McKenna’s unpublished ‘History of the temperance reformation in Ireland, England and Scotland’. The notes contain references to speeches of Fr. Mathew on temperance and brief summaries of the content of McKenna’s text. Manuscript, 69 pp.

**CA/FM/RES/2/3**  
Research Notes on James McKenna’s Temperance Reformation  
1838-1846  
Manuscript and typescript  
19 pp

- Notes compiled by Fr. Angelus Healy OFM Cap. on Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC from 1841-5. The notes include transcribed copies of letters from Daniel O’Connell to Fr. Mathew (26 Oct. 1844) and from Fr. Mathew to Mr. Buckingham (20 Oct. 1844). The principal source was probably James McKenna’s ‘History of the temperance reformation in Ireland, England and Scotland’. Manuscript, 16 pp.

- Extract from McKenna’s ‘History of the temperance reformation in Ireland, England and Scotland’ re Fr. Mathew’s temperance campaign in Liverpool and his attitude towards distillers. ‘I have no personal hostility to distillers or brewers or vendors of strong drink’. Typescript, 2 pp.
• Extracts from John Francis Maguire’s *Father Mathew / A Biography* and ‘History of the Temperance Reformation by James McKenna, chief travelling secretary to the Very Rev. Theobald Mathew’ confirming that Fr. Mathew first arrived in Cork in about 1814. The extracts are by Fr. Stanislaus Kavanagh OFM Cap. Typescript, 1 p.

### 3. Commemorations of Father Mathew

**Level:** Series  
**Date of Creation:** 1885-2006

*Scope and Content:* The series contains correspondence, publications, posters, circulars, newspaper cuttings and ephemera relating to various commemorations of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC from the late nineteenth century onwards. The series has been divided into seven sub-series relating to a particular anniversary (centenary or bicentenary) or commemoration of Fr. Mathew and his temperance crusade.

*Format:* Manuscript, typescript, clipping, printed, audio-cassette and VHS tape  
*Extent:* 20 files; 247 pp; audio-cassette; VHS tape

*Note:* See also *Section 7* for newspaper clippings relating to various commemorative and anniversary events celebrating Fr. Mathew and his temperance movement.

#### 3.1. Father Mathew Centenary (1890)

**Level:** Sub-series  
**Date of Creation:** 1885-1893  
**Scope and Content:** The sub-series includes files relating to events (particularly in Dublin and Cork) organised in 1890 to mark the centenary of the birth of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC.

*Format:* Bound volume, manuscript, typescript, clippings and printed  
*Extent:* 8 files; 648 pp

**CA/FM/RES/3/1/1**  
**D.F. Giltinan and the Father Mathew Centenary Committee**  
1885-1893

Manuscript and printed  
44 pp

D.F. Giltinan was honorary secretary of the Father Mathew Centenary Committee and was also secretary to the Lord Mayor of Cork. The file includes:

- Letter from John O’Sullivan, St. Patrick’s Catholic Total Abstinence League, to D.F. Giltinan re his valuable services in the cause of total abstinence in Cork. 30 Nov. 1887.
- Invitation cards to D.F. Giltinan to the National Celebration of the Centenary of Father Mathew in Cork on 9-15 October 1890. Includes invitations to the centennial oration given by Sir John Pope Hennessy (1834-1891) and religious ceremonies in Holy Trinity Church in Cork. Printed and manuscript, 5 pp.
- Letter from Fr. Paul Neary OSFC to D.F. Giltinan re a gift of a small case of relics as a mark of gratitude for his services in connection with the Fr. Mathew centenary celebrations. 6 Oct. 1891.
- Notes for a speech given by D.F. Giltinan at a meeting of the Father Mathew Centenary Committee.
Notice to D.F. Giltinan from Fr. Paul Neary OSFC re the final meeting of the Father Mathew Centenary Committee on 18 Oct. 1891.


The file also includes a cover letter from Nora Giltinan referring to an enclosed poem written by her deceased brother ‘which may be of use for the columns of the “Father Mathew Record”’. 17 July 1931.

CA/FM/RES/3/1/2  Flier re the Dublin Celebrations of the Father Mathew Centenary
Oct. 1890
Printed
1 p.

- Flier giving a schedule of various events associated with the Father Mathew Centenary in Dublin in October 1890. The flier refers to the ceremony (19 Oct. 1890) for the laying of the top-stone of the pedestal upon which the Father Mathew Statue on Sackville Street will be erected. Other events include a grand concert and public meetings in the Rotunda, Dublin. Printed by the Freeman’s Journal, Ltd., Dublin.

CA/FM/RES/3/1/3  Documents relating to the Father Mathew Centenary
1889-1890
Manuscript, typescript and printed
18 pp

- Copy letter from Daniel Horgan, Lord Mayor of Cork, to Fr. Louis of Urbino OSFC re the work of the Father Mathew Centenary Committee. 16 Oct. 1890. Manuscript, 3 pp.
- Extracts from The Munster Journal (1890) referring to planning for the celebration of the Father Mathew Centenary in Cork. Reference is also made to the contract for the completion of the façade of Holy Trinity (Father Mathew) Memorial Church ‘in accordance with the plans prepared by the architect Mr. D.J. Coakley’. It is noted that the contract was obtained by John Sisk, a Cork builder, for the sum of £5,769. The solemn ceremony for the blessing and laying of the corner-stone of the façade of the Church by the Most Rev. Thomas Alphonsus O’Callaghan OP, Bishop of Cork, took place in May 1890. It is also noted that ‘the spire of the Father Mathew Memorial Church, Cork, was completed on the 15[th] November [1890] and surmounted by a cross which had been previously blessed by Very Rev. Father Paul, the superior. The work has been suspended for the present for lack of funds. The sum of about £2,500 is still wanting to complete the Church’. The notes were compiled by Fr. Stanislaus Kavanagh OFM Cap. Manuscript, 4 pp.
- Original memorial to Thomas Sexton MP, Lord Mayor of Dublin, requesting that the ‘centenary of Father Theobald Mathew be

- Public letter from the committee for the Father Mathew Centennial Celebration seeking funds for the completion of Holy Trinity (Father Mathew) Memorial Church in Cork. It reads ‘As the most fitting memorial that we could raise, we have selected to complete the Church which he, himself, commenced, but was forced to abandon owing to the advent of the Great Famine. It will cost us close on £7,000. We have already received about £3,000 chiefly from the citizens of Cork and our exiled countrymen in the United States. We are still about £4,000 short of the required amount’. Printed. 2 pp.

- Extracts from contemporary newspapers reflecting on the centenary celebrations of the birth Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC in Oct. 1890. The file includes extracts from:
  - Catholic Times, 17 Oct. 1890
  - The Weekly Freeman, 18 Oct. 1890
  - Daily Herald, 14 Oct. 1890
  - Cork Constitution, 18 Oct. 1890.
Typescript, 5 pp.

CA/FM/RES/3/1/4 Documents relating to the Father Mathew Centenary 1889-1893
Manuscript, typescript and printed 41 pp

- Flier from the Father Mathew Centenary Committee seeking subscriptions for a fund for the completion of Holy Trinity (Father Mathew) Memorial Church, Cork. The flier includes a list of subscribers and the amounts given to the fund. March 1889. Printed, 1 p.

- Copy programme for a ‘Grand Vocal and Instrumental Concert in aid of the Father Mathew Centenary Celebration’ performed by the Cork Amateur Orchestral Society in the Opera House, Cork, on 9 Oct. 1889. The programme includes a recital of the Centenary Ode by Fr. Michael O’Flynn, CC, Saint Peter and Saint Paul’s Church, Cork. Copy print, 1 p.

- Copy obedience to Br. Masseo Hyland OSFC (d. 18 May 1908) allowing him to travel to the United States with Fr. Mathew O’Connor OSFC to receive subscriptions for the celebrations of the centenary of the Father Theobald Mathew and the completing of the Church of the Most Holy Trinity in Cork …’. The obedience is signed by Fr. Paul Neary OSFC, Provincial Minister, and is dated at Rochestown, 18 Oct. 1889. With a copy of a similar obedience (in Latin) to Fr. Mathew O’Connor OSFC. Manuscript, 3 pp.

- Notes re the Fr. Mathew ephemera and relics used in the Centenary Exhibition in 1890. The exhibited items included: A banner painted by a sister from the South Presentation Convent. A lock of Father Mathew’s hair which was loaned by Frank Driscoll, Garrick Street, Covent Garden, London. It is affirmed that ‘it was
given to a Mr Regan, a devoted follower of Fr. Mathew, a few months before he died’.

A pair of heavy silver spectacles.
Temperance medals and cards including ‘the first medal sold in Cork by Fr. Mathew – sold to Wm. Kelly, and sent in by his daughter, Mrs Daly of Evergreen Street’.

A bible lent by Mrs Donegan, Monkstown. It had been given to Fr. Mathew by Mrs Donegan’s Aunt.
The file also includes notes by Fr. Nessan Shaw OFM Cap. on the wider centenary celebrations of Fr. Mathew’s birth in 1890. Many of the extracts appear to have been taken from the Cork Examiner. Manuscript and typescript, 9 pp.

- Copybook containing extracts from The Standard (14 Oct. 1889) and the Freeman’s Journal (25 Oct. 1889) reporting on a meeting of a committee organising the commemorations of the centenary of the birth of Fr. Mathew. The article in The Standard reads ‘As a rule the inhabitants of the sister island find it anything but easy to discover a common ground on which they may meet each other without fear of dispute. The names of famous Irishmen are usually rather emblems of discord than national rallying cries. According as the great men in Irish history were Protestant or Catholic loyal or disloyal men of the North, or men of the South so did they receive the sympathy or dislike of the various sections of the population. Hardly one of them is capable of uniting even for a moment the sentiment of the whole country ... . The zealous and single-hearted priest whom the Irish race with its love of picturesque phraseology knows as the “Apostle of Temperance” is one of the very few persons whom the whole country agrees to honour. That Father Mathew was a brave and good man, and that he did his best to succour and to raise the peasantry is a fact which is never disputed in Ireland’. Extensive reference is also made to the plan to erect a statue on O’Connell Street commemorating the temperance campaigner. Manuscript, 23 pp.

- The Father Mathew Centenary / by John Francis Maguire / 1890 (Cork: Irish Temperance League, 1890). Printed, 8 pp.

- An article from The Shamrock on the unveiling of the statue of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC on O’Connell Street, Dublin. It reads ‘Father Mathew needs no statue to perpetuate his memory ... but it is only proper that in the Capital of his Nation a grateful people should testify by some public memorial their recognition of his services, and should set his image in their streets as a witness of their gratitude. ... Father Mathew would never have been suspected of being a clergyman from his dress. He wore no clerical coat or hat. He dressed like a gentleman of the time in a frock coat, hessian boots and a tall hat. Yet it was as a Capuchin Friar he did his marvellous work, and it is quite appropriate that in the statue which has been just unveiled in Dublin he should appear in the habit of that order. The statue is a fine work of art. It is by Irish hand, and the sculptor, to whom we offer our congratulations, is Miss Mary Redmond’. The article includes a sketch of the statue and of
CA/FM/RES/3/1/5  Newspaper clippings re Father Mathew Centenary
Oct. 1890
Bound volume
Clippings
33.5 cm x 21.5 cm
64 pp
A volume containing newspaper clippings mainly concerning the commemorations, processions, exhibitions and events connected with the centenary of the birth of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. The file includes cuttings re the completion of Holy Trinity (Father Mathew Memorial) Church in Cork, the Fr. Mathew statues in Cork and Dublin, and printed fliers re the commemorations. Includes:

- Clipping of a photograph of the Very Rev. Antoninus Keane OP.
- Clipping of an engraving of the original design for Holy Trinity Church, Cork.
- The exhibition of Fr. Mathew souvenirs at the Crawford Municipal School of Art in Cork. The collection included portraits, medals, autograph letters, and various artefacts formerly in the possession of Fr. Mathew. The article reads ‘Very prominent among the collection of souvenirs is a curious banner, described as painted by a religious in the South Presentation Convent in 1838, and presented to Fr. Mathew to be borne in the great temperance processions that year’.
- ‘Father Mathew’s House, Cove Street, Cork’.
- ‘The Mathew Statue in Cork’.
- Clipping of a photograph of Fr. Mathew’s grave in St. Joseph’s Cemetery, Cork.
- The Mathew Commemorative Tower, Glanmire, Cork. The article reads ‘It owes its erection to an enthusiastic admirer and personal friend of the Apostle of Temperance, Mr William O’Connor’.
- Clippings of photographs of the Very Rev. Canon Maguire and John Francis Maguire MP.
- Clipping of a photograph of Fr. Mathew O’Connor OSFC, Charlotte Quay, Cork.
- Clipping of a photograph of Canon Sheehan, Saint Peter and Saint Paul’s Church, Cork.
- Flier for the Grand Vocal and Instrumental Concert for the Father Mathew Centenary Celebration at the Opera House, Cork, 9 Oct. 1890.
- Clippings of letters from Denny Lane, Daniel Horgan and other prominent Cork politicians referring to the commemorations.
Minute Book of the Father Mathew Centenary Committee
Oct. 1889-May 1893
Bound volume
Manuscript, clipping and printed
32 cm x 19 cm
123 pp

- Minute book of the Father Mathew Centenary Committee which had the responsibility for financing and erecting the statue of the Apostle of Temperance on Sackville (later O'Connell Street), Dublin. The Centenary Committee was made up of Catholics, Anglicans and other Protestant denominations and notably received the support of the Most Rev. William Plunket, Baron Plunket, the Church of Ireland Archbishop of Dublin: ‘Most thoroughly do I sympathize in any movement for honouring the memory of one to whom the cause of temperance in this land is so largely indebted’. (10 Oct. 1889).


The minute book reveals that from the outset committee members were in support of resolutions which would place the statue in a prominent public place in the city. For instance, Thomas Connolly suggested that a ‘statue should be erected similar to the O’Connell [monument], and that it should be placed at the other end of O’Connell Street so that people might be reminded by the two monuments of the two great men who were in a sense the complement of one another ...’. (Oct. 1889).

- This intent was formalised in a resolution forwarded by the Committee to Dublin Corporation on 1 May 1890 ‘requesting them to grant a site in Upper O’Connell Street, Dublin, for the erection of the Memorial Statue to Father Theobald Mathew’. (1 May 1889).

- The aim of the Centenary Committee was from the beginning to site the statue in the most prominent space available in the city linking the historically concurrent campaigns undertaken by Fr. Mathew (temperance) and O’Connell (emancipation and repeal). It should also be noted that the Corporation was unanimous in granting the O’Connell Street site. (15 May 1890).

- An application was made to the boundary surveyor to obtain ‘the consent of the Corporation for a 16 feet square space on the site known as the “Retreat” in Upper O’Connell Street which has been already allotted to the Committee for the erection of the Father Mathew Centenary Memorial’. (5 June 1890).
The siting of an Fr. Mathew Statue on the main thoroughfare (St. Patrick’s Street) running through Cork city in 1864 influenced the Dublin Committee: Henry Brown reminded the Committee that the ‘citizens of Cork had already placed Father Mathew’s Statue in their city, where he remembered standing on the platform in Patrick’s Street, while the Mayor of Cork, John Francis Maguire MP was unveiling Foley’s exquisite statue’. (Oct. 1889). By October 1892 a total of £1,114 5s 3d had been collected by the Centenary Committee (13 Oct. 1892). The minute book includes subscription lists, accounts and pasted-in newspaper clippings re meetings of the committee and its efforts to raise funds for the memorial.

Funding was sourced from various local temperance societies (both Protestant and Catholic), workingmen’s clubs, national schools and colleges, and public and professional bodies (corporations and the police force). Donations were received from across Ireland and from Irish emigrant communities in America, Canada, Australia and elsewhere.

The resolutions adopted at the official unveiling of the statue on 8 February 1893 reflected the widespread appeal of the Fr. Mathew commemoration and the ‘placing of a statue among the public monuments of the metropolis’:

• ‘That as the Rev. Theobald Mathew loved his countrymen of all creeds and laboured zealously for their moral improvement and temporal prosperity, this great meeting rejoices that this public monument to his memory has been erected to remind our people of what he accomplished in the cause of total abstinence’.

• ‘That the Centenary Statue of the Rev. Theobald Mathew having been erected by subscriptions from men of all parties, and regardless of religious distinctions, it is appropriate that it be now unveiled by the Right Hon. James Shanks as Lord Mayor of the City of Dublin’. (2 Feb. 1893).

Reference is also made in the Centenary Committee minute book to the very novel nature of the award of the commission to a female sculptor. Count Plunkett, a leading member of the Committee, referred to ‘the merit which characterizes the design of Miss Redmond, a young artist who had made her mark, not only in this country but on the continent, in spite of her youth’. (1 May 1890).

Conservation note: The volume is in poor condition. The spine binding has disintegrated and the covers are partially detached. Some pages in the volume are also loose and detached. Careful manual handling is required.

CA/FM/RES/3/1/7 Letter book of the Father Mathew Centenary Committee
9 Nov. 1889-30 Sept. 1891
Bound volume
Manuscript
28 cm x 23 cm
345 pp

• The volume contains approximately 489 copy letters written by members of the Father Mathew Centenary Committee mostly relating to the raising of subscriptions for the Father Mathew Statue
on Sackville (later O’Connell) Street, Dublin. The volume is partially indexed by recipient. Correspondents include the Lord Mayor of Dublin, the editors of the *Freeman’s Journal*, the *Irish Times* and other national newspapers, various local temperance societies and associations, the Irish National Foresters’ Benefit Society, George Noble Plunkett, Mary Redmond (sculptor), John Redmond MP, various trades councils and societies, the Most Rev. William Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin, Alfred Webb MP, and Edward Gibson, 1st Baron Ashbourne. Most of the letters are carbon copies and some are partially illegible.

**CA/FM/RES/3/1/8 Temperance Procession**

1890
Manuscript
3 pp

- A copy report of a temperance procession held in Cork at Easter in 1842. The report provides a list of temperance societies and bands which marched on this occasion. The report may have been transcribed from a newspaper report published during the Father Mathew centenary celebrations in 1890. The report also has a copy of the ‘Centenary Ode’ composed for Fr. Mathew by Eugene Davis which was recited by Fr. Michael O’Flynn, CC, Saint Peter and Saint Paul’s Church, during the commemorations.

### 3.2. Cork International Exhibition (1902)

Level: Sub-series
Date of Creation: 1901-1920
Scope and Content: The sub-series contains files relating to the commemoration of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC at the 1902 International Exhibition held in Fitzgerald Park in Cork city.
Format: Manuscript, typescript and clippings
Extent: 2 files; 42 items; 13 pp

**CA/FM/RES/3/2/1 Father Mathew Pavilion at the Cork International Exhibition**

1901-1903
Manuscript, typescript, newspaper cutting
42 items

File relating to the commemoration of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC at the 1902 Cork International Exhibition. Proposed by Edward Fitzgerald, Lord Mayor of Cork, this exhibition and fair showcased many facets of the industrial revival in Ireland. The exhibition included a pavilion devoted to the life and work of Fr. Mathew. The installation of a Father Mathew Pavilion at the exhibition was primarily the result of work done by Fr. Thomas Dowling OSFC (1874-1951). The Exhibition Pavilion was designed by James F. McMullen, architect. The file includes:

- Letters relating to the loan of exhibits, temperance souvenirs, personal effects, paintings and mementos displayed in the Father Mathew Pavilion at the exhibition. Correspondents include Fr. Thomas Dowling OSFC, Fr. Paul Neary OSFC, Fr. Mathew’s collateral
descendants, J.D. Power, James Nugent, Fr. J. Kane, Parish Priest of Culdaff, Derry, Joshua Baily and William O’Connell.

- **Letter from Denis Downey, Dawson Street, Dublin, to Fr. Thomas Dowling OSFC regarding a painting of Fr. Mathew in his possession.** Downey adds ‘the late Father Columbus [Maher OSFC] of Church Street with Miss Redmond, the artist, called here and sketched the features for the O’Connell Street Statue, and Father Columbus told me he would purchase the picture as soon as he would be free from debt over the building of the Hall in Church Street’. 24 Jan. 1902.

- **Letter from Thomas S. Bowdern, Supreme Council of the Knights of Father Mathew, St. Louis, Missouri, to Fr. Thomas Dowling OSFC thanking him for his kindness in sending ‘souvenirs of the Great Apostle of Temperance’. Bowdern wrote ‘I assure you we appreciate very highly these souvenirs and will hand them down to our successors in the Knights of Father Mathew that in the flight of years they will become even more and more highly prized if such is possible’. Reference is also made to the Knights’ intention to build a statue of Fr. Mathew for the World Fair. ‘As it is the desire to make our statue after the one in Cork I have been asked to write to you to have you inquire whether there is a replica or moulds in existence of the Cork monument’. 24 Feb. 1903.

- **Copybook containing notes on the provenance of many of the items displayed in the Pavilion including temperance certificates and medals, Fr. Mathew’s stole, portrait paintings, Fr. Mathew’s piano and a model of the Capuchin chapel on Blackamoor Lane, Cork.**

- **Caption panels for objects displayed in the exhibition.** Includes descriptions and provenance details for commemorative plates, teapots and other artefacts associated with Fr. Mathew. One of the captions reads: ‘The marble chimney-place at present in Refectory was also left in Father Mathew’s house when he left it, and was presented to Community by Mrs Ryan’.


- **Copy prints showing Fr. Thomas Dowling OSFC outside the Father Mathew Pavilion at the exhibition in 1902.** The other print shows the interior of the Pavilion with various artefacts associated with Fr. Mathew on display.

**Context:** ‘The Father Mathew Pavilion at the Cork exhibition was visited by thousands of people. Among the objects exhibited that once belonged to Fr. Mathew was the old altar from Blackamoor Lance, where the Father’s chapel and poor dwelling were. His vestments were in a case nearby, his little piano, walking-stick, chairs, tables, clock, portraits innumerable; the banner carried in his first temperance procession; temperance medals worn by Father Mathew himself or received from his hand; in fact, hundreds of treasured mementoes of a great and good man’. Source: *The Sacred Heart Review*, Vol. 28, No. 22, 29 Nov. 1902, p. 12. See also Glass Plate Negative Collection: CA-PH-1-69, CA-PH-1-78, CA-PH-1-92 and CA-PH-1-101.
Catalogues of Exhibited Artefacts
1902-1920
Manuscript
13 pp

- Catalogues of objects and souvenirs held in the Father Mathew Museum (‘Hall Room No. 6’). A note appended to the list by Fr. Martin Hyland OSFC, Guardian of Holy Trinity Friary, Cork, is dated 27 Dec. 1920. A later note affirms that these items were apparently returned to the friary on 8 March 1921. The lists include many portraits and pictures, temperance medals and pledge cards, the original design and plans for Holy Trinity Church by E.W. Pugin and George Coppinger Ashlin, letters of Fr. Mathew, a model of the old friary chapel on Blackamoor Lane, a model of Holy Trinity Church, cups, teapots and plates commemorating temperance, missals, Fr. Mathew’s walking sticks, the visitors’ book to the Father Mathew Pavilion at the Cork Exhibition in 1902, Fr. Mathew’s piano and other ephemera. It appears that many of these objects were previously displayed at the Cork Exhibition in 1902.

3.3. Temperance Campaign Centenary (1938)

Level: Sub-series
Date of Creation: 1938
Scope and Content: The sub-series includes files relating to the commemoration in 1938 of the centenary of the temperance movement initiated by Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC.
Format: Manuscript, typescript and printed
Extent: 2 files; 45 pp

- Flier for the centenary celebration of the inauguration of the temperance apostolate of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. 10 Apr. 1938. The flier refers to a solemn mass of thanksgiving celebrated by the Most Rev. Dr. Paschal Robinson OFM, Apostolic Nuncio, and to a centenary meeting at the Mansion House, Dublin, where An Taoiseach, Éamon de Valera, presided. 4 copies. Printed. 1 p.

- Letter from Thomas Powell, President of the Aberdare & District Temperance Council, to the Capuchin friars passing on his congratulations on the occasion of the centenary of the establishment of the temperance movement by Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. 5 Apr. 1938. Manuscript, 1 p.


- Letter from Fr. J. Flinn SJ to Fr. Colman Griffin OFM Cap. regarding a request to have a Capuchin father give an address at the annual general meeting of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the
Sacred Heart in Dublin to mark the centenary of the inauguration of Fr. Mathew’s temperance campaign. 11 Aug. 1938. Manuscript, 2 pp.

- Souvenir programme for the Father Mathew Centenary Celebrations at Thomastown Castle, County Tipperary, on 19 June 1938. Printed, 2 pp. 2 copies.
- Telegram from the Most Rev. Vigilius a Valstagna OFM Cap., Minister General, to Fr. Colman Griffin OFM Cap., Provincial Minister, on the occasion of the centenary of inauguration of the temperance campaign by Fr. Mathew. 7 Apr. 1838. Typescript, 1 p.
- Telegram from Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli to Fr. Colman Griffin OFM Cap., Provincial Minister, conveying an Apostolic Benediction on the occasion of the centenary of inauguration of the temperance campaign by Fr. Mathew. 7 Apr. 1838. Typescript, 1 p.

CA/FM/RES/3/3/2 Centenary Souvenir Album
1938
Printed
35 pp

- Printed photographic album relating to the commemorations of the centenary in 1938 of the inauguration by Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC of his temperance campaign. Includes images of celebrations and services in St. Mary of the Angels, Church Street, Dublin, Holy Trinity Church, Cork, and at Thomastown Castle, County Tipperary. Reprint of a photographic supplement in The Capuchin Annual (1939), pp 177-208. The cover shows a bust of Fr. Mathew by John Hogan ‘Fra. Theobald Mathew, Ord. Cappuccin / J. Hogan fecit, 1834’.

3.4. Father Mathew Centenary (1956)

Level: Sub-series
Date of Creation: 1956
Scope and Content: The sub-series contains files relating to the commemorations organised in 1956 to mark the centenary of the death of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC.
Format: Typescript, clippings and printed
Extent: 1 file; 55 pp

CA/FM/RES/3/4/1 Documents relating to the Father Mathew Centenary
1956
Typescript, clippings and printed
55 pp

- Souvenir programme for centenary celebrations for the death of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. The events took place in City Hall in Cork on 9 Dec. 1956 and included an address by the Most Rev. David Mathew, Titular Bishop of Apamea. Printed, 3 pp. 2 copies.
• Newspaper clippings relating to the centenary of Fr. Mathew’s death. The file includes:
  ‘Cork Centenary Celebrations’.
  Fr. James O’Mahony OFM Cap., ‘The secret of Father Theobald Mathew – Capuchin / What his Franciscianism meant to him’, 
  Evening Echo, 7 Dec. 1956.

3.5. 150th Anniversary of the Temperance Campaign (1988)

Level: Sub-series
Date of Creation: 1988
Scope and Content: The sub-series contains files relating to the commemoration in 1988 of the 150th anniversary of the inauguration of the temperance campaign by Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC.
Format: Manuscript, typescript, clipping and printed
Extent: 1 file; 66 pp

CA/FM/RES/3/5/1 Documents relating to the 150th Anniversary of Temperance Campaign
1988
Manuscript, typescript, clipping and printed
66 pp
  • Inventory of photographs relating to Fr. Mathew loaned by Fr. Nessan Shaw OFM Cap. to the Cork Public Museum in Aug. 1988. Includes images of Fr. Mathew’s grave, the statue on St. Patrick’s Street, Cork, Fr. Mathew’s house on Cove Street, and Blackamoor lane, the site of a former Capuchin Chapel. Manuscript and typescript, 8 pp.
3.6. Father Mathew Bicentenary (1990)

Level: Sub-series
Date of Creation: 1990-1991
Scope and Content: The sub-series contains files relating to the organisation of events in 1990 to mark the bicentenary of the birth of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC.
Format: Printed, clipping, audio cassette, and VHS tape
Extent: 4 files; 40 items; 40 pp; audio cassette; VHS tape

CA/FM/RES/3/6/1 Documents relating to the bicentenary of Father Mathew’s birth
1990
Printed, clipping and audio-cassette
4 pp + audio tape

- Copy promotional poster for the ‘Father Mathew Schools’ Song Contest’ to mark the bicentenary of the birth of the temperance campaigner in 1990. 3 copies. With cassette tape recording of the winning entry in the temperance song competition which was organised by Fr. Benedict Cullen OFM Cap.

• Cutting of an article titled ‘Father Mathew / the Apostle of Temperance’, *Irish Catholic*, 19 Apr. 1990. The article includes an image of the Fr. Mathew statue in Cobh, County Cork.

• Cutting of article titled ‘Fr. Mathew’s house should be “a national monument”’, *Cork Examiner*, 11 May 1990. The article refers to a campaign to place the ruins of Thomastown Castle, County Tipperary, on a register of national monuments.

**CA/FM/RES/3/6/2 Documents relating to the bicentenary of Father Mathew’s birth 1990-1991**

Printed, clipping, audio cassettes, and VHS tapes

40 items

• Fliers, invitations, correspondence, press cuttings and notices connected with events to celebrate the bicentenary of Fr. Mathew’s birth in October 1990. The file includes:
  Notices for masses celebrated in Holy Trinity Church, Cork, on 8-9 Oct. 1990. The principal celebrant was Fr. Simeon Breen OFM Cap. An invitation card to a concelebrated mass marking the anniversary in St. Mary of the Angels, Church Street, Dublin, on 8 Dec. 1990. The principal celebrant was Bishop Desmond Williams with a sermon by Fr. Robert Noonan OFM Cap. The text of Fr. Noonan’s sermon is included in the file.
  An invitation card and flier to a seminar on ‘Underage Drinking – Our Concern’ in Father Mathew Hall, Cork. The seminar was opened by the Most Rev. John Buckley, Auxiliary Bishop of Cork and Ross. Fr. Michael Cleary was the principal speaker.
  Notes from meetings of a Capuchin committee established to organise events for the bicentenary celebration including the ‘Father Mathew Bicentenary Song Contest’ held in Father Mathew Hall, Cork, on 23 January 1991.
  Tape cassettes with audio recordings of various entries for the ‘Father Mathew Bicentenary Song Contest’ held in Cork in January 1991.
  VHS cassette tape with recordings of items on *News at One* and on *Jo-Maxi* (RTÉ) relating to the bicentenary commemorations. Fr. Benedict Cullen OFM Cap. appears in the recordings.
  Cutting of an article by Fr. Nessan Shaw OFM Cap. marking the anniversary titled ‘Father Mathew /a man for all seasons’, *Cork Examiner*, 10 Oct. 1990.

CA/FM/RES/3/6/3  Scrapbook
1990
Clipping, printed and typescript
40 pp
- A scrapbook compiled by Fr. Nessan Shaw OFM Cap. containing
  fliers, newspaper cuttings and ephemera associated with the
  commemorations of the bi-centenary of the birth Fr. Mathew. The
  file includes correspondence and fliers for student competitions,
  symposiums and publications for the bicentenary. The volume
  includes:
  Letter from Fr. Angelus O’Neill OFM Cap., Provincial Minister, re the
  work of the Capuchin commission set to co-ordinate events for the
  Newspaper cutting referring to the cleaning of the Father Mathew
  Statue on St. Patrick’s Street, Cork, in anticipation of the
  commemorations.
  Fliers re events to combat under-age drinking in Cork.
  Cuttings re the sale of the Father Mathew Tower, Glanmire, County
  Cuttings referring to the launch of a video on Fr. Mathew titled
  ‘Here goes, in the name of God’ commissioned by the Capuchin
  friars. The video was scripted and produced by Fr. Liam O’Driscoll
  on behalf of Icon Communications Ltd.
  A typescript copy of ‘Oblivion’ by Ultan McDonnell, the winning
  entry in the temperance schools’ song competition held in Father
  Mathew Hall, Cork.

CA/FM/RES/3/6/4  Here goes, in the name of God!
1990
VHS tape
8 copies
- VHS tapes containing recordings of a documentary (titled ‘Here
  goes, in the name of God!’) on the life and temperance campaign of
  Fr. Mathew produced by Icon Communications Ltd. for the
  bicentenary of his birth. The documentary ‘traces the story of Fr.
  Mathew and his crusade from 1838 until his death in 1856, and
  examines some of the works of the Capuchin friars today, as they
  follow in the footsteps of their single-minded and dedicated
  predecessor’.
3.7. 150th Anniversary of Father Mathew’s Death (2006)

Level: Sub-series
Date of Creation: 2006
Scope and Content: The sub-series contains files relating to the commemoration in 2006 of the 150th anniversary of the death of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC.
Format: Printed, typescript and clippings
Extent: 3 files; 28 items; 74 pp

CA/FM/RES/3/7/1 Documents relating to the 150th Anniversary of Father Mathew’s death
2006-2007
Printed and clippings
54 pp

- Newspaper cutting of an article by Louise O’Flynn titled ‘Relatives gather to honour Fr. Mathew’, Evening Echo, 9 June 2006. Refers to a Mass in Holy Trinity Church to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the death of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. Some of the collateral descendants of Fr. Mathew attended the Mass. The chief celebrant was Fr. Dermot Lynch OFM Cap., Guardian.
- Promotional poster for ‘Father Mathew / Capuchin Friar 1790-1856 / the apostle of temperance’. Displayed at The Oratory, Blanchardstown, Dublin, in 2006. 2 Copies.

CA/FM/RES/3/7/2 Cork Temperance Weekend
2006
Printed and typescript
28 items

- File of fliers, programmes, posters and promotional ephemera associated with the Cork Temperance Weekend, Oct. 2006. The event was organised to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Fr. Mathew’s death. Includes a copy of Pioneer, Vol. LVII, No. 9 (Oct. 2006) promoting the event. With texts of homilies and speeches by
Fr. Dermot Lynch OFM Cap. and Fr. Brendan O’Mahony OFM Cap. at a conference held in Cork on 8 Oct. 2006. The file also includes a flier for a conference titled ‘Fr. Mathew / A balanced lifestyle for contemporary Ireland’ held in Croke Park, Dublin, on 30 Sept. 2006.

CA/FM/RES/3/7/3 Programme for Father Mathew Commemoration at The Brompton Oratory
2006
Printed
20 pp

• Programme for an event at The Brompton Oratory, London, to mark the 150th anniversary of Fr. Mathew’s death. The programme provides an illustrated history of the life of Fr. Mathew and the subsequent commemorations of his temperance campaign. The programme includes photographic prints of:
  The Father Mathew Tower, Cork.
  The Father Mathew Statue by John Foley, erected on 10 Oct. 1864.
  The Father Mathew statue, Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, erected in 1876.
  The Father Mathew Statue by Mary Redmond, O’Connell Street, Dublin, unveiled in 1893.
  The chalice presented by Lady Elizabeth Mathew to Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC, her kinsman, now held in Holy Trinity Church, Cork.
  Charles Lysaght, barrister and collateral descendant of Fr. Mathew, in St. Joseph’s Cemetery in Cork.

4 copies.
4. Research on Father Mathew and the Temperance Campaign

Level: Series
Date of Creation:
Scope and Content: The series contains a large collection of historical research notes, correspondence and transcripts relating to the life and temperance campaign of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. The series has been divided into seven sub-series and includes compilations of research notes created by Fr. Stanislaus Kavanagh OFM Cap. (1876-1965), Fr. Angelus Healy OFM Cap. (1875-1953), and Fr. Nessan Shaw OFM Cap. (1915-1997), Capuchin friars who undertook extensive research into Fr. Mathew’s life and ministry. Note that (in most instances) the date element refers to the original date of creation of the document or the time-period to which the research pertains
Format: Manuscript, typescript, clipping and printed
Extent: 44 files; 3,477 pp

4.1. General Research

Level: Sub-series
Date of Creation: c.1790-1906
Scope and Content: The sub-series includes research chronicling the life and temperance crusade of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. Much of the research focuses on narratives of Fr. Mathew’s campaign.
Format: Bound volume, manuscript, typescript, clipping and printed
Extent: 6 files; 444 pp

CA/FM/RES/4/1/1 Research relating to Father Mathew
c.1823-1846
Manuscript, typescript and printed
120 pp
- Notes by Séamus Ó Casaide (dated 26 June 1930) referring to extracts from the Spirit of the Freeholder (Cork), 1823-3. The extracts refer to the Society of St. Joseph connected with Fr. Mathew and the South Friary and to the possible donation of an altar for Fr. Mathew’s new church (Holy Trinity) in Cork. One of the extracts reads: ‘The new shop opened by Father Mathew at the “Botany” Garden’s, as they are called, is doing a world of all business. So beloved is this Holy Friar, it would seem as if people die purposely to encrase [sic] his custom – not an hour in the day but you’ll see a corpse walking to its long lane. Freeholder, 19th March 1831’. Manuscript, 4 pp.
- An essay by Clodagh Murphy, St. Leo’s Convent of Mercy, Carlow, on the life of Fr. Theobald Mathew. Manuscript, 5 pp.
- Note re the register of ascribed members of the Institute of Charity (Rosminians) which notes the enrolment of Fr. Mathew on 27 June 1846. Manuscript, 1 p.

• Letter from Henry Smyth to a Mr Kelly referring to the potential to publish a memoir of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. Smyth affirms that it first appeared in the *Church of Ireland Gazette*. 27 Sept. 1909. Manuscript, 3 pp.

• Letter to Fr. Aloysius Travers OFM Cap. claiming that Fr. Mathew held his first instruction on Drinan Street ‘opposite his own house’ in Cork. The letter is undated and unsigned. Manuscript, 4 pp.

**CA/FM/RES/4/1/2  Research relating to Father Mathew  c.1832-1845**

Manuscript and typescript 22 pp

• Letter from Patrick Forrestal to Fr. Aloysius Travers OFM Cap. giving his father’s recollections of Fr. Mathew. He writes ‘My father was born in 1832 in the Parish of Ramsgrange, Wexford. ... He took the pledge from Father Mathew and kept it about 16 years. ... It was very remarkable the multitude that gathered around him, the platform was enormous, something like ten thousand. He [Fr. Mathew] walked off the platform to where my father stood and told him you are very young may God bless you and placed his two hands around his head ...’. [c.1902]. Manuscript, 6 pp.

• Copy article from the *Cork Examiner* on Fr. Mathew’s birthplace. 27 Oct. 1931. Typescript, 1 p.

• Note by Fr. Francis Hayes OFM Cap. re two contemporary engravings of Fr. Mathew in the possession of Charlie McCarthy. Fr. Francis notes that they were engraved and designed by John Brown, Patrick Street, Cork, heraldic artist for Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC, 1845. Typescript, 1 p.

• Note on the inscription on the Daniel O’Connell memorial window in Holy Trinity (Father Mathew Memorial) Church in Cork. It reads: ‘Sacred in gratitude and affection to the memory of Daniel O’Connell, liberator of his fellow Catholics from the inflictions of the Penal Code and assertion of equal rights of all communities to civil and religious freedom, RIP’. Manuscript, 1 p.

• Cuttings referring to the visit of Fr. Mathew to Kilkenny where he had ‘17,000 adherents to the total abstinence principles’ and a similar visit to Limerick. *Morning Register*, 23 Jan. 1840; *Saunders’s News-Letter*, 23 Mar. 1840. Pasted onto card, 2 pp.

• Copy excerpts from the *Quarterly Review*, December 1840-Mar. 1841, referring (negatively) to the relationship between the Fr. Mathew’s temperance movement and ‘Romanism in Ireland’. Typescript, 1 p.

• Notes by Fr. Paul Neary OSFC re Fr. Mathew taken from *The Nation*. Manuscript, 10 pp.

• Extracts relating to Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC in the *Life of Catherine MacAuley*. Typescript, 1 p.

• Extracts from Tuckey’s *Cork Remembrances* (Cork, 1838), John D’Alton, *History of the County of Dublin* (Dublin, 1838), *The Irish Magazine*, and *Dublin University Magazine* re the Capuchins in Cork and Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. One of the extract reads ‘10 Oct. 1810: The corporation determined to improve this city, by pulling down the houses on the right of Blackamoor Lane, and continuing Sullivan’s Quay to the South Bridge’. Manuscript, 8 pp.

• Extract from An Irishman’s diary by Quidnunc in the *Irish Times*, 9 Aug. 1943, referring to visit to London by Fr. Mathew in Aug. 1843. ‘Led off by prayer and a speech, the temperance pioneer received pledges from 3,000 abstainers during one day, of which number about one-half were Irish’. Typescript, 1 p.

CA/FM/RES/4/1/3  Research relating to Father Mathew  
c.1813-1847  
Manuscript, typescript and printed  
151 pp

• Note re the ordination of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. It affirms that he received minor orders on 12 March 1813 and was appointed a deacon on 3 April 1813. He was ordained to the priesthood on 17 April in Townsend Street Church, Dublin. Fr. Angelus notes that this information was extracted from the archives in Archbishop’s House in Dublin. Manuscript and typescript, 4 pp.

• Copybook containing notes on temperance subjects possibly compiled by Fr. Paul Neary OSFC (1857-1939). Includes extracts from *Battersby’s Catholic Directory* (1847-9) and notes for a talk on the life and temperance mission of Fr. Mathew. Reference is also made to notes for lantern slides used to illustrate the talk. The images include Thomastown Castle (Fr. Mathew’s birthplace), the old Capuchin friary on Blackamoor Lane, Cork, views of Holy Trinity Church, temperance medals, the Father Mathew Statue on St. Patrick’s Street, Cork, portraits and engravings. See also digitised glass plate collection where some of these lantern slides are extant. Manuscript, 45 pp.  
Conservation note: The copybook is in poor condition and is lacking an end cover. Some of the pages are loose and are frayed at edges. Careful manual handling is required.

• List of lantern slides used to illustrate a talk on Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC in 1904. Each slide has an accompanying note and explanatory comment. The final page has a transcription of a letter from Fr. Mathew to John O’Connell, eldest son of Daniel O’Connell, offering his condolences on the death of his father (4 June 1847). See also digitised glass plate collection where some of these lantern slides are extant. Manuscript and typescript, 10 pp.


• Clipping an article by Rev. Joseph Corr C.Ss.R. titled ‘Athenry Abbey and Esker Monastery’ published in *The Redemptorist Record* in
March 1939. The article refers to Fr. Mathew preaching at the consecration of the new church at Esker in 1844. Printed, 2 pp.

- Extracts from John Francis Maguire’s *Father Mathew / A Biography*. Manuscript, 10 pp.
- Notes re contemporary printed sources relating to Fr. Mathew and his temperance campaign. Includes reference to newspapers, manuals, biographies and pamphlets. Manuscript, 2 pp.
- Letter from Andrew McIntyre, The Diamond, Lifford, County Donegal, to Fr. David Kelleher OFM Cap. referring to a visit by Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC to County Donegal on 15 June 1841. He wrote ‘The Medal Hill in 1841 was not planted. It was bare and rounded on all sides, so that Father Mathew was able to stand at the top with the people around him on all sides. Of course, the great majority of these people were Catholics, but there were many Protestants. I knew one, Alick Moffatt, of Ballymore, who was there that day, and took the Pledge, and kept it for several years. He often talked of the great day. My grandfather, James Collins, took the pledge on that day and kept it until his death on 19th January 1893’. 22 Feb. 1955. Typescript, 2 pp.
- Booklet for a Mass Celebration on Medal Hill (formerly Doe Chapel) near Creeslough in County Donegal to mark Fr. Mathew’s temperance gathering at the same location on 15 June 1841. The commemorative mass was held on 21 August 1988. With (colour) photograph prints of the unveiling of a commemorative plaque at the location and newspaper cuttings from the *Donegal People’s Press*, 26 August 1988 of photographs from the open-air mass. 9 items.

CA/FM/RES/4/1/4 Memoir of Canon James Casey c.1906
Bound volume; Manuscript 42 pp

- Autobiographical memoir of Canon James Casey (1824-1909). At pp 21-6 reference is made to Casey having taken the pledge from Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC on 22 Sept. 1840. He writes ‘I remember well the crowds and the crushing. ... The people were got to kneel down in rows while enthusiastic priests rode among the vast multitude to keep order. The great and special graces showered down that day will never be known till the day of judgement’.

**Contextual note:** James Casey was born in Riverstown, County Sligo, on 26 September 1824. In August 1857, he was ordained a priest by the Most Rev. Laurence Gillooly, Bishop of Elphin. He was principal of St. John’s Seminary in Sligo from 1860-73. In 1873, he was appointed Parish Priest of Athleague in County Roscommon. He was a prolific writer in prose and verse and was an Irish language enthusiast. He published several collections on the subjects of temperance and later Home Rule. His first notable metrical composition, *Tyndall on Materialism; a philosophical poem*, was published in 1875. Between 1880 and 1889 he published
several collections of verse. These included *Home Rule Rhymes*, *Temperance Poems* and *Temperance Songs and Lyrics*. One of his most popular shorter pieces was *The Gaelic Revival*, which he published in 1903. He died in February 1909. See also CA/FM/RES/8/16.

CA/FM/RES/4/1/5  Research relating to Father Mathew  
c.1836-1890  
Manuscript, typescript and clipping  
57 pp

- An article by D. Holland titled ‘Father Mathew / The Great Temperance Apostle described by an able writer who knew him intimately’. The preface states that article appeared in the *Irish Catholic*, 19 Aug. 1905. Typescript, 10 pp.
- A copy article by Justin McCarthy (1830-1912), the historian and politician, on Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. The article appeared in the *Catholic Times*, 17 Oct. 1890. Typescript, 2 pp.
- Copy speech of J.F. Maguire MP, Lord Mayor, at the unveiling of the Statue of Father Mathew on St. Patrick’s Street, Cork, on 10 Oct. 1864. The speech is taken from the *Cork Examiner*, 10 Oct. 1864. Typescript, 4 pp.
- Cutting of an article titled ‘Monument to the Memory of Father Mathew / Grand Moral Demonstration – Father Conaty’s Oration’. The article refers to the erection of a statue of Fr. Mathew in Salem, Massachusetts. The article includes an engraving of the statue. Printed, 7 pp.

**Contextual note**: The Salem chapter of the Father Mathew Catholic Total Abstinence Society was organized in 1875 and purchased its headquarters, the Tucker estate, in 1896. A statue of Father Mathew was erected in 1887 in Salem in his honor. In 1916, the statue was moved from Central and Charter Street to its present location, the corner of Derby and Hawthorne Boulevard (also known as Bertram Park).

- Notes re the appointment of Provincial Ministers, Definitors, and Guardians of Irish Capuchins houses from 1836-57. The notes include numerous references to the appointment of Fr. Mathew as superior. In 1849 it was noted that Fr. Mathew was departing for the United States and appointed Fr. Francis Murphy OSFC as Vicar Provincial. In 1854, Fr. Mathew made an assignment of the Church of the Most Holy Trinity, Cork, to Fr. Louis Reardon OSFC, Fr. Vincent McLeod OSFC and Fr. Bonaventure Buckley OSFC. Typescript, 4 pp.
- Copy inventory of items loaned to the Cork Public Museum, Fitzgerald Park, Cork, by the Capuchins for purposes of an exhibition on the life of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. The items included Fr.
Mathew’s missal, a tea pot, dinner plate and a cup decorated with temperance symbols, a trumpet used in Fr. Mathew’s band, temperance medals and pledge certificates, a cross made from a portion of Fr. Mathew’s confessional, and portions of wood from Fr. Mathew’s piano. 22 Feb. 1945. Typescript, 3 pp.


**CA/FM/RES/4/1/6**  
Research relating to Father Mathew  
1790-1856  
Typescript and printed  
52 pp

- Photocopy of an article by Fr. Fintan Roche OFM Cap., ‘Father Theobald Mathew (1790-1856)’, *Bonaventura* (Winter 1940-41), pp 121-9.
- An article on Fr. Theobald Mathew transcribed from *The Father Mathew Record*. Typescript, 4 pp.

### 4.2. Research by Fr. Stanislaus Kavanagh OFM Cap. (1876-1965)

**Level:** Sub-series  
**Date of Creation:** c.1819-1938  
**Scope and Content:** The sub-series contains research notes, correspondence and publications on Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC compiled by Fr. Stanislaus Kavanagh OFM Cap. (1876-1965). Fr. Stanislaus served as Provincial Archivist for the Order in Ireland from 1919 to 1958. During this time, he worked assiduously to collect and record any events connected with the history of the Capuchins in Ireland. In the course of this research he assembled a good deal of material relating to Fr. Mathew and his championing of the temperance cause.  
**Format:** Bound volume, manuscript, typescript and clipping  
**Extent:** 5 files; 31 items; 205 pp

**CA/FM/RES/4/2/1**  
Research relating to Father Mathew  
c.1834-1864  
Manuscript and typescript  
94 pp

- Notebook with extracts by Fr. Stanislaus Kavanagh OFM Cap. from John Francis Maguire’s *Father Mathew / A Biography*. The notebook also contains a transcript of letter from Fr. Mathew to Mary Shackleton dated at Cork, 4 Aug. 1841. With extracts from the *Cork Examiner*, 21 Apr. 1848, the *Southern Reporter*, 14 Oct. 1848 and the *Cork Examiner*, 10 Oct. 1864. The latter newspaper extract
refers to the unveiling of the Father Mathew Statue in Cork and the speech of John Francis Maguire. [c.1910]. Manuscript, 30 pp.

- Clipping from The Standard, 12 October 1929, referring to a bust of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC in Father Mathew Hall, Dublin. The bust has the following inscription:
The article explains that the bust was presented by Fr. Francis Mahony to Cardinal Micara, Minister General of the Capuchin Franciscan Order, who was an admirer of the Apostle of Temperance. ... It has been ever since preserved in the Convent of the Immaculate Conception, known as the Barberini Convent. ... Some months ago, the Father Provincial of the Roman Province very gracefully and generously donated to his confreres this memorial of the illustrious Capuchin Friar’.
With a letter to Fr. Stanislaus Kavanagh OFM Cap. re the sending of this bust of Fr. Mathew from Rome as a gift of Fr. Ottavio d’Alatri OFM Cap., Provincial Minister of the Capuchin Roman Province. 7 Mar. 1929. Typescript, 1 p.

- Copy letters from Fr. Stanislaus Kavanagh OFM Cap. to the Rev. Mother, Sisters of Mercy, Cobh, County Cork, seeking information on cures associated with Fr. Theobald Mathew, County Cork, and a Mr. J.R. O’Flanagan who was acquainted with the Apostle of Temperance. 26 May 1930-2 June 1930. Typescript, 2 pp.

- Notes by Fr. Stanislaus Kavanagh OFM Cap. on the American tour of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. The sources include John Francis Maguire, Fr. Mathew’s biographer, Thomas Crosbie, proprietor of the Cork Examiner at the inaugural meeting of the Committee for the Centennial Celebrations in 1889, and Denny Lane, a Cork-born poet and contemporary of Fr. Mathew. [c.1930]. Manuscript and typescript, 10 pp.

- Copybook containing notes relating to the Irish Capuchins, Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC and his temperance campaign taken from Battersby’s Catholic Directory, 1846-7. The notes were transcribed by Fr. Stanislaus Kavanagh OFM Cap. Manuscript, 51 pp.

Letters from Grand-Nephews of Father Mathew
19 Oct. 1904-6 Oct. 1938
Manuscript, typescript and clipping
31 items

- Letters to Fr. Stanislaus Kavanagh OFM Cap. from grand-nephews of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. The file includes letters from Fr. David Mathew, Theobald Mathew KC, and Fr. Gervase Mathew OP. The letters refer to the genealogy and family history of Fr. Theobald, to temperance souvenirs and mementos of his held in Holy Trinity Church, Cork, to draft letters composed by Fr. Theobald, to a portrait photograph of Fr. Theobald taken in c.1850, and invitations to various Father Mathew Centenary celebrations in Dublin. A letter of David Mathew (22 Jan. 1929) refers to the donation of Fr. Theobald’s chalice, paten and cruets to Holy Trinity Church. They were donated by Theobald Mathew Esq., KC, Recorder of Margate. In another letter (24 Feb. 1929), Fr. Stanislaus wrote ‘We have no
letters written by any relative of Father Mathew to him or about him. We have in our Archives five letters written by him to members of the Order; nine that he wrote to his brother Charles, and his will of Nov. 21, 1849. We have several letters besides signed “Theobald Mathew”, but they were written by his secretary in his name, and are not in his handwriting’. A letter from Theobald Mathew refers to vestments belonging to the Apostle of Temperance in his possession (5 July 1936). The file also includes cuttings with a photographic print of the aforementioned chalice and paten belonging to Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC which were donated to Holy Trinity Church. *Cork Examiner*, 16 Oct. 1928; *Father Mathew Record*, Dec. 1928.

CA/FM/RES/4/2/3  Research relating to Father Mathew
c.1840-1846
Manuscript and typescript
15 pp
- Letter from James A. Clark, St. John’s Seminary, Brighton, Massachusetts, to Fr. Stanislaus Kavanagh OFM Cap., requesting information on sources pertaining to Fr. Mathew’s temperance campaign in the United States. With a copy reply from Fr. Stanislaus giving an outline of the relevant sources extant in the Irish Capuchin Archives in Dublin. Fr. Stanislaus refers to James McKenna’s *History of the temperance reformation in Ireland, England and Scotland* ‘in which he recorded Fr. Mathew’s activities from 1838 to 1844. He died in Cork in 1846. This MS volume is at present in our Archives here in Dublin’. 19 Apr. 1953-17 June 1953. Typescript, 3 pp.
- Notes taken from *The American Tour of Fr. Mathew* by James A. Clark. The extracts were compiled by Fr. Stanislaus Kavanagh OFM Cap. Manuscript, 1 p.
- Letters from Diarmuid O’Donovan, Crawford School of Art, to Fr. Stanislaus Kavanagh OFM Cap. re busts of Fr. Mathew executed by the sculptor, John Hogan. O’Donovan writes ‘Are your busts both marble? It has been suggested to me that one of yours is a plaster cast’. He also enquires whether the two low-relief masks in stone on either side of the west door of Holy Trinity Church are Hogan’s work. 11 Sept. 1954-16 Nov. 1954. Manuscript and typescript, 3 pp.
- List of errata in *Father Theobald Mathew: Apostle of Temperance* by Rev. Patrick Rogers (1945). The list was compiled by Fr. Stanislaus Kavanagh OFM Cap. Manuscript, 1 p.
- Note by Fr. Stanislaus Kavanagh OFM Cap. re a lady named Mrs White from Commons’ Road in Cork who was a frequent visitor to Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. Reference is also given to an entry in a Cork Directory for 1844 which notes that Fr. Denis McLeod OSFC was resident in 41 Cove Street, Fr. George Brennan OSC in 42 Cove Street, Fr. Mathew at 7 Cove Street and Fr. J.P. O’Connell OSFC at 3 Blackamoor Lane. Manuscript, 1 p.
CA/FM/RES/4/2/4  Memoir of Father Mathew
March 1929
Typescript
Bound volume
25.5 cm x 20 cm
78 pp
- An unpublished ‘Memoir of Father Theobald Mathew OSFC / The Apostle of Temperance’ compiled by Fr. Stanislaus Kavanagh OFM Cap. The title page gives a date of 17 March 1929 at the Capuchin Friary, Church Street, Dublin. A list of mainly published sources is given for the text. The memoir is comprised of two parts. Part I: Testimonies and Part II: Father Mathew before 1838.
Conservation note: There is some minor water damage to the front cover of one the copies. Careful manual handling is required.
Note: 2 copies.

CA/FM/RES/4/2/5  Research relating to Father Mathew
c.1819-1856
Manuscript
20 pp
- Note by Fr. Stanislaus Kavanagh OFM Cap. on the founding in 1819 by Fr. Mathew of ‘an association which was the precursor of the St. Vincent de Paul Society’. The Josephian Society ‘was a body of young men who taught catechism and instructed poor children to read and write’. Manuscript, 1 p.
- Notebook containing entries relating to Fr. Mathew’s temperance crusade extracted from Battersby’s Catholic Directory, 1840-7. The entries were compiled by Fr. Stanislaus Kavanagh OFM Cap. Manuscript, 10 pp.
- Letter from Sr. Mary Aquin, Convent of Mercy, Cobh, County Cork, to Fr. Stanislaus Kavanagh OFM Cap. re ‘a tradition in the Convent that one Sister saw him [Fr. Mathew] frequently in his last illness and were edified by his holy dispositions’. 4 June 1930. Manuscript, 2 pp.
- Letter from Fr. Bonaventure Murphy OFM Cap. to Fr. Stanislaus Kavanagh OFM Cap. confirming that the Christian Brothers ‘have a quite a lot of matter re Fr. Mathew in their records’. Fr. Bonaventure also refers to his efforts to locate unbound and missing editions of the Father Mathew Record. 9 Feb. 1939. Manuscript, 2 pp.
- Note by Fr. Stanislaus Kavanagh OFM Cap. re the numbers who took the Total Abstinence Pledge from 1839-52. The figure for 1839 is given as 63,387. The figure for 1852 is 6,486,851. Manuscript, 1 p.
4.3. Research by Fr. Angelus Healy OFM Cap. (1875-1953)

Level: Sub-series
Date of Creation: c.1840-1873
Scope and Content: The sub-series contains research notes, correspondence and publications on Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC compiled by Fr. Angelus Healy OFM Cap. (1875-1953). Fr. Angelus was considered an authority on the history of the Irish Capuchins. The section includes transcripts, correspondence, published articles and research notes pertaining to Fr. Mathew and his temperance campaign.
Format: Manuscript, typescript, printed and photographic print
Extent: 5 files; 348 pp

CA/FM/RES/4/3/1 Research relating to Father Mathew
c.1840-1856
Manuscript, printed and photographic print
97 pp + 4 photographic prints
- Flier referring to a public request of Fr. Angelus Healy OFM Cap. for medals, pictures, letters, certificates and other memorabilia associated with Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. c.1938. Printed. 1 p.
- Letter to Fr. Angelus Healy OFM Cap. from Edward Vincent O’Connor re the visit of Fr. Mathew to Coleraine to administer the pledge in about 1842. 19 Nov. 1915. Manuscript, 2 pp.
- Letters to Fr. Angelus Healy OFM Cap. from M. Bradley, 32 Lawrence Street, Drogheda, County Louth, re engravings and mementos of Fr. Mathew in his possession. He refers to ‘a small steel engraving of the bust of Fr. Mathew’ and encloses a rough sketch of the same. 20 Oct. 1915-30 Nov. 1915. Manuscript, 4 pp.
- Timeline of significant events associated with Fr. Mathew’s temperance campaign. The notes were compiled by Fr. Angelus Healy OFM Cap. The events cover the period from 1840-3. Manuscript, 4 pp.
- Copybook containing extracts of Irish Capuchin interest (and in particular re Fr. Mathew and his temperance campaign) from the Kilkenny Journal, 19 Mar. 1845-3 Jan. 1846. The extracts were compiled by Fr. Angelus Healy OFM Cap. Manuscript, 55 pp.
- Letters to Fr. Angelus Healy OFM Cap. from James Power, Workingmen’s Temperance Society, Carrick-on-Suir, County Tipperary, enclosing photographs of stone in a field upon which Fr. Mathew reputedly gave the pledge to 20,000-50,000 people. He also refers to a collection of temperance medals which he has in his possession and encloses some notes on the activities of the local temperance society in 1842. 19 Oct. 1915-23 June 1916. Manuscript, 5 pp, 3 photographic postcard prints.
- Letter to Fr. Angelus Healy OFM Cap. from Kate O’Sullivan, a grand-niece of Fr. Mathew, enclosing a photographic print (carte de visite)
of her grand-uncle, Charles Mathew. [c.1915]. Manuscript, 4 pp, photographic print.


CA/FM/RES/4/3/2  Research relating to Father Mathew  
c.1840-1873  
Manuscript, typescript and typescript  
13 pp

- Notes by Fr. Angelus Healy OFM Cap. re portraits of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. The principal source for the notes appears to be Walter G. Strickland’s A Dictionary of Irish Artists (1913). The file includes references to the following:  
  Daniel MacDonald (1821-1853). ‘He painted a portrait of Fr. Mathew and engraved it in mezzotint ...’.
  Samuel West (b. about 1810, d. after 1867). ‘Portrait of Fr. Mathew, belonged to the late Sir James Mathew. It was engraved by W.O. Geller’.
  Cutting from the Cork Examiner, 3 Nov. 1931, referring to a drawing of Fr. Mathew by George Cruikshank which had recently been sold at auction in Sotheby’s in London. A note attached to the drawing read: ‘This sketch was made before I became a pump myself. But I am happy to say that I have been a total abstainer for 26 years, up to this date, July 26th, 1873’.
  [c.1915]. Manuscript and cutting, 8 pp.

CA/FM/RES/4/3/3  Research relating to Father Mathew  
c.1847-1852  
Manuscript  
98 pp

- Copybook containing extracts of Irish Capuchin interest taken from the Kilkenny Journal, March 1847-May 1849. Many of the extracts refer to Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC and his temperance campaign. Other notes refer to famine relief, to Fr. John Murphy OSFC, to Fr. Peter Joseph Mulligan OSFC and to the rebuilding of the Capuchin Church of St. Francis on Walkin Street, Kilkenny. The notes were compiled by Fr. Angelus Healy OFM Cap. Manuscript, 44 pp.
- Notebook containing extracts of Irish Capuchin interest taken from the Kilkenny Journal, May 1849-Nov. 1849. Most of the entries
relate to Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC and his temperance campaign. The notes were compiled by Fr. Angelus Healy OFM Cap. Manuscript, 40 pp.

- Notes compiled by Fr. Angelus Healy OFM Cap. relating to extracts of Irish Capuchin interest in the *Kilkenny Journal* from c.1846-52. Most of the entries refer to Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC, the progress of his temperance campaign, and events associated with the Capuchin Church of St. Francis in Kilkenny. Manuscript, 14 pp.

**CA/FM/RES/4/3/4** Research relating to Father Mathew c.1838-1856
Manuscript, typescript, cutting and print 95 pp

- Letter to Fr. Angelus Healy OFM Cap. from Madeline Hanly enclosing a photographic print of a portrait of Fr. Mathew belonging to her father John P. Hanly. She explains that it was ‘presented to his grandmother, Mrs Mary Cahill … by Fr. Mathew himself in January 1842’. 28 Oct. 1915. Manuscript and print, 3 pp.
- Letter from William R. Wigham, Irish Association for the Prevention of Intemperance, to Fr. Angelus Healy OFM Cap. enclosing information re temperance pledge cards, medals, pictures and other artefacts associated with Fr. Mathew’s campaign. 29 Nov. 1915. Typescript, 3 pp.
- Letter from Julia M. Brennan to Fr. Angelus Healy OFM Cap. referring to her great-grandfather’s temperance medal (not extant). She affirms that he took the pledge in Mountrath Parish and never broke it during his life. 3 Feb. 1916. Manuscript, 3 pp.
- Letter from Eugene [McPhelan?], St. Mary’s, Derrytrasna, Lurgan, County Armagh, to Fr. Angelus Healy OFM Cap. enclosing a cutting from the *Scottish Temperance Review* (1848) and a note re Fr. Mathew’s visit to Banbridge in June 1841. The letter is dated 9 Nov. 1915. Manuscript, 5 pp.
- Letters from Mabel M. Maguire to Fr. Angelus Healy OFM Cap. affirming that ‘the bust of Father Mathew is still here’. 13 Nov. 1929. With letters from O’Keeffe and Lynch, solicitors, stating that the Maguire family would like to gift the bust to the Capuchin friars of Church Street. 21 Oct. 1943-22 Oct. 1943. The letters also make reference to the gift by Mabel Maguire of some original correspondence of Fr. Mathew. These letters are now listed at CA/FM/COR/2771-2776. Manuscript and typescript, 5 pp.
• Letter from Margaret Dent, Castledermot, County Kildare, to Fr. Angelus Healy OFM Cap. re a temperance medal which belonged to her grandfather. 29 Oct. 1915. Manuscript, 2 pp.
• Letters from Charles Murphy, 3 Prospect Row, Limerick, regarding a temperance certificate and medal belonging to his deceased father dated 4 Nov. 1839. He writes ‘My poor father walked from Limerick to Cork to take the pledge. It was considered a pilgrimage and the proper thing to do ...’. He also refers to his father’s role in founding St. Michael’s Temperance Society. 30 Oct. 1915-6 Dec. 1915. Manuscript, 7 pp.

CA/FM/RES/4/3/5 Research relating to Father Mathew c.1838-1856
Manuscript and typescript 45 pp
• Letter from M. Hendrick to Fr. Angelus Healy OFM Cap. re a temperance certificate belonging to his late father dated 12 Apr. 1840. He writes ‘This pledge was taken when Fr. Mathew was visiting North Wexford that year in Gorey chapel yard outside the old chapel (now St. Michael’s Cemetery)’. 14 Oct. 1915. Manuscript, 3 pp.
• Letter from Margaret Cave to Fr. Angelus Healy OFM Cap. re an old print of Fr. Mathew. 19 Oct. 1915. Manuscript, 1 p.
• Letter from [J. Glennon?] to Fr. Angelus Healy OFM Cap. re a letter from Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC to David Leahy Arthur from November 1846 which she would like to offer (for sale) to the Capuchins. 17 Oct. 1915. Manuscript, 2 pp.
• Letter from P. McKenna to Fr. Angelus Healy OFM Cap. re James McKenna, Fr. Theobald Mathew’s principal private secretary. 18 Apr. 1923. Manuscript, 4 pp.
• Letter to Fr. Angelus Healy OFM Cap. from Sister Mary de Sales O’Leary, Presentation Convent, Gerald Griffin Street, Cork, affirming that she was the last child Fr. Mathew gave a blessing to before his
death. She wrote ‘I was sent down to him with my brother, then an ecclesiastical student. Fr. Mathew was lodging in a house on the Beach, and died very soon after’. 15 Oct. 1915. Manuscript, 4 pp.

- Letter from Christine O’Dowd, Drumcondra Park, Dublin, to Fr. Angelus Healy OFM Cap., referring to some letters in the handwriting of Fr. Mathew in her possession. 23 May [1915?]. Manuscript, 1 p.

- An article by Fr. Angelus Healy OFM Cap. titled ‘Father Mathew, the Apostle of Temperance / His Work in Wexford’. Typescript, 6 pp.

- Note by Fr. Angelus Healy OFM Cap. transcribing an article from The Nation, 23 Aug 1845, describing a monument to the memory of Francis and Thomas Mathew, brothers of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. Manuscript, 2 pp.


4.4. Research by Fr. Nessan Shaw OFM Cap. (1915-1997)

Level: Sub-series
Date of Creation: c.1821-1993
Scope and Content: The sub-series contains research notes, document transcriptions, correspondence and publications on Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC compiled by Fr. Nessan Shaw OFM Cap. (1915-1997). The Waterford-born Capuchin friar, Brother (later Father) Nessan Shaw completed a thesis titled ‘The Life and Times of Fr. Theobald Mathew’ for an MA degree in University College Cork in 1939. He retained a life-long interest in the subject and accumulated a large number of documentary sources, publications and notes pertaining to Fr. Mathew and his campaign against intemperance.

Format: Manuscript, typescript, clipping and printed
Extent: 22 files; 2,265 pp

CA/FM/RES/4/4/1 Research relating to Father Mathew

C.1821-1891

Manuscript and typescript

114 pp


- Copybook containing notes by Fr. Nessan Shaw OFM Cap. on the history of temperance societies in Cork, Fr. Mathew’s role in organising the temperance movement, conditions for the poor in Ireland, and the onset of the Famine. The notes appear to be derived from the surviving manuscripts of James McKenna, Fr. Mathew’s secretary. Manuscript, 44 pp.
• Copybook containing notes by Fr. Nessan Shaw OFM Cap. titled ‘Fr. Mathew – I. Franciscans / II. Spiritual life and priestly administration’. The notes refer to Fr. Mathew’s education, his spirituality, and the Capuchins in Ireland in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Includes references and notes from the account book of the Capuchin Friary in Cork from 1821 to 1857. Manuscript, 52 pp.

• Notes by Fr. Nessan Shaw OFM Cap. referring to the completion of Holy Trinity (Father Mathew Memorial) Church, Cork. The notes read ‘In consultation with Mr. George C. Ashlin … a competition was organized amongst architects of repute for a design which would be suitable for the completion of the Church. From the many entries received that of Mr. D.J. Coakley of Cork city was accepted … [as] being possible with the limits of their financial resources – fixed at £6,000. Mr. John Sisk, the successful Cork builder, was declared the contractor’. The Church spire was finally completed on 4 Aug. 1891. Typescript, 6 pp.

• Letter to Fr. Nessan Shaw OFM Cap. from Jim O’Brien, 12 St. Ann’s Park, Turners’ Cross, Cork, referring to his father’s temperance medal and to his father’s role in the Father Mathew Players in Cork in 1918. Manuscript, 1 p. [c.1985].

CA/FM/RES/4/4/2 Catalogues of papers relating to Father Mathew
c.1985-1990
Manuscript
19 pp

• Partial catalogues and lists of material held in the Irish Capuchin Archives relating to Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC compiled by Fr. Nessan Shaw OFM Cap. and Fr. Paul Murphy OFM Cap. The listed material is mostly commemorative in nature and includes temperance association reports, newspaper cuttings covering the temperance movement in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, speeches, addresses and orations at events celebrating Fr. Mathew’s life, temperance publications and ephemera, and correspondence. Most of the material has been listed elsewhere in this catalogue.

CA/FM/RES/4/4/3 Letters to Fr. Nessan Shaw re Father Mathew Research
4 Dec. 1938-4 Aug. 1960
Manuscript and typescript
17 items

Letters to Fr. Nessan Shaw OFM Cap. relating to his research on the life and temperance campaign of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. Most of the letters refer to sources tracing Fr. Mathew’s ancestry. The correspondents include:

• Fr. E. Dowling, Cathabawn, Johnstown, County Kilkenny. Re Theobald Mathew’s early education in the Kilkenny Academy from 1803-7.

• Fr. Stanislaus Kavanagh OFM Cap. Re a list of Fr. Mathew’s siblings.

• David Mathew. Re the ancestry and genealogy of Fr. Mathew.

• Rev. Wallace Clare. Re the genealogy of Fr. Mathew.
• Fr. Gervase Mathew OP, Blackfriars, Oxford. Re Fr. Mathew’s
genealogy and the disposition of the Mathew family papers in their
possession.
• Br. De Sales. Enclosing extracts relating to Fr. Mathew from the
diary of W.J. O’Neill Daunt (1807-1894).
• Fr. Brendan O’Callaghan OFM Cap. Enclosing brief extracts from the
General Capuchin Archives re Fr. Mathew.
• Fr. T.J. Walsh, South Presbytery Cork. Enclosing a note from Jack J.
O’Shea re the poems of John Paul Dalton (a Cork-born poet) titled
‘The Centenary of Father Mathew’ and ‘A Legend of Father
Mathew’.

CA/FM/RES/4/4/4  Copybooks of Fr. Nessan Shaw. re Father Mathew Research
c.1930-1940
Manuscript and typescript
c.500 pp
Copybooks containing research compiled by Fr. Nessan Shaw OFM Cap. for
his MA thesis on Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. The file includes:
• Copybook containing notes on Fr. Mathew’s genealogy and his
early education.
• Copybook containing transcripts of Fr. Mathew’s correspondence
relating to famine relief. c.1845-7.
• Copybook containing notes compiled by Fr. Nessan relating to Fr.
Mathew’s temperance campaign. c.1838-47.
• Notes relating to famine relief efforts particularly in Cork. The notes
appear to be transcribed from newspapers (Cork Examiner) and
reports from the Cork Relief Committee.
• Copybook containing government reports (Constabulary reports
from the State Paper Office) on Fr. Mathew’s temperance
movement.
• Photostat copy of a photographic print of Fr. Mathew’s grave. The
caption reads: ‘Large cross marks the grave of Father Mathew in
Saint Joseph’s Cemetery which he acquired as part of his work for
the Catholic people in Cork’.
• Extracts from American newspapers covering Fr. Mathew’s visit to
the country in 1849.
• Extracts from official reports from Dublin Castle on the progress of
the temperance campaign in Ireland.
• Extracts illustrative of Fr. Mathew’s opinions on housing, wages,
landlordism and other social and political issues.

CA/FM/RES/4/4/5  Research by Fr. Nessan Shaw on Father Mathew
c.1980-1992
Manuscript and typescript
140 pp
Notes by Fr. Nessan Shaw OFM Cap. on the life of Fr. Mathew and events
connected with the temperance campaign. The file also includes some
material relating to the general history of the Capuchins in Ireland.
Includes:
• Note re the foundation of the Total Abstinence Association on
Halston Street by Fr. Columbus Maher OSFC in c.1880. The note
also refers to the foundation of *The Father Mathew Record* (1908), the Father Mathew Feis (1909), the opening of Father Mathew Park, Fairview, Dublin, by Fr. Aloysius Travers OSFC on 10 April 1910, and the establishment of the Young Irish Crusaders in 1909.

- **Letter from the Public Record Office of Ireland to Fr. Nessan regarding a document (1840) in the Chief Secretary Office’s papers referring to an application from the Irish Temperance Union for the use of Smithfield Penitentiary.** The letter reads: ‘The application is based on the fact that the number of prisoners detained in the Richmond Bridewell was reduced from 313 in September 1839 to 191 in November 1840 “between these two periods the Temperance Reformation had greatly extended itself throughout the city”’. The letter is dated 15 Feb. 1955.


- **Photostat copy from Desmond Bowen, *Paul Cardinal Cullen and the shaping of modern Irish Catholicism* (Dublin, 1983).** The extracts refer to the relationship between Cardinal Cullen and the temperance campaigner.

- **Notes by Fr. Nessan re places visited by Fr. Mathew in support of his temperance campaign in 1842.**


- **Note titled ‘The façade and spire of Holy Trinity Church, Cork’.** The note provides a general history of the completion of work on the church for the centenary of Fr. Mathew’s birth and also refers to the blessing of the new bell in the church on 26 Apr. 1896. The note reads: ‘Having “baptized” the Bell, the Bishop [of Cork] rounded it, being followed by the sponsors Mr Humphrey Donovan (the donor) and Miss H. Donovan, his sister’.

- **Note by Fr. Nessan titled ‘O’Connell and Repeal, 1840-47’.**

- **Cutting from *The Standard*, Dec. 1949, surveying various Catholic churches in Dublin.** The article includes photographic prints of St. Michan’s Church, Halston Street. The article also refers to nearby Newgate Prison on Green Street. It reads: ‘In 1863 the prison was substantially demolished and converted into fruit market which gave way, in 1893, to St. Michan’s Park, where the statue of Erin stands, with the plaques of Lord Edward Fitzgerald and the Sheares brothers on the pedestal’. The article also refers to the Capuchin chapel on Church Street. It reads: ‘In 1720, they [the Capuchins] moved to Church Street, where their chapel in 1749 “had an Altar-piece showing the Crucifixion; though formerly it was a painting of Our Saviour taken down from the Cross, which piece is much esteemed by connoisseurs”. The Capuchin Church, in Church Street, of 1720, was taken down in 1868, and the present church was erected on its site and completed in 1881’.
Notes by Fr. Nessan Shaw for thesis on Father Mathew
c.1930-1940
Manuscript and typescript
14 items
Notes by Fr. Nessan Shaw OFM Cap. on various aspects of Fr. Mathew’s life and ministry. The notes were prepared for Fr. Nessan’s thesis on Father Mathew and were arranged under the following headings:
- Genealogy
- Family of Fr. Theobald Mathew
- Intemperance before 1838 / Chapter IV
- Ireland / Nineteenth Century / Political / Chapter II
- Nineteenth-century Repeal movement
- Fr. Mathew’s pecuniary embarrassments
- Effects of his temperance campaign
- ‘Father Mathew / the Man’
- Work aside from temperance
- Total Abstinence Campaign / Chapter VI
- Temperance / Progress / Difficulties / Testimonies

Notecards relating to Father Mathew research
c.1930-1940
Manuscript
224 pp

Research by Fr. Nessan Shaw on Father Mathew
c.1930-1940
Manuscript
70 pp
Research compiled by Fr. Nessan Shaw OFM Cap. and used for his MA thesis on the life of Fr. Mathew. The topics include Fr. Mathew’s upbringing and education, and genealogical research. The file also includes a copybook containing sources illustrative of social conditions in Ireland at the time of Fr. Mathew’s temperance crusade.

Research relating to Father Mathew
Manuscript, typescript and cutting
40 pp
Letter from M.A. Buckley, Acting City Solicitor, Cork Corporation, to Fr. Nessan Shaw OFM Cap. enclosing a list of title deeds and leases which trace the ownership of property in the Blackamoor Lane/Sullivan’s Quay area. 4 June 1970. The list traces the ownership of the site of the Capuchin Chapel on Blackamoor Lane which closed as a place of worship in 1850. Cork Corporation granted all the premises on Blackamoor Lane (including the former
Friary Chapel) to the Catholic Bishop of Cork in 1892. The former Chapel was used as a meeting place for local Catholic Scouts’ groups until the late 1950s when the Catholic Bishop surrendered his interest to the Corporation which used it as a warehouse. The file also includes a cutting from The Evening Echo, 24 August 1991. The article refers to the conversion of the old Capuchin chapel on Blackamoor Lane into Ellroys nightclub and includes some photographic prints. The article’s author gleefully remarks that ‘Fr. Theobald Mathew would be spinning in his grave’. Typescript, manuscript and cutting, 18 pp.


Typescript and cutting
19 pp

- Cutting of an article by Fr. Nessan titled ‘Today is the Birthday of Fr. Mathew’, Evening Echo, 10 Oct. 1977. The article refers to the early life and education of Fr. Mathew.


- Copy flier and poster from Cork City and County Archives titled The Sacred Cause of Temperance reporting speeches by Lord Morpeth, the Governor of New South Wales, and the Most Rev. Nicholas Wiseman referring to the work of Fr. Theobald Mathew. The poster is titled Important Letter from the Mayor of Limerick to the Rev. Theobald Mathew, 24 Sept. 1839. Copy print, 2 pp.

- A biographical article on Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC written by Fr. Nessan for a publication titled International Capuchin Figures. Typescript, 8 pp.

Typescript, cutting and printed
158 pp
• An article by Fr. Nessan titled ‘Notes on intemperance in Ireland (1838-1850) / Synopsis’. Typescript, 40 pp.
• Photocopy of an article by Ignatius Murphy, ‘Father Mathew / Apostle of Temperance, in South-West Clare’, The Other Clare, Vol. 9 (Apr. 1985), pp 5-12.
• Cutting of an article by Fr. Nessan titled ‘When Cork sowed the seeds of a temperance revolution’, Evening Echo, 9 Apr. 1977. With draft typescript copy of the article. Typescript and cutting, 6 pp.
• Copy cutting from the Cork Examiner of an article titled ‘Origin of the Cork Temperance Association Society by one who took part in the formation’. Fr. Nessan remarks that this interview was published before 1890. Copy cutting, 6 pp.
• Photocopy of an article by Professor John Quinn, ““The Nation’s Guest?”: The battle between Catholics and Abolitionists to manage Father Mathew’s American Tour, 1849-1851’, United States Catholic Historian, Vo. 22, No. 3, Ireland and America: Religion, Politics and Social Movements (Summer 2004), pp 19-40.
• Notes and articles by Fr. Nessan giving a ‘general and brief account of the Cork Total Abstinence Society from 1838’. Typescript, 42 pp.
• Cutting of an article by Fr. Nessan titled ‘Some forgotten aspects of Father Mathew’s temperance crusade’, Evening Echo, 8 Apr. 1982. With draft typescript of the article. Typescript and cuttings, 15 pp.

CA/FM/RES/4/4/12 Research on the Temperance Association
c.1926-1988
Manuscript, typescript and cutting
36 pp
• Cutting of an article by Fr. Nessan titled ‘Political difficulties of Fr. Mathew’s Association’, Irish Press, 10 Apr. 1970.
• An article by Fr. Nessan titled ‘Dublin Castle and the Temperance Movement’. An annotation affirms that this was published in the Evening Echo in 1982. Typescript, 5 pp.
• An article by Fr. Nessan titled ‘Political difficulties of Fr. Theobald Mathew’. This article was published in the *Irish Press*, 10 Apr. 1979. Typescript, 4 pp.


• Newspaper cutting of a letter from Peter Scott titled ‘Fr. Mathew and the North’. The author responds to a recently-published article by Fr. Nessan.

• An article by Fr. Nessan on the Total Abstinence Society founded in Cork on 10 Apr. 1838. The article was submitted to the *Cork Examiner* in Apr. 1988 but was unpublished. Typescript, 3 pp.

• Copy extracts from the State Paper Office referring to the legality of holding meetings of Temperance Societies. 13-14 Mar. 1840. Typescript, 1 p.

• Outline for a lecture by Fr. Nessan on the Cork Total Abstinence Society founded by Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. An annotation suggests that the lecture was given at a Pioneer Seminar in Cork on 24 Sept. 1988. Typescript, 9 pp.


Cutting and printed 27 pp

**CA/FM/RES/4/4/14** Research on Holy Trinity (Father Mathew Memorial) Church, Cork c.1982
Typescript and print 11 pp
notes that Humphrey O’Donovan, the bell’s donor, died on 7 May
1904 aged 49 years. Typescript, 3 pp.
- Copy article titled ‘Opening and blessing of the sanctuary extension
in Holy Trinity Church’, Cork Examiner, 20 Apr. 1906. Typescript, 4
pp.
- Timeline of important events in the history of Holy Trinity, Church,
Cork. The timeline refers to important architectural extensions and
embellishments to the church. Typescript, 1 p.
- Photocopy of a booklet commemorating the re-opening and
blessing of Holy Trinity Church following its interior renovation. 28
Nov. 1982. The booklet provides a short ‘historical retrospect’ in

CA/FM/RES/4/4/15 Research relating to Father Mathew
c.1979-1996
Manuscript, typescript, cutting and printed
39 pp
- A list of short extracts from H.F. Kearney, ‘Fr. Mathew / Apostle
of Modernization’ in A. Cosgrave and D. McCartney (eds),
Studies in Irish History / Presented to R. Dudley Edwards
(Dublin, 1979), pp 164-75. Typescript, 1 p.
- A timeline of major events in the life of Fr. Theobald Mathew
- An article (or draft lecture) on the life of Fr. Theobald Mathew
- An index to Fr. Nessan’s research (and sources) on the life and
temperance campaign of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. The index
has various sub-headings corresponding to different facets of
Fr. Theobald’s life including his education, his ministry as a
Capuchin friar, his inauguration of the temperance crusade, his
work in England and in the United States, and the decline of his
movement. Typescript, 14 pp.
- Letter from William Callanan, Secretary, Rebel Cork Benevolent
Association, San Francisco, to Fr. Nessan enclosing a photocopy
of a page from the minute book of the association referring to
donation of $25 towards a fund to ‘assist in the erection of a
church in Cork dedicated to the memory of the Rev. Father
Mathew of temperance fame’. The entry is dated 11 Aug. 1890.
With a newspaper cutting referring to the said donation. Cork
- Notes compiled by Fr. Nessan for a homily on Fr. Mathew and
temperance at Páirc Uí Chaoimh, Cork, on 8 Dec. 1996.
Typescript, 1 p.

CA/FM/RES/4/4/16 Thesis on the life of Father Mathew
1990
Typescript
56 pp
- A thesis by Treille de Gouallec submitted to University College Cork.
The subject of the thesis is the life and temperance campaign of Fr.
Theobald Mathew. The volume includes a letter to Fr. Nessan
thanking him for the assistance provided in the preparation of the work.

CA/FM/RES/4/4/17 Research Copybooks on Father Mathew
c.1930-1940
Manuscript
124 pp
- Three copybooks of Fr. Nessan containing extracts from Fr. Mathew’s correspondence principally relating to his organisation of the temperance campaign. The copybooks contain partial indexes to the contents. The topics covered include ‘political attitudes’, ‘pecuniary embarrassments’, ‘temperance medals’, ‘temperance bands’, ‘English temperance mission’, ‘Legislative aid for temperance’, and ‘Fr. Mathew’s attitude to the abolition of slavery’.

CA/FM/RES/4/4/18 MA Research Thesis on Father Mathew
Nov. 1939
Typescript
292 pp
- A thesis titled ‘The Life and Times of Fr. Theobald Mathew’ by Fr. Nessan Shaw OFM Cap. presented for the Degree of Master of Arts in University College Cork. Additional notes and newspaper cuttings were later pasted into the volume by Fr. Nessan.

CA/FM/RES/4/4/19 Research relating to Father Mathew
c.1970-1990
Manuscript and typescript
174 pp
- An article by Fr. Nessan titled ‘Landmarks of Father Mathew’ giving short histories of the Botanic Gardens, Holy Trinity Church, the Father Mathew Tower, the Father Mathew Statue on St. Patrick’s Street, Cork, and Father Mathew Hall in Cork. Typescript, 2 pp.
- Note by Fr. Nessan on the history of the Father Mathew Statue on St. Patrick’s Street, Cork. An annotation suggests that the article was intended to be published in the Cork Examiner. Typescript, 3 pp.
- Notes and acetate sheets for an illustrated talk by Fr. Nessan on the life and temperance campaign of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. Typescript, 30 pp.
- Index to published (journal and newspaper) articles on Father Mathew compiled by Fr. Nessan. The index is thematically arranged with headings such as ‘his early life’, ‘pastoral work’, ‘total abstinence movement’, and ‘Father Mathew in America’. Typescript, 19 pp.
CA/FM/RES/4/4/20  Research relating to Father Mathew  
c.1980-1990  
Manuscript, typescript and cutting  
44 pp

- Photocopies of newspaper cuttings and papers re Fr. Mathew taken from Cork City and County Archives. The file includes:
  - ‘Temperance’, Refers to the state of the temperance movement following Fr. Mathew’s death.
  - *Mathew-Annuity Fund*. The printed flier relates to a fund to relieve Fr. Mathew of his debts. The flier is taken from the Dowden Papers in the Cork City and County Archives.  
  *An address of the Friends of Temperance held at the Mayor’s Office, Paradise Place, Cork, on Monday, the 18th day of July 1848*. (Dowden Papers, Cork City and County Archives).
  - ‘Father Mathew’s Farewell Address to the Americans’.
  - ‘Father Mathew and his biographer, John Francis Maguire’. The article refers to Fr. Mathew’s ‘pecuniary difficulties’. (1864).

- Notes by Fr. Nessan relating to the numbers of pledge-takers in various parts of Ireland during Fr. Mathew’s temperance campaign from 1839-40. Manuscript, 6 pp.


CA/FM/RES/4/4/21  Research relating to Father Mathew  
c.1975-1993  
Manuscript, typescript, printed and cutting  
100 pp


• Notes for talks by Fr. Nessan on various aspects of the life and temperance campaign of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. Typescript, 45 pp.
• Photocopy of an article by Fr. Nessan published in the Cork Examiner to mark the 137th anniversary of the inauguration of the temperance campaign. (1975). Copy cutting, 1 p.
• List of sources for the life of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC compiled by Fr. Nessan. The list includes unpublished manuscript sources, contemporary published works, pamphlets, periodicals, and published biographies. Typescript, 4 pp.
• Photocopies and notes by Fr. Nessan re sources pertaining to Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC taken from Manuscript Sources for the History of Irish Civilisation (1965) and Sources for the History of Irish Civilisation: Articles in Irish Periodicals (1970) compiled by Richard J. Hayes. Copy print and manuscript, 8 pp.

CA/FM/RES/4/4/22 Letters to Fr. Nessan Shaw re Father Mathew Research
15 Dec. 1982-20 May 1988
Typescript, manuscript and cutting
78 pp

4.5. Genealogical Research on Father Mathew

Level: Sub-series
Date of Creation: c.1926-1995
Scope and Content: This sub-series contains research into the ancestry and family history of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. Fr. Mathew was born in Thomastown Castle near Golden in County Tipperary in October 1790. His father James Mathew was steward on the Thomastown estate which belonged to his relative, Francis Mathew (1738-1806), who was created Earl Landaff in 1797. There is some uncertainty about the parentage of James Mathew. One account, repeated by Fr. Mathew himself, affirmed that he was the child of an undocumented second marriage of Lord Landaff’s great uncle, James Mathew of Borris. Another account, which enjoyed currency at the time, suggested that he was the natural son of Earl Landaff’s father Thomas Mathew. The files include research notes, genealogical tables and other information relating to Mathew family history.
Format: Bound volume, manuscript, typescript, clipping and printed
Extent: 4 files; 110 pp

CA/FM/RES/4/5/1 The Genealogy of Father Mathew
C.1926-1951
Bound volume; Manuscript and typescript
10 pp
33 cm x 21 cm
- Notebook of Fr. Stanislaus Kavanagh OFM Cap. containing notes on the genealogy of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. The volume includes a family tree showing the ancestry of Fr. Mathew. The notes are in a Dollard’s Scribbling Diary for 1926. With a transcript of a letter from Basil O’Connell to Fr. T.J. Walsh re the will of George Mathew of Thomastown (1760). The letter is dated 29 Aug. 1951.

**CA/FM/RES/4/5/2**  
**Genealogical Research Notes**  
c.1930-1940  
Manuscript and typescript  
37 pp

- Notes re Fr. Theobald Mathew’s family. It is stated that John Francis Maguire in his *Father Mathew / A Biography* affirms that Fr. Mathew’s parents had twelve children, 9 boys and 3 girls. The notes were compiled by Fr. Stanislaus Kavanagh OFM Cap. Typescript, 1 p.

- Excerpts from ‘The life of Fr. Theobald Mathew’ by Dr. P. Rogers, *The Father Mathew Record*, 31, no. 4 (Apr. 1938). The notes refer to the genealogy of Fr. Mathew and were compiled by Fr. Stanislaus Kavanagh OFM Cap. Manuscript, 3 pp.


- Copy letter of Fr. Stanislaus Kavanagh OFM Cap. to ‘Cyril’ re Fr. Mathew’s genealogy. He writes: ‘I have no information regarding the date of death of either the father or mother of Father Mathew. There was in the Public Record Office, Four Courts, Dublin, prior to the destruction of the records, a collection of Wills from the Probate Court of the Diocese of Cashel & Emly. Only the catalogue of these Wills now exists, and this catalogue mentions a will of James Mathew of Rathcloheen dated 1810’. 8 July 1953. Typescript, 2 pp.

- Information about Thomastown Castle and Father Mathew given to Fr. Stanislaus Kavanagh OFM Cap. by William Pike. It is noted that Pike was born in Thomastown in 1846 and he worked there until 1885. The Pike family were intimately connected with the Mathews and his grand-aunt, Hannah McGrath, was Father Mather’s foster mother. The notes refer to the history of the Mathews at Thomastown, to the ultimate fate of estate and house following its sale in 1875, and to local traditions associated with the temperance campaigner. Some of the notes are dated 16 July 1930. Typescript, 19 pp.

- ‘Particulars from the Thomastown Registers’ re the genealogy of the Mathews family. The notes were compiled by Fr. Stanislaus Kavanagh OFM Cap. Manuscript, 1 p.

- Extract from John Francis Maguire’s *Father Mathew / A Biography* re Mathew family genealogy. Fr. Stanislaus Kavanagh OFM Cap. also makes reference to Fr. David Mathew’s (Fr. Theobald’s grand-nephew) account of family history. Typescript, 1 p.
Notes by Fr. Stanislaus Kavanagh OFM Cap. on the genealogy of the Mathew family. Manuscript, 3 pp.

Letter from Willie Doyle, Bank Place, Tipperary, to Fr. Stanislaus Kavanagh OFM Cap. asking for his impressions of the Father Mathew Statue at Thomastown Cross in County Tipperary. He also encloses notes re Mathew family genealogy and transcripts of monuments for James White (d. 1763), Paul Mathew (d. 1835) and his brother Thomas Mathew (d. 1838) found in the graveyard of Donohill Church, County Tipperary. 10 July 1930. Manuscript, 6 pp.

CA/FM/RES/4/5/3

Research by Fr. Nessan Shaw on Father Mathew’s family

Letter to Fr. Nessan Shaw OFM Cap. from the Public Record Office of Ireland sending on information in relation to Fr. Mathew’s family history and ancestry. 28 June 1939. Manuscript, 1 p.


Cutting of an article by Padraig Ó Maidin titled “Grand George Mathew” and Thomastown’.

*The Father Mathew Record*, Vol. 49, No. 1 (Jan. 1957). The publication is a souvenir edition which includes articles covering the Father Mathew centenary celebrations. The cover has a photograph of the Fr. Mathew marble bust by John Hogan.

Cutting of an article titled ‘Thurles honours Diana’s ancestor’, *Cork Examiner*, 5 Feb. 1990. The article refers to Lady Elizabeth Butler, an ancestor to Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC and supposedly Princess Diana.


The Mathew family tree compiled by Fr. Nessan. Manuscript, 1 p.


Copy cutting of an article advertising the Ursuline Convent School in Thurles. The advertisement notes that prospectuses can be obtained from Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. *Cork Examiner*, 22 May 1844.

Copy extracts from the archives of the Ursuline Convent, Thurles, re the presentation of Fr. Mathew’s sister as a boarding pupil at the school, and to a donation made by him to the Ursuline Sisters. 1815-45. Copy manuscript, 3 pp.
• Copy newspaper cutting of an article by Nicholas Farrell titled ‘Dickensian litigant quits Bar for the pub’. The article refers to the legal travails of Thomas Mathew, a great-grandson of Sir J.C. Mathew who was a descendant of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. (1991). Cutting, 1 p.

• Notes by Fr. Nessan on Elizabeth Poyntz (1587-1673) who became Lady Thurles in 1608 when she married Thomas Butler, Viscount Thurles. The notes refer to her genealogical relationship with Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. Typescript, 3 pp.

CA/FM/RES/4/5/4  Father Mathew Genealogy
c.1990-1995
Manuscript, typescript and clipping
25 pp
• Genealogical notes compiled by Veronica Mathew, 2b Carlisle Place, London, a great great great grand-niece of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. The articles are titled ‘The Irish Mathews’ and ‘The Mathew family and their affection for Landaff’. The notes trace the ancestry of the Mathew family and include remarks re notable persons in the family tree and lore associated with the Mathews.

4.6. St. Joseph’s Cemetery, Cork

Level: Sub-series
Date: c.1930-1997
Scope and Content: The sub-series includes research on St. Joseph’s Cemetery, Cork. In February 1830, Fr. Mathew secured a lease of the Botanic Gardens which became the city’s first Catholic cemetery. A portion of the ground was also set aside for the free burial of the poor, whose bodies had previously been left outside their dwellings until sufficient money was collected for their internment.
Format: Manuscript, typescript, cutting and printed
Extent: 1 file; 20 pp

CA/FM/RES/4/6/1  Research on St. Joseph’s Cemetery, Cork
c.1930-1997
Manuscript, typescript, cutting and printed
20 pp
• Letter from M. Holland to Fr. Stanislaus Kavanagh OFM Cap. referring to an article in the Cork Examiner on the Botanic Gardens in Cork. He writes ‘It is a pity a more detailed history has not been written as the cemetery contains many most interesting monuments of historical interest to Cork people’. 18 July 1930. Manuscript, 1 p.

• Note re the ‘New Cemetery’ (St. Joseph’s Cemetery, Cork) established by Fr. Mathew. It reads ‘To put a stop to the loathsome custom of exposing the dead poor in coffins outside their miserable dwellings until alms sufficient to meet the expenses of their burial were laid on the lids of the coffins I set apart a portion of the Cemetery for the free internment of the destitute’. Typescript, 1 p.
4.7. Research for the Cause of Father Mathew

Level: Sub-series  
Date of Creation: c.1913-1958
Scope and Content: The sub-series contains material assembled with a view to undertaking a beatification process for Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. The files include evidence and investigations into cures attributed to the intercession of prayers at Fr. Mathew’s grave in St. Joseph’s Cemetery in Cork.
Format: Bound volume, manuscript and typescript
Extent: 4 files; 290 pp

CA/FM/RES/4/7/1  Testimonials for Father Mathew  
c.1927-1938  
Typescript  
57 pp
Testimonials for Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC in relation to his claim of *fama sanctitatis* (a cleric with a reputation for holiness). It appears that the testimonials were compiled in 1937-8. The file includes:

- Statement re a resolution of the Provincial Chapter of August 1927 which decided ‘to take definite steps regarding the introduction of
the Cause of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC, the Apostle of Temperance'.

- Testimony of John Francis Maguire, biographer of Father Mathew.
- Tribute of the Lord Mayor of Cork, John Francis Maguire, at the unveiling of the statue of Father Mathew in the chief street in Cork.
- Tribute of Mr. Thomas Crosbie, editor and proprietor of the chief newspaper in Cork.
- Tribute of Denny Lane, prominent Catholic public man and author.
- Interview with the late Bishop of Cork, the Most Rev. Thomas Alphonsus O’Callaghan OP. The interview was conducted by Fr. Aloysius Travers OFM Cap., Irish Capuchin Minister Provincial, in 1913-4. It reads ‘On the occasion when the Bishop made the statement, he said that as I was interested in Father Mathew it was right he should mention a criticism which he heard about him. Some seemed to think that he [Fr. Mathew] was not sufficiently interested in his Order: on occasion his attention was drawn to some matter affecting the interests of his Province or community, and he was supposed to have made the remark that it was not his concern but Father [Louis] O’Connell’s’.
- Testimony of the Catholic Archdeacon of Cork.
- Extracts from the diary of James McKenna, secretary to Fr. Mathew.
- Extracts from the records of hospitals referring to cures attributed to Fr. Mathew.
- Interview with Denis Dennehy, caretaker of St. Joseph’s Cemetery, Cork, burial-place of Fr. Mathew.
- Sworn statement of Mr. Murphy, 3 Burke’s Avenue, Cork, referring to a cure for her daughter Kathleen, which she attributes to visits to the grave of Fr. Mathew.
- The file also includes a ‘General Statement’ in relation to Fr. Mathew’s reputation as a priest of ‘exceptional holiness and of wonderful zeal and charity’.

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Cures associated with Visits to the Grave of Father Mathew

C.1913-1958

Manuscript and typescript

212 pp

File relating to cures associated with visits to the grave of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC in St. Joseph’s Cemetery in Cork. The file was compiled by Fr. Stanislaus Kavanagh OFM Cap. The file includes:

- Statements from Hannah Keohane regarding her son who was cured through the intercession of prayers at the grave of Fr. Theobald. (18 Mar. 1943).
- Letters to Fr. Stanislaus from Fr. Mel Farrell OFM Cap. and Fr. T.J. Walsh re Annie Nolan, 21 Abbey Street, Cork, who reputedly recovered her sight through the intercession of Fr. Theobald.
- Statements and correspondence re Madge Twomey whose throat condition was cured through visits to the grave.
- Letters relating to Mrs Kathleen Skillington (née Walsh) whose leg was cured following a visit to Fr. Theobald’s grave. The file includes the testimony of Dr D. F. Hegarty, surgeon. 5 Jan 1938.
• Letter from Fr. Paul Neary OFM Cap. to Fr. Stanislaus Kavanagh OFM Cap. referring to the cause of Fr. Mathew. He wrote ‘it is to be regretted that there is no one of ourselves free and willing to take an interest in the cause – as according to rumours a great many things occur at the grave. The people come from a distance. No one has any knowledge of themselves, the favours they have received or where they come from’. 28 Jan. 1932. Manuscript, 2 pp.
• Prayer for the beatification of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. It is noted that this prayer was submitted to the Most Rev. Daniel Coholan, Bishop of Cork, for ecclesiastical approval in May 1928. Typescript, 1 p.

CA/FM/RES/4/7/3 Letters re the Cause of Father Mathew 1934-1936
Manuscript and typescript
2 pp
• Copy letters of Fr. Stanislaus Kavanagh OFM Cap. to John J. Sharkey, Catholic Total Abstinence Union, Boston, referring to the cause of Fr. Mathew. Fr. Stanislaus wrote ‘No efforts either privately or publicly have been made by any member of our Order to direct further interest in the intercession of Fr. Mathew, and yet the devotion to him is as abiding in the hearts of the people – especially in Cork – as it was the in the years that followed his death’. 24 Nov. 1934-10 Mar. 1936.

CA/FM/RES/4/7/4 Authentic Record of Cures at the Grave of Father Mathew 1922-1932
Bound volume
26.5 cm x 21.5 cm
Manuscript
19 pp
• Bound volume containing a record of alleged cures at the grave to Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC in St. Joseph’s Cemetery in Cork. The title page is signed by Fr. Martin Hyland OSFC, Guardian of Holy Trinity Friary, Cork, and is dated 10 Aug. 1922. Includes records of those visiting the grave from 9 June 1922 to 28 Aug. 1922, from 1 Feb. 1926 to 31 Dec. 1926, and from 12 Apr. 1929 to 28 Oct. 1929. The inventories of visits to the grave were compiled by Fr. Michael O’Shea OFM Cap. The introduction to the volume reads: ‘A view of Fr. Mathew’s grave gives us interesting matter for consideration. Twice weekly the caretaker clears away votive offerings left on the large stone covering his grave. These consist of beads, medals, crucifixes, curios, candles etc. All of which are usually buried near and around the grave. The number of crutches left by those cured had increased so much that the stem of the tee over the grave was completely covered with them’. The end pages of the volume include details of specific cases investigated by Fr. Michael from
1926 to 1932 including Annie Crowley, 3 Sober Lane, Cork, and Kathy Galway, 18 Pope’s Quay, Cork.
5. Later Temperance Associations

Level: Series
Date of Creation: 1880-1950
Scope and Content: This series includes material relating to the promotion of total abstinence by organisations which emerged in response to the late nineteenth century temperance revival. The files comprise material from both local and national organisations such as the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association (PTAA) founded in 1893. The section also includes minute books, fliers, publications and ephemera created by Capuchin-founded local temperance societies such as the League of the Sacred Thirst (established by Fr. Albert Mitchell OSFC in 1880) and the League of the Young Irish Crusaders (initiated by Fr. Aloysius Travers OSFC in 1909). Much of the publicity and commemorative material generated by these abstinent societies focused on Fr. Mathew’s legacy as a temperance pioneer and leader.

Format: Manuscript, typescript, clipping and printed
Extent: 10 files; 449 pp

CA/FM/RES/5/1 Temperance Associations’ File
1882-1910
Manuscript and printed
52 pp
- Letter from W.A. Johnson, Archbishop’s House, Westminster, conveying the instructions of Cardinal Henry Manning re the giving of the pledge. He adds ‘With the exception of the clergy who may hold the office of president, vice-president and honorary-treasurer of a Branch of the League of the Cross without being total abstainers, we require ... that all other officers of the League shall be total abstainers’. 7 Dec. 1885. Manuscript, 2 pp.

CA/FM/RES/5/2 Temperance Associations’ File
C.1915-1950
Printed
187 pp
- *The Father Mathew “Sacred Thirst” Sodality and Father Mathew Hall Rules*. (Dublin: Published by the General Committee, Father Mathew Hall, 1937). The President was Fr. Micheál Ó Se OFM Cap.
and the Vice-President was Fr. Senan Moynihan OFM Cap. Printed, 14 pp. 3 copies.

- Publicity material associated with temperance sodalities established by the Capuchin Franciscan friars. Includes:
  - *Indulgences granted to Temperance Sodalities.*
  - *Father Theobald Mathew Total Abstinence Association / Explanatory Leaflet.*
  - *Membership card of the Father Mathew Total Abstinence Association.*
  - *What is the Sacred Heart Sodality?*
  - *Rules of the Father Mathew Total Abstinence Association.*


- Blank diplomas of affiliation with the Father Mathew Total Abstinence Association, St. Mary of the Angels, Church Street, Dublin, and Holy Trinity Church, Father Mathew Quay, Cork. c.1930-1940. 3 copies.


- *The Young Irish Crusaders Prayer Book / St. Mary of the Angels, Church Street, Dublin* (Dublin: Browne & Nolan Ltd., 1954), 128 pp. 3 copies.

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**CA/FM/RES/5/3**  
Temperance Associations’ File  
1894-1896  
Typescript and printed  
10 pp

- Flier for a concert celebrating the anniversary of Fr. Mathew’s birth. The concert was held in George’s Hall, South Great George’s Street, Dublin on 10 Oct. 1908. The event included a speech by John Gore titled ‘Father Mathew’s Temperance Work and its Results’. Printed, 2 pp.


- The Old Girl’s Song by Mrs. Armel O’Connor from Mary’s Meadow Press, Ludlow, Shropshire. Printed, 1 p.


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**CA/FM/RES/5/4**  
Ireland / A monthly magazine of Catholic and miscellaneous reading  
Feb. 1892  
Printed  
15 pp
• Ireland / A monthly magazine of Catholic and miscellaneous reading, Vol. 1, No. 6 (Feb. 1892). The front cover has an engraving of St. Patrick with the legend ‘Ireland Sober is Ireland Free’. The magazine contains a number of temperance-related articles including ‘A story of Father Mathew’s time’ by Comeragh at pp 93-4.
Conservation note: The publication is in very poor condition. The covers are badly frayed and torn. Very careful manual handling is required.

CA/FM/RES/S/5  PTAA Publications
c.1935-1940
Printed
44 pp
• Bound collection of pamphlets associated with the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association (PTAA). The collection includes:
  Most Rev. Dr. Collier, ‘The Pioneer Association is a necessary organisation’.
  Most Rev. Dr. Mageean, ‘Speech at Annual Meeting, Pioneer TAA, 1935’.
  Rev. F.M. Browne SJ, ‘The Pioneer is a happy warrior’.
  Rev. J. Taggart, ‘The motives of the Pioneer’.
  The file also includes annual reports of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association from 1935-40 and copies of rules and regulations of the PTAA.

CA/FM/RES/S/6  Temperance Associations’ File
c.1880-1935
Printed and clipping
25 pp
• Flier for the Dublin Total Abstinence Society advertising its work and various events. It reads ‘The Dublin Total Abstinence Society was the oldest Society in the City, and the late James Haughton Esq., was the President. ... It is a pleasing fact, and worthy of record, that still the friendship exists between the Haughton family and the Society; and the donation of £150, which the Society has received from the four legatees of the late Miss Lizzie Haughton, proves the interest the family still take in the principles which their father advocated for many years in the city’. Reference is made to the three ‘coffee palaces’ and to two large temperance halls (one in Dublin and one in Kingstown). The flier dates to 1885. The reverse of the flier reprints a ‘Great Temperance Procession Poster’ of March 1841. Printed. 2 pp.
• Notebook containing newspaper clippings relating to the League of the Sacred Thirst attached to St. Mary of the Angels, Church Street, Dublin’. An annotation on the first page reads ‘I began this League of the “Sacred Thirst” in June [1880] in our Church of the Lady of the Angels, Church Street, the men meet on Mondays and the
women on Wednesday evenings. Fr. Albert Mitchell OSFC'. The clippings date from 10 Sept. 1880 to 23 Sept. 1881 and report meetings of this Temperance Sodality in Church Street and in the temperance hall on Halston Street. Some annotations and comments by Fr. Mitchell are added to the notebook. Clippings, 20 pp.

- Clipping referring to an endowment of $25,000 from the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America for the establishment of the ‘Father Mathew Chair of Psychology’ at the Catholic University of America, Washington. [c.1930]. Clipping, 2 pp.
- Copy flier for The Father Mathew Hall, Church Street, Dublin, which ‘aims at promoting sobriety and providing instruction and healthful amusement for boys and men’. c.1935. Printed, 1 p.

Regist book of the Sacred Thirst Sodality
1880-1901
Bound volume
Manuscript
21.5 cm x 18 cm
20 pp
Register book of the Sacred Thirst Sodality attached to the Total Abstinence Hall, Halston Street, Dublin. The register includes lists of male and female members of the sodality, minutes of meetings, newspaper cuttings and printed leaflets inserted into the volume. Includes:

- Statement re the number of public houses in Dublin and the number of arrests for drunkenness in Aug. 1880.
- Cutting from the Catholic Times, 11 Nov. 1881, referring to a meeting of the Sodality presided over by Fr. Albert Mitchell OSFC, President.
- Cutting of a letter by Michael Dwyer to the editor of the Freeman’s Journal, 23 Feb. 1882. An annotation reads ‘This Mr. Dwyer is the secretary of the Publicans and has had the insolence to attack the statement of his Grace the Archbishop in his letter to me [Fr. Albert Mitchell OSFC] of Feb. 22, 1882’. With a cutting of Fr. Mitchell’s reply dated 24 Feb. 1882.
- Cutting of an article titled ‘Total Abstinence – what the doctors say of the use of drink’. The article takes the form of a letter to the
editor of the Kilkenny Journal from ‘An advocate of Total Abstinence’.

- ‘The prayers of the members on requesting the following intentions for the conversion of a son of a husband, of a sister and her son, of a father and mother, of a friend a long-time from their duty, of a husband drinking and neglecting his duty …’. Sept. 1880-Jan. 1881.

CA/FM/RES/5/8 Temperance Associations’ File
1882-1984
Manuscript, typescript and printed
7 pp

- Note re the numbers of male and female members of the congregation of Neale Church, County Mayo, who took the total abstinence pledge in September 1906. A total of 490 individuals are noted to have taken the pledge. Manuscript, 1 p.
- Cutting from the Irish Figaro, 10 Nov. 1900, stating the need for a reduction in the number of new licenses granted to open public houses.
- Indulgences granted to temperance sodalities established by the Capuchin Fathers. 7 Apr. 1910-10 May 1910. In Latin. Typescript copy, 1 p.
- Poster advertising a meeting of the Young Pioneers in Cork on 7 Sept. 1984. Printed, 1 p.

CA/FM/RES/5/9 Temperance Campaign Account Book
27 May 1902-13 Sept. 1907
Bound Volume
Manuscript
15 pp

- Account book with details of receipts from the sale of temperance medals, manuals, certificates and crosses by the Irish Capuchin friars. Reference is made to certificates sold by Fr. Thomas Dowling OSFC (1874-1951) and Fr. Luke Sheehan OSFC (1873-1937). It is noted that Fr. Luke was a missionary at Steamer Point in Aden in 1903. The latter portion of the volume was subsequently used by Fr. Denis Corkery OFM Cap. (1914-1997) as a notebook for transcribing material (mostly in Irish and French). The dates of these entries are c.1970.

CA/FM/RES/5/10 Temperance Associations’ File
1893-1953
Typescript and printed
74 pp


• Draft constitution and rules for a new temperance organisation outlined by a sub-committee appointed by the Father Mathew Union of Temperance Association Priests. Nov. 1952. The draft is endorsed with a note from J.A. Gleeson to Fr. Aloysius Travers OFM Cap. affirming that the proposed constitution and rules will be put to the Hierarchy for their consideration. 22 Feb. 1953. Typescript, 7 pp.

• Flier re the Alvernian Society, a social guild of tertiaries and members of the Father Mathew Total Abstinence Association, founded to promote charitable works. c.1940. Typescript, 1 p.

6. Visual Material

Level: Series
Date of Creation: c.1890-1990
Scope and Content: The series contains a collection of prints, drawings and photographs relating to Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. Most of the prints were produced for commemorative and devotional purposes and to celebrate Fr. Mathew’s temperance campaign.
Format: Prints and photographic prints
Extent: 6 files; 74 items; 45 pp

**CA/FM/RES/6/1**  
**Father Mathew Administering the Pledge of Temperance**  
c.1850  
Lithograph with hand colour  
Printed area: 23 cm x 21 cm  
Printed by W. Kohler, lithographer, 22, Denmark St, Soho, London.  
Published by William Spooner, 377, Strand.

- The print shows Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC (in a black frock-coat) administering the pledge to a large crowd with a church dome in the background. The print is titled ‘Father Mathew administering the pledge of temperance’.
  Conservation note: The print has a minor tear on the right-hand margin. Some minor dust-marks and foxing is also evident. Careful manual handling is required.

**CA/FM/RES/6/2**  
**Father Mathew and Temperance Prints**  
c.1902-1945  
Prints and photographic prints  
34 items

- Copy print of a portrait of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. The reverse has a letter to An tAtair Micheál Ó Se OFM Cap. from Fr. Dermot O’Reilly OFM Cap. regarding a retreat in County Cork. Printed, 1 p.
- Postcard print of the People’s Café Hotel Dining Room, Trimgate Street, Navan, County Meath. The premises presumably served as a meeting-room for a local temperance association. 13.5 cm x 9 cm.
Photographic prints of Thomastown Castle, the childhood home of Fr. Mathew, and Ratheloheen House, County Tipperary. See also Glass Plate Negatives at CA-PH-1-21/1-23. Print size: 11.5 cm x 9 cm; 10.5 cm x 8 cm.

Postcard print of a bust of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC in Father Mathew Hall, Dublin. The bust has the following inscription: ‘Fra. Theobald Mathew / Ord. Cappuccin / J. Hogan fecit, 1834’. 2 copies.

Photographic copies of the pledge of the Father Mathew Total Abstinence Association. 2 pp.

Postcard print of a portrait of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC titled: ‘For happy homes, for Ireland, for God / Fr. Mathew OSFC, Apostle of Temperance’. 20 copies.

Photographic print of the Father Mathew statue on O’Connell Street, Dublin. Black and white print, 25.5 cm x 19 cm.

Negative photographic print showing Fr. Theobald Mathew’s house at No. 8 Cove Street, Cork. An annotation on the covering envelope reads: ‘Negative of a photo of Fr. Mathew’s House, No. 8 Cove Street – as it was in 1902 / The roof has since then been altered / Fr. Stanislaus Kavanagh OFM Cap., Aug. 20, 1928’. With two (positive) photographic prints of the same image. 3 prints.

Copy portrait print (on card) of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. 25 cm x 20 cm.

CA/FM/RES/6/3 Father Mathew and Temperance Prints c.1890-1980
Print and photographic print 8 items

Photographic print (on card) of a portrait of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. The print is by William Lawrence, portrait painter and photographer, Dublin. 16.5 cm x 10.5 cm. 2 copies.

Photographic print (on card) of the Father Mathew statue in the workshop of Mary Redmond (1863-1930) before its installation on Sackville (O’Connell) Street, Dublin, in 1893. 16.5 cm x 12 cm.

Copy engraving of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. 25 cm x 17 cm. Printed.

Photographic print of the plaque on Cove Street, Cork, commemorating Fr. Mathew’s residence in a house (No. 8) on that street. The plaque was erected by Cork Corporation in 1980. 15 cm x 10 cm. Colour print.

Cutting of a cartoon titled ‘The cause of the high death-rate / The Working-man’s Sunday’ showing ‘as it was spent before the Sunday Closing Act’ and ‘as it is spent now in unwholesome quarters of the city – as the working-man must get his beer’. [c.1890]. 1 p.

Photographic print of the Father Mathew statue on O’Connell Street, Dublin, in c.1955. Ink stamp on reverse reads ‘Irish Tourist Board Photo’. 25.5 cm x 17.8 cm.

Copy print (on card) of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. 25.5 cm x 20 cm.
Photographs for Exhibition on Father Mathew
1990
Photographic prints
25 items
A collection of photographic prints assembled by Fr. Nessan Shaw OFM Cap. for an exhibition on the life and temperance campaign of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. The prints have been annotated on the reverse by Fr. Nessan. The file includes:

- Thomastown Castle, County Tipperary, birthplace of Fr. Mathew.
- Rathclogheen House, Golden, County Tipperary, where Fr. Mathew lived until he joined the Capuchins.
- St. Patrick’s Church, Kilfeacle, County Tipperary, Fr. Mathew’s parish church.
- The old Capuchin Chapel on Blackamoor Lane, Cork.
- Holy Trinity Church, after it was opened (without steeple) in 1850.
- House in Cove Street where Fr. Mathew Lived. Fr. Nessan notes that ‘it was No. 8 but it has since been demolished’.
- Portrait of Fr. Mathew. An annotation on the reverse reads: ‘This photograph ... is an exact reproduction of the original painting at present in the Bon Secours Convent, Cork. On the back of the original painting is the following inscription “The original portrait of Fr. Mathew which I painted for himself / James Butler Brennan RHA”’.
- Father Mathew Statue on St. Patrick’s Street, Cork.
- Fr. Mathew Tower (with copy engraving). An annotation on the reverse reads: ‘Fr. Mathew Tower / built in Kilcoolishal, Dunkettle, by William O’Connor, a merchant tailor of Cork, to commemorate the hospitable reception which Fr. Mathew received in London in 1843. It was completed in 1846 and opened on November 10th’.
- Fr. Mathew’s grave in St. Joseph’s Cemetery, Cork.
- ‘A specimen of Fr. Mathew’s handwriting’.
- Plaque on a wall of a house on Cove Street commemorating Fr. Mathew’s residence in a house nearby.
- A gong presented by Fr. Mathew to the Ursuline Sisters of Thurles.
- A cup and saucer with images of Fr. Mathew and some temperance symbols emblazoned upon them. Fr. Nessan notes that these items are in the possession of the Foy family in Philadelphia, United States. He adds that the family ‘claim a relationship with Fr. Theobald Mathew through a great-great grandfather, Michael Moore, whose mother was Rose Anna Mathew’.
- The unveiling of the Fr. Mathew Statue on O’Connell Street, Dublin, on 8 Feb. 1893.
- Solemn High Mass at Thomastown Castle to commemorate the centenary of the inauguration of the temperance campaign by Fr. Mathew. 19 June 1938.

Framed Print showing Father Mathew administering the pledge
c.1890
Print
OS
Print: 16.5 cm x 10.5 cm; Print and mount: 35 cm x 29 cm
• Colour print showing Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC administering the pledge (possibly at the Custom House, Dublin). The caption reads: 'The Very Revd. Theobald Mathew / Administering the Temperance Pledge / I promise to abstain from all intoxicating drinks &c except used medicinally, and by order of a medical man, and to discountenance the cause and practice of intemperance / Prayer / May God bless you and enable you to keep your promise'. The frame backing has a printed flier from the ‘Association of Men of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus / Church of St. Kevin, Harrington Street, A.D. 1914’.

Conservation note: The frame is in poor condition and the wooden back-support is cracked. It is also extremely worn at the edges and the print is loosely held in position. Very careful manual handling is required.

CA/FM/RES/6/6
ARTEFACTS
Box 17
OS
Copy print of Father Mathew administering the pledge to Daniel O’Connell
c.1890
Copy print on card
16.5 cm x 10.5 cm

• Copy print of an engraving showing Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC administering the pledge to Daniel O’Connell. The print is surrounded by various temperance-related vignettes and images including the cruciform version of the pledge.

Note: The print has a typescript note by Fr. Nessan Shaw OFM Cap. attached. It reads: ‘April 1927, Father Mathew Record, p. 110. Engravings re temperance crusade. Mr. Charles McCarthy (Cork) presented to Fr. Francis [Hayes] (Rochestown) two very valuable engravings re the temperance campaign. These engravings are the work of Mr John Brown, heraldic artist, Patrick Street, Cork, and were executed by him in the year 1845 as suitable illustrations for the temperance cards then being distributed by Fr. Mathew’.

CA/FM/RES/6/7
Father Mathew and Temperance Prints
c.1950-1982
Printed and photographic print
4 items

• Copy inventory of the works of John Hogan (1800-1858), sculptor. The photocopy is from John Turpin, John Hogan, Irish neoclassical sculptor in Rome, 1800-1858 / a biography and catalogue raisonné (Dublin, 1982). The extract refers to the busts of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. Reference is made to No. 41, a marble bust of Fr. Mathew in the Capuchin Friary, Church Street, Dublin [now in the National Museum of Ireland]. The bust is inscribed ‘Hogan’ in monogram. No. 43 is described as a plaster bust of Fr. Mathew in the Capuchin Friary, Church Street, Dublin. It is inscribed ‘Fr. Theobald Mathew, Ord. Capuchin. He is wearing the Capuchin habit with folded hood. The face is slightly more uneven and less glassy than the marble, for which it is principally a study. W. Strickland, Dictionary of Irish Artists, in his list of Hogan’s works, mentions a bust of Fr. Mathew in the collection of H.J. Maguire, Anglesea Road, Dublin, which may have been identical to this one ...’.
photographic print of Hogan’s marble bust of Fr. Mathew (21.5 cm x 16.5 cm).

- Copy prints of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC.
- A photographic print of the grave of Fr. Theobald Mathew in St. Joseph’s Cemetery, Cork. Fr. Matthew Flynn OFM Cap. is seen standing beside the grave. c.1960. 11 cm x 6.5 cm.

**CA/FM/RES/6/8 Illustrations of Father Mathew**
c.1990
Typescript and copy print
45 pp
- Photocopies and notes compiled by Fr. Nessan Shaw OFM Cap. on illustrative works pertaining to Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. The file includes an index and photocopies of articles mostly taken from the pictorial supplements to *The Capuchin Annual* covering various commemorations of Fr. Mathew. Typescript and copy print, 45 pp.

7. Newspaper Clippings

**CA/FM/RES/7/1 Newspaper cuttings commemorating Father Mathew**
c.1846-1956
Clippings
25 items
File of newspaper clippings mainly re various anniversaries and commemorations connected with Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC and the temperance campaign. Some of the clippings refer to the unveiling of a Father Mathew statue in his native Thomastown, County Tipperary. The file includes:

- Clipping of an article titled ‘The Life and Labours of Father Mathew’ from the *Irish Penny Readings*. The article reports a speech by John Francis Maguire MP at a public meeting held in the Cork City Courthouse in January 1857 to inaugurate a ‘movement for the erection of a monument in Fr. Mathew’s memory’. 121-5 pp.

• Denis Gwynn, ‘Now and then / Father Mathew’s Grave / The Botanic Gardens’, *Cork Examiner*, 15 June 1956.

• ‘Apostle of Temperance Honoured / Kinsman Unveils Memorial at Birthplace / Tipperary Tribute’, *Irish Independent*, 26 June 1939.

• ‘Tipperary Honours the Noble Name of Mathew / Government urged to preserve Thomastown Castle as national monument’, *The Tipperary Star*, 1 July 1939.

• ‘Kilkenny honours Father Mathew / Great Temperance Rally’, *Kilkenny Journal*, 16 July 1938.

• ‘The Memory of Father Mathew / Speeches by Rev. Father Peter Bowe OSFC and the Most Rev. Dr. Kelly, Bishop of Ross’, *Cork Examiner* [1902].

• ‘Where Fr. Mathew was threatened / Incident at Cootehill’.

• Newspaper cutting re the history of Holy Trinity (Father Mathew Memorial) Church, Cork, and Fr. Mathew’s association with the building. *West Cork Eagle and County Advertiser*, Dec. 1883. The article gives considerable detail about the interior decoration of the building. It reads: ‘There are six confessionals built of pine to correspond with the choir and gallery, and handsomely carved. The Stations of the Cross are in *alto relievo*, cast in composite material from designs by one of the Italian Friars who were in charge of the Church some years ago. They are genuine works of art. The organ, it may not be generally known, is the instrument which was built for the Cork Exhibition of 1852 by Mr. Murphy, and is at present in as good tone as when it peals lifted up the hearts of thousands more than thirty years ago’.

• Special supplement to the *Cork Examiner* on the Centennial Celebrations, 11 Oct. 1890.

Conservation Note: Some of the clippings in this file are extremely fragile. Careful manual handling is required.
demonstrations in Cork and Dublin, notable events and places associated with the life and work of Fr. Mathew, and the Father Mathew statue on Sackville Street, Dublin. Printed matter inserted in the volume includes flyers for the Grand National Celebration in honour of Father Mathew held in Cork, 8-10 Oct. 1890 (p. 101), the Rule book of the female branch of the Father Mathew Sacred Thirst Sodality (p. 149), and pastoral letters published by various Irish bishops marking the Father Mathew centenary (pp 163-70).

Conservation note: The volume is in very poor condition. Both the end covers are detached from the volume. The spine binding is cracked and the text block is exposed. The spine covering is also fragmented, desiccated and frayed. Very careful manual handling is required.

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Newspaper cuttings commemorating Father Mathew
1885-1931
Clippings
37 items

File of newspaper clippings mainly re various anniversaries and commemorations connected with Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC and the temperance campaign. The file includes:

- ‘Leitrim Man 116 Years Old / Follower of Father Mathew / Preserves Pledge Card of 89 Years Ago’, Roscommon Herald, 27 June 1931.
- ‘Fr. Mathew Anniversary / Address by Rev. J.A. Cullen SJ’.
- ‘Father Mathew / Notable Anniversary / Lecture by Canon Ryan, Thurles’. Refers to a lecture in Father Mathew Memorial Hall, Church Street, Dublin.
- ‘Father Mathew / Birth Anniversary / An Eloquent Appreciation by Fr. Nicholas Murphy OSFC’. The Irish Catholic, 17 Oct. 1903. Refers to a commemoration in Father Mathew Memorial Hall, Church Street, Dublin.
- Newspaper cutting of an article titled Carmel in Kinsale re the history of the Carmelites in Kinsale, County Cork. Reference is made
in the article to the preaching of a sermon by Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC in the church in 1844. It reads: ‘A manuscript History of the Temperance Reformation by James McKenna, Chief Travelling Secretary to the Very Rev. Theobald Mathew, contains an account of a visit of the Apostle of Temperance to Kinsale in the summer of 1844 ...’. *The Southern Star*, 14 Dec. 1929.

- Newspaper cutting of an article by ‘Dogliente’ re the need for the preservation of Thomastown Castle, Fr. Mathew’s birthplace. A memorandum attached to the cutting reads: ‘Our representative was informed that as far back as 1916 the Superiors of the Capuchin Order were very concerned about the condition of the historic house which through neglect was fast going into a state of ruin. To preserve the house they were prepared, with the sanction of their higher Superiors, to take over the property, but failed to obtain [the] necessary ecclesiastical authority to do so’. *Cork Examiner*, 27 Oct. 1931. Typescript, 1 p.

Conservation Note: Some of the clippings in this file are extremely fragile. Careful manual handling is required.

**CA/FM/RES/7/4**

**Commemoration of the anniversary of Father Mathew’s Birthday**

Oct. 1886

Newspaper

2 items

- Copies of the *Cork Examiner* (11 Oct. 1886) and the *Cork Daily Herald* (11 Oct. 1886) with articles noting local commemorations of the anniversary of Fr. Mathew’s birthday.

Conservation note: The newspapers are extremely fragile with frayed and damaged ends. Careful manual handling is required.

**CA/FM/RES/7/5**

**Newspaper cuttings commemorating Father Mathew**

c.1889-1916

Bound volume

Clippings

30 cm x 26 cm

152 pp

Bound volume containing numerous newspaper clippings mainly re various anniversaries and commemorations connected with Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. Many of the clippings also refer to the temperance campaign conducted by the Capuchins friars in the first decade of the twentieth century. The file includes:

- ‘The Father Mathew Memorial Hall / Address by His Grace the Archbishop / Temperance Reform and the New Parliament’, *Freeman’s Journal*, 5 Feb. 1906.

- Printed letter of the Most Rev. Patrick O’Donnell, Bishop of Raphoe, regarding the need for total abstinence. 20 Dec. 1905.


• ‘Lecture by Fr. Nicholas Murphy OSFC in Father Mathew Hall, Dublin’, 12 Apr. 1904.
• ‘The Father Mathew Centenary / Laying the corner-stone of the Memorial Church, Charlotte Quay’, Cork Examiner, 7 May 1890.
• ‘The Temperance Question / The Industrial Movement’, 22 Mar. 1904.
• ‘The Father Mathew Centenary / The Celebration in Cork / Mr. John Redmond MP preaches a crusade’, 14 Oct. 1889. Refers to a meeting of the Father Mathew Branch of the League of the Cross held in Halston Street, Dublin, and planning for the centennial celebrations of the birth of Fr. Mathew in 1890.
• ‘The Archbishop of Dublin at Lucan / Blessing of a new cemetery / the temperance movement / Father Mathew’s statue, Freeman’s Journal, 12 May 1890. [at p. 26].
• ‘Temperance in Ireland and the Very Rev. P.J. Columbus Maher OSFC’. The file also includes a sketch of the grave-side of Fr. Columbus in Glasnevin Cemetery.
• ‘Diocese of Armidale / Dean Albert Mitchell’s OSFC Installation’.
• ‘Temperance Cause / Father Mathew Anniversary / Address by Bishop of Achonry’, Freeman’s Journal, 10 Oct. 1916. Conservation Note: Some of the clippings in the bound volume are extremely fragile. Careful manual handling is required.

CA/FM/RES/7/6  Newspaper cuttings commemorating Father Mathew

c.1890-1956
Clippings
18 items
File of newspaper clippings mainly re various anniversaries and commemorations connected with Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC and the temperance campaign. The file includes:
• Father Mathew Centenary Supplement to the Weekly Herald, 18 Oct. 1890.
• ‘Father Mathew / Interesting Memoir of his Life and Labour’. [c.1905].
• Gillie Lismore, ‘Friar with face of an angel / millions of people enrolled under his banner’.
• ‘Father Mathew / Birthday Celebration / Address by Very Rev. Dr. Thomas Dowling OSFC’, Cork Examiner, 12 Oct. 1925.
• ‘Father Mathew’, Everybody’s Monthly, 1 Oct. 1912. Refers to a temperance mission conducted by Fr. Dowling OSFC in Graignamanagh, County Kilkenny.
• ‘Dublin Memorial to Father Mathew’, Irish Independent, 10 Oct. 1939. The clipping refers to the laying of the commemorative tablet to mark the re-naming of the bridge (formerly Whitworth Bridge) at Church Street to honour Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC.
• Newspaper clipping of an article titled ‘Life of Father Mathew Recalled on eve of Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America (CTAU) Convention’. c.1949.
• Newspaper cutting reporting on a ceremony at Thomastown Castle, County Tipperary, to honour Fr. Mathew in 1956. The article includes reports of speeches by the Most Rev. Jeremiah Kinane, Archbishop of Cashel, and Fr. James O’Mahony OFM Cap., Provincial Minister.

Conservation Note: Some of the clippings in this file are extremely fragile. Careful manual handling is required.

CA/FM/RES/7/7

Supplement marking the centenary of Father Mathew’s birth
11 Oct. 1890
Clipping
1 item

• A special supplement to the Cork Examiner (11 Oct. 1890) marking the centenary of the birth of Theobald Mathew OSFC. The supplement includes a biographical sketch of the temperance campaigner, a description of the inauguration ceremony at Holy Trinity (Father Mathew Memorial) Church, a report of a speech by the Very Rev. A. Keane OP, a lecture by F.W. Allman, and descriptions of various concerts and other commemorative events held in Cork to mark the anniversary.

CA/FM/RES/7/8

Newspaper cuttings commemorating Father Mathew
c.1891-1913
Clippings
40 items

File of newspaper clippings mainly re various anniversaries and commemorations connected with Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC and the temperance campaign. The file includes:

• ‘The Church’s Peril / Crusade against the drink evil / Glasgow’s Great Welcome to Father Hays’. [c.1905].
• ‘Temperance Legislation for Ireland / The Very Rev. Father Aloysius Travers OSFC’. [c.1912].
• ‘Intemperance / Powerful Sermon by Fr. Laurence Dowling OSFC’. [c.1912].
• ‘Temperance Cause in Enniscorthy / A Capuchin Father on local topics’. [c.1912]. Refers to a sermon given by Fr. Laurence Dowling OFM Cap.
• ‘Twelve “Half-Ones” / Drunk by a youth of 17’.
• ‘The Temperance Cause / Great Mission by Capuchin Fathers / Demonstration at Graigue, County Kilkenny’.
• ‘Father Mathew’s Day’ / Reminiscences of his visit to the United States’.
• ‘Total Abstinence in Scotland / The League of the Cross in Glasgow’, Glasgow Observer, 12 Sept. 1891.
• ‘Father Hays and the Apostolate of Temperance / Father Mathew’s work revived’. 26 Jan. 1901.
• ‘The Cause of Temperance / Demonstration in Ardmore’. Refers to a total abstinence mission given by Fr. Laurence Dowling OSFC.

Conservation Note: Some of the clippings in this file are extremely fragile. Careful manual handling is required.

CA/FM/RES/7/9  Newspaper cuttings commemorating Father Mathew
1899-1921
Clippings
16 items
File of newspaper clippings mainly re various anniversaries and commemorations connected with Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC and the temperance campaign. Many of the articles refer to sermons and talks on temperance made by Fr. Thomas Dowling OSFC (1874-1951). The file includes:

• ‘The anniversary celebration at St. Mary’s Cathedral Temperance Hall’. Refers to a lecture on the Apostle of Temperance by Fr. Thomas Dowling OSFC. *Cork Examiner*, Oct. 1899.
• ‘The vigil of Father Mathew’s Anniversary / Rejoicing in the city’, *Evening Echo*, 10 Oct. 1899.
• ‘Mathew Anniversary / Father Mathew Hall’, *Evening Echo*, 11 Oct. 1917.
• ‘Mathew Celebrations / Fr. Mathew Hall’, *Cork Examiner*, 12 Oct. 1918.

Conservation Note: Some of the clippings in this file are extremely fragile. Careful manual handling is required.

CA/FM/RES/7/10  Commemoration of the anniversary of Father Mathew’s Birthday
Oct. 1901
Clippings
1 item
Newspaper clipping relating to the Father Mathew Anniversary celebration in Cork in October 1901. The article reports an address by Rev. Bernard Vaughan SJ. *Cork Examiner*, October 1901.
CA/FM/RES/7/11  Newspaper cuttings relating to the Temperance Crusade
c.1901-1906
Bound volume
24.5 cm x 19 cm
30 pp
- Catalogue of school stationary, books, maps and other materials published by the North of England School Furnishing Company Ltd. The volume has newspapers cuttings relating to the temperance crusade undertaken by the Capuchin friars pasted into the volume. The cuttings include reports of missions and retreats given by the Capuchins in support of the temperance campaign from c.1901-6. Includes reports for missions given at Tullow, Bagnalstown, Clonegal, Stradbally, Timahoe, Crossmaglen, Dublin (Church Street), Mountmellick, Kilkenny, Armagh, Kells, Tuam, and Westport. The file also includes cuttings relating to the Father Mathew Pavilion at the Cork International Exhibition in 1902. A cutting at p. 21 refers to Fr. Augustine Hayden OSFC preaching in Vienna at the Capuchin Church (Kapuzinerkirche) located on Neuer Markt Square in the city.

CA/FM/RES/7/12  Newspaper cuttings commemorating Father Mathew
1901-1905
Clippings
5 items
File of newspaper clippings mainly re various anniversaries and commemorations connected with Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC and the temperance campaign. The file includes:
- ‘Theobald Mathew / Anniversary Commemoration / Lecture by Very Rev. J.T. Murphy, President, Blackrock College / Speech by Mr. John Dillon MP’, Freeman’s Journal, 10 Dec. 1901.
Conservation Note: Some of the clippings in this file are extremely fragile. Careful manual handling is required.

CA/FM/RES/7/13  Newspaper cuttings commemorating Father Mathew
c.1902-1957
Clippings
21 items
File of newspaper clippings mainly re various anniversaries and commemorations connected with Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC and the temperance campaign. The file includes:
• ‘Father Mathew / Lecture by Fr. Stanislaus Kavanagh OFM Cap. at the Annual Meeting of the Pioneer Association’, *Irish Catholic*, 1 Dec. 1938.
• James Maher, ‘Father Mathew and the Author of Knocknagow’, *Kilkenny People*, 1 July 1939.
• ‘Over 60,000 Pioneers for Big Cork Rally / Celebrating Centenary of Fr. Mathew’s Death’, *Cork Examiner*, 6 June 1956.
• ‘Cork Bishop’s Tribute to Father Mathew / Centenary Lecture in Dublin’, *Evening Echo*, 10 Oct. 1956.

Conservation Note: Some of the clippings in this file are extremely fragile. Careful manual handling is required.

CA/FM/RES/7/14  Newspaper cuttings commemorating Father Mathew
c.1904-1912
Clippings
12 items
File of newspaper clippings mainly re various anniversaries and commemorations connected with Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC and the temperance campaign. The file includes:
• ‘Father Mathew Anniversary / Celebration in Father Mathew Hall / Eloquent Oration by Rev. Dr. Murphy’, *Cork Examiner*, 11 Oct. 1911.
• ‘Fr. Mathew in Galway / How the Great Apostle of Temperance was received in the city’, *The Connaught Tribute*, 14 Oct. 1911.
• ‘The Father Mathew Anniversary’, *The Leader*, 20 Oct. 1906.
• ‘Father Burke on Intemperance’, *The Irish World and American Industrial Liberator*. [c.1905].

Conservation Note: Some of the clippings in this file are extremely fragile. Careful manual handling is required.
Newspaper cuttings commemorating Father Mathew

1918-1965

Clippings

48 items

File of newspaper clippings mainly re various anniversaries and commemorations connected with Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC and the temperance campaign. The file includes:

- ‘Historic Georgian Building on Cork Quay for Auction / South Parish Presbytery’, *Evening Echo*, 7 May 1965. The article refers to Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC and the Capuchin Chapel on Blackamoor Lane near the South Gate Bridge in the city.
- ‘Oratory requiem for Mr. Theobald Mathew’, *The Universe*, 30 June 1939. Theobald Mathew was a great-grand-nephew of the Apostle of Temperance.
- ‘Dublin memorial to Father Mathew’, *Irish Independent*, 10 Oct. 1939. Refers to the installation of a commemorative plaque on Father Mathew (formerly Whitworth) Bridge, in Dublin.
- ‘Tipperary honours the noble name of Mathew’, *The Tipperary Star*, 1 July 1939. Refers to the unveiling of a memorial statue of Fr. Mathew in Thomastown, County Tipperary. The memorial was unveiled by Bishop David Mathew, a great-grand-nephew of Fr. Theobald. The ceremony was also attended by Éamon de Valera.
- ‘Work of Father Mathew / Kinsale Priest’s Lecture in Dunmanway’, *Southern Star*, 27 Apr. 1940.
- Fr. David Kelleher OFM Cap., ‘Fr. Mathew and the Young Irelanders’.

CA/FM/RES/7/16

Newspaper cuttings commemorating Father Mathew

1919-1936

Clippings

4 items

File of newspaper clippings mainly re various anniversaries and commemorations connected with Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC and the temperance campaign. The file includes:

- ‘The Apostle of Temperance / His Great Work in Different Countries / Interesting Sketch of His Life’, *Clare Champion*, 1 Dec. 1934.
- ‘Irish Exiles / Mr. T. Mathew / Famous Lawyer and Wit’, *The People*, 28 Mar. 1937. The article refers to Theobald Mathew, a grand-nephew of the Apostle of Temperance.

**CA/FM/RES/7/17**  
Newspaper cuttings commemorating Father Mathew  
1923-1937  
Clippings  
9 items  
File of newspaper clippings mainly re various anniversaries and commemorations connected with Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC and the temperance campaign. The file includes:
- ‘Cork Poetess / Late Miss Helena Callanan’, *Cork Weekly Examiner*, 13 Mar. 1937. Refers to Helena Callanan, ‘the blind poetess of Cork city’, whose remains were laid to rest in ‘St. Joseph’s Cemetery, not far from the grave of our great Apostle of Temperance, to whose memory she paid more than one graceful tribute’.
- ‘Mathew House, Lehenagh, near Cork, where for some time Rev. Fr. Theobald Mathew, the great temperance reformer, resided’. *Evening Echo*.
- T. O’G. ‘Father Mathew’s birthplace’, *The Leader / a review of current affairs, politics, literature, art and industry*, 20 July 1929.

**CA/FM/RES/7/18**  
Newspaper cuttings re centenary of the temperance campaign  
1938  
Cuttings  
88 items  
- The articles refer to the re-naming of the Church Street (formerly Whitworth) Bridge as Father Mathew Bridge over the River Liffey, Dublin, in October 1938, to various ceremonies held to mark the anniversary (particularly in Dublin and Cork, and in Thomastown
Castle, County Tipperary, Fr. Mathew’s birthplace), and to the Father Mathew Centenary stamp designed by Sean Keating RHA.

- The file also includes an article by Bridie Maguire, ‘Noted Irish Sculptress / Mary Redmond, who wrought the figure of Father Mathew in O’Connell Street’, Saturday Herald, 9 Apr. 1938.
- Fr. Stanislaus Kavanagh OFM Cap. delivering an address at the annual meeting of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association in the Theatre Royal, Dublin. Irish Independent, 16 Nov. 1938.

CA/FM/RES/7/19 Newspaper cuttings re centenary of the temperance campaign
1938
Clippings
6 items
File of newspaper clippings covering commemorations marking the centenary of the inauguration of Fr. Mathew’s temperance campaign. The file includes:

- ‘Mathew centenary / two bishops attend Cork ceremonies / Most Rev. Dr. Kinane on the temperance crusade’, Cork Examiner, 4 July 1938.

CA/FM/RES/7/20 Newspaper cuttings re centenary of the temperance campaign
1938
Clippings
18 items
File of newspaper clippings covering commemorations marking the centenary of the inauguration of Fr. Mathew’s temperance campaign. The file includes:

- ‘Father Mathew Centenary in Dublin’, Irish Independent, 11 Apr. 1938.
- ‘Father Mathew Celebrations / Memory honoured in Dublin and Tipperary’, Irish Catholic, 20 Apr. 1938.
• ‘Father Mathew Centenary Celebrations’, *Daily Sketch*, 11 Apr. 1938.

**CA/FM/RES/7/21**  
Newspaper cuttings commemorating Father Mathew and temperance  
1975-2005  
Clippings  
13 items

- Cutting of an article titled ‘Fury at statue vandals’, *The Nationalist*, 4 Oct. 1997, referring to the destruction of the Fr. Mathew statue at Thomastown Cross, County Tipperary. The article reads ‘Only the plinth remains of the monument which attracts hundreds of tourists to the area every year. The Fr. Mathew figure was smashed into three pieces’. It was reported that local county councillor, Michael Fitzgerald, has insisted that the statue should be restored.
- Cutting of an article relating to Fr. John Spratt, a Carmelite priest and his role in the Hibernian Temperance Society in Dublin. *Irish Times*, 17 Aug. 1991.
- Copy cutting of an article titled ‘The Irish 100’, *Irish Sunday Mirror*, 11 Mar. 2001, listing the ‘top 100’ most influential Irish men and women in history. Fr. Mathew is listed at No. 82. Copy cutting, 2 pp.
• Newspaper cutting of an article titled ‘Father Mathew tower on sale with house’, *Cork Examiner*, 1 Oct. 1994.

CA/FM/RES/7/22 ‘Remembering Father Mathew’ / Supplement to the *Cork Examiner*
10 Mar. 1982
Newspaper
1 item
Copy of a special supplement to the *Cork Examiner* commemorating its 50,000th edition. The supplement includes a section titled ‘Remembering Father Mathew’ at p. 11.
8. Published Works relating to Father Mathew and Temperance

Level: Series
Dates of Publication: 1840-1961
Scope and Content: The series contains a large collection of published works and biographical accounts dealing with the life of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. The collection also includes works relating to various teetotal and temperance movements in Ireland from the mid-nineteenth century onwards. Many of the publications listed below are connected with the temperance revival of the late nineteenth century exemplified by the foundation of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association by Fr. James Cullen SJ in 1898. The works are listed in chronological order by date of publication.
Format: Printed
Extent: 77 items

CA/FM/RES/8/1  An accurate report of the proceedings of the Very Rev. Theobald Mathew, in Dublin in the cause of temperance
Date: 1840
Publisher: Dublin: Printed by Richard Grace, 45 Capel Street
Language: English
Full title: An accurate report of the proceedings of the Very Rev. Theobald Mathew, in Dublin, in the cause of temperance ... With the sermon preached by him in the Church of the Conception, Marlborough Street.
Physical description: iv, ill., 6-76 pp; 18.5 cm x 11.2 cm.
Physical condition: Rebound in later hard covers with gilt title to spine.
BOUND WITH: Rev. Thomas Maguire, Important Lecture in answer to a Protestant, on Images and Relics delivered by the Rev. T. Maguire, on Good Friday evening last, in Adam and Eve Chapel (Dublin: McMullen, 14 Upper Stephen Street, 1840). 11 pp; 18.5 cm x 11.2 cm.

CA/FM/RES/8/2  A memoir of the Very Rev. Theobald Mathew
Date: 1840
Author: Rev. James Birmingham of Borrisokane
Publisher: Dublin: Milliken and Son, Grafton Street
Language: English
Edition: Second Edition
Full title: A memoir of the Very Rev. Theobald Mathew / with an account of the rise and progress of temperance in Ireland
Physical description: 83 pp; Ink stamp on title page: ‘Franciscan Capuchin Order, Ireland’; 20.8 cm x 13.4 cm
Physical condition: One copy is bound in later hard covers with gilt title to spine. The other copy is unbound and is in poor condition. It is lacking pp 7-10 and is darkened with frayed page edges. Careful manual handling is required.
Note: 2 copies.

CA/FM/RES/8/3  The Catholic Luminary and ecclesiastical repertory
Date: June 1840
Author: Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC
Publisher: [Dublin: William Dirham]
Language: English
Format: Journal; The Catholic Luminary and ecclesiastical repertory, no. 1 (June 1840) contains an article titled: ‘A sermon preached on Sunday, 14th June at the consecration of the new Catholic Church at Maynooth ... by the

Physical description: 9 pp; printed stamp on inside front cover reads: ‘T. Burns, Catholic Bookseller, 6 Meeting House St., Coleraine’; 22 cm x 14.5 cm

Physical condition: Bound in contemporary covers with gilt title to spine. The spine cover is completely detached and has been placed within the volume. Careful manual handling is required.


**BOUND WITH:** D. Holland, *The Priest in the Dark Ages* (Belfast: R & D Read, 1854), 41 pp. 22 cm.

**BOUND WITH:** Charles Forbes René de Montalembert (1810-1870), *Letter of the Count de Montalembert demolishing the unwarranted assumptions of the Anglican Protestants as expressed by the Camden Society* ([1844?]), 11 pp. 22 cm.

**BOUND WITH:** Rev. D.W. Cahill, *Letter to the “seven (soup) champions of Christendom”* ([1855?]), 8 pp. 22 cm.


**BOUND WITH:** *Letter from His Eminence Cardinal Wiseman on the Immaculate Conception* (Coleraine: Burns & Stuart, ([1855?]), 4 pp. 22 cm.


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**CA/FM/RES/8/4**  
*The Catholic Choralist*  
Date: 1842  
Publisher: Dublin: Catholic Choralist Office, 23 Essex Street  
Language: English  
Full title: The Catholic choralist / for the use of the choir, drawing room, cloister, and cottage ... harmonized and arranged for the voice, band, piano-forte, and organ ...  
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary hard covers with gilt title to spine. Gilt-edges on leaves.  
Note: Another copy is extant at CA/LIB/106.

**CA/FM/RES/8/5**  
*Leisure hours at sea and ashore*  
Date: 1843  
Author: W.J. Kearney  
Publisher: Cork: Printed by W. Scraggs at the Patent Machine, Patrick Street  
Language: English
Full title: Leisure hours at sea and ashore / containing “The Log”, “The Vision”, etc., etc. / dedicated by permission to the Very Rev. Theobald Mathew by W.L. Kearney.
Physical description: 108 pp; Manuscript annotation on title page reads: ‘Mary Sullivan’; 18 cm x 11 cm.
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary covers with gilt title ‘Poems’ on spine. Minor tearing to spine cover. Significant darkening and staining to leaves. Careful manual handling is required.
Note: The volume contains a page-long dedication to Fr. Theobald Mathew OFM Cap.

CA/FM/RES/8/6  **Art Maguire or, The broken pledge**
Date: [1847?]
Author: William Carleton
Publisher: Dublin: James Duffy & Sons, 15 Wellington Quay
Language: English
Full title: Art Maguire / or, The broken pledge / a narrative
Physical description: viii, 254 pp; 15.2 cm x 10.2 cm
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary covers with gilt title to spine and harp emblem on front cover. The volume is firmly bound.
Note: The work is dedicated to the Very Rev. Theobald Mathew.

CA/FM/RES/8/7  **Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine**
Date: Apr. 1853
Publisher: Edinburgh: W. Blackwood Ltd.
Language: English
Format: Journal; Blackwood’s Edinburgh Magazine vol. LXXXIII, No. CCCL (Apr. 1853) has an article titled ‘Temperance and teetotal societies’.
Physical description: 389-408 pp; 21.5 cm x 13.5
Physical condition: The pages have been torn from a volume. The pages are loosely held together and are frayed and darkened. Careful manual handling is required.

CA/FM/RES/8/8  **Tales from “Bentley” ... Father Mathew**
Date: 1860
Author: P. McTeague
Publisher: London: R. Bentley
Language: English
Physical description: 35 pp; Ink stamp on fly-leaf reads: ‘Franciscan Capuchin Order, Ireland’; 16.3 cm x 10.6 cm
Physical condition: Bound in later hard covers with gilt title to spine. Extensive foxing to opening pages.
Note: Originally published as Bentley’s miscellany of stories: Only vol. 3, ‘Father Mathew, by P. McTeague’ is extant. The title page is missing.

CA/FM/RES/8/9  **Father Mathew / a biography**
Date: 1863-1891
Author: John Francis Maguire
Publisher: London: Longman, Green, Longman, Roberts & Green
Language: English
Edition: Second Edition
Physical description: xv, 557 pp, ill.; 20 cm x 14 cm
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary hard covers with gilt title to spine. The volume is in poor condition. The spine cover has completely disintegrated and front cover is partially detached from the text block. Foxing to opening pages. The page-edges are frayed and brittle. Very careful manual handling is required.

Note: The Irish Capuchin Archives also holds numerous other editions of this work:
John Francis Maguire, *Father Mathew / a biography* (London: Burns & Oates, 17 & 18 Portman Street, Peoples’ Edition, 1882), vi, 90 pp. 28.5 cm x 22 cm. 22 copies.
John Francis Maguire, *Father Mathew / a biography* (Dublin: Eason & Son Ltd., 1891), 228 pp, [2], ill. 18 cm x 12.5 cm. 4 copies. One of these copies is annotated: ‘Presented to Mr. James Farrell as a mark of esteem and gratitude for his zeal in collecting to pay off the debt on the Fr. Mathew Hall by the President, Fr. Columbus Maher OSFC, Xmas, 1891’.
Conservation note: Many of these copies are in very poor condition.

CA/FM/RES/8/10  *The life of Father Mathew, the people’s Soggarth Aroon*
Date: 1874
Author: Sister Mary Francis Clarke [Margaret Cusack (1829-1899); called ‘the Nun of Kenmare’]
Publisher: Dublin: James Duffy and Sons, 15 Wellington Quay
Language: English
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary decorated hard covers with gilt title to spine. Internally, the volume is firmly bound.

CA/FM/RES/8/11  *The Moral and Social Evils of Drunkenness*
Date: 1878
Author: B. Magennis
Publisher: Newry: Printed at ‘The Reporter’ Machine Works
Language: English
Physical description: 25 pp; 21.2 cm x 14 cm
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary soft covers with printed title to front cover. The covers are stained and darkened and are frayed at the edges. Careful manual handling is required.

CA/FM/RES/8/12  *The Little Capuchin Manual*
Date: 1882
Author: Fr. Albert Mitchell OSFC (1826-1893)
Publisher: Dublin: John Mullany, 5 Parliament Street
Language: English
Full title: The Little Capuchin Manual / for the members of the Father Mathew OSFC / Total Abstinence Society / attached to the Church of Our Lady of Angels, Church Street ...
Physical description: 72 pp; 14 cm x 9 cm
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary soft covers with printed title to front cover. Both copies are in poor condition with darkening and foxing to covers. One copy is missing 1-25 pp. The copy has a copy of the *Rules of League of the Sacred Christ attached to the Church of Our Lady of the Angels, Church Street* (1887) bound into the volume.

Note: 2 copies

**CA/FM/RES/8/13**  *The League of the Cross Magazine*

Date: Mar. 1884-Oct. 1885  
Publisher: Dublin: M.H. Gill & Son, Upper Sackville Street  
Language: English  
Full title: The League of the Cross Magazine and Crusade Journal, Catholic Temperance Gazette  
Physical description: [84] pp; 22.5 cm x 15 cm; Ink stamp: ‘Library OFM Cap., Church Street’.  
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary hard covers. There is a good deal of wear to the spine and end covers. The binding of the some of the pamphlets within the volume is loose.  
Note: The volume contains the following editions: Mar. 1883 (no. 3), Feb. 1885 (no. 14), Apr. 1885 (no. 16), June 1885 (no. 18), Sept. 1885 (no. 21), and Oct. 1885 (no. 22).

**CA/FM/RES/8/14**  *Rules of Total Abstinence Society, Holy Trinity Church, Cork*

Date: 1889-1894  
Publisher: Cork: Flynn & Co., 56 George’s Street  
Language: English and Latin  
Full title: Rules of Father Mathew OSFC / Total Abstinence Society / attached to the Church of the Most Holy Trinity, Charlotte Quay  
Physical description: 1889 ed.: 42 pp; 14 cm x 9 cm; 1894 ed.: 38 pp; 14.5 cm x 9.5 cm.  
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary hard covers with printed title to front cover. The 1894 edition is fragile with the text block detached from the covers. Minor darkening to both editions.  
Note: The Provincial Archives holds the 1889 and 1894 editions of the rules.

**CA/FM/RES/8/15**  *An Address to the Father Mathew OSFC Total Abstinence League*

Date: 1889  
Author: Rev. Thomas J. Conaty DD, President of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of the United States  
Publisher: Liverpool: The Catholic Times Printing Works  
Language: English  
Full title: An Address to the Father Mathew OSFC Total Abstinence League of the Sacred Thirst in connection with Church of Our Lady of the Angels, Church Street, Dublin ... delivered in the Father Mathew OSFC, Total Abstinence Hall, Halston Street, Dublin  
Physical description: 15 pp; 21 cm x 14 cm  
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary soft covers with printed title to front cover. Both copies are in poor condition with darkening and staining to covers. The covers are detached from one of the volumes.  
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CA/FM/RES/8/21  Father Mathew, the Great Apostle of Temperance
Date: October 1890
Publisher: Maidstone: G.H. Graham
Format: Journal; published as a special edition of the Temperance Worker, xxviii, no. 214 (Oct. 1890) to mark the Father Mathew Centenary, Oct. 1890
Language: English
Full title: Father Mathew / the Great Apostle of Temperance / His Life and Work ... also a centenary poem, 1790-1890, especially written by Dr. Dawson Burns.
Physical description: 97-139 pp; illustrations, advertisements; 20 cm x 12.5 cm
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary soft covers with printed title and advertisements on front and end covers. An annotated paper cover has been placed over the booklet. The booklet is in fragile condition. The pages are loose and the covers are worn.

CA/FM/RES/8/22  Father Mathew. The Apostle of Temperance
Date: [1890?]
Author: Rev. William Henry Cologan
Publisher: London: Catholic Truth Society
Language: English
Series: Catholic Truth Society: Biographical series
Physical description: 32 pp; portrait of Fr. Mathew; Ink stamp on front cover reads: ‘Library OFM Cap., Church Street’; 18.5 cm x 12.5 cm
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary soft covers with title on front cover and advertisements on end cover. Covers are worn and frayed. Careful manual handling is required.
Note: The Provincial Archives holds three copies of the publication.

CA/FM/RES/8/23  The Father Mathew Centennial Oration
Date: 1890
Author: Sir John Pope Hennessy (1834-91)
Publisher: Cork: Guy & Co. Ltd., 70 Patrick Street
Language: English
Full title: Temperance and Nationality / The Father Mathew Centennial Oration / Delivered in Cork, 10th October, 1890
Physical description: 18 pp; 22 cm x 13.7 cm
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary soft covers with printed title to front cover. Minor Ink-stain on front cover which has seeped through to some of the opening pages. Some minor darkening is also present.
Notes: 4 copies; See digitised glass plate catalogue for a photograph of Hennessy delivering this oration in Cork. (Image Identifier: CA-PH-1-83).
Life and times of Father Mathew
Date: [1890]
Author: Rev. Thomas Langan DD
Publisher: Dublin: The Freeman's Journal Ltd.
Language: English
Full title: Life and times of Father Mathew / Apostle of Temperance
Physical description: 20 pp; 21.4 cm x 14 cm
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary soft covers with printed title to front. Some minor darkening on covers.

Total Abstinence from a Catholic point of view
Date: [1890]
Author: Right Rev. Mgr. William H. Cologan
Publisher: London: Catholic Truth Society, 69 Southwark Bridge Road
Language: English
Physical description: 24 pp; 18 cm x 12 cm
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary soft covers with print title to front cover. Both covers are detached and the paper is very frayed. Careful manual handling is required.

Genealogy of the Earls of Landaff, of Thomastown, County Tipperary
Date: [Place of publication not identified]; [publisher not identified], [189-?]
Author: Murray Alexander Mathew
Language: English
Physical description: 42 pp; Ink stamp on title page: ‘Capuchin Franciscan Fathers, Church Street’; 20.7 cm x 16.7 cm
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary hard covers with gilt title to spine.
Note: Includes the ancestry of Arnold Harris Mathew and Appendix: The ancestors and relatives of the 1st Earl of Landaff’s mother, Mary Matthews ... by the Rev. Murray A. Matthew ... and ancestry of Fr. Theobald Mathew.

Whither goest thou? or, Was Fr. Mathew right?
Date: 1891-1910
Author: Fr. J.C. MacErlain
Publisher: Dublin: Browne & Nolan, Nassau Street / M.H. Gill & Son Ltd.
Language: English
Full title: Whither goest thou? or, Was Fr. Mathew right? Notes on intemperance, scientific and moral
Physical description: 1891 ed.: [8], 179 pp, portrait of Fr. J.C. MacErlain on frontispiece; 18.5 cm x 12.5 cm; 1910 ed.: 174 pp.
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary hard covers with title on spine.
Note: The Provincial Archives holds the first (1891) edition and the seventh edition printed in 1910.

The Catholic Temperance Movement
Date: 1891
Author: Rev. Michael Kelly
Publisher: Dublin: Browne & Nolan, Nassau Street
Language: English
Full title: The Catholic Temperance Movement / the surest way to its success / Reprinted from the Irish Ecclesiastical Record.
Physical description: 46 pp; 21.5 cm x 14.4 cm
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary soft covers with print title to front cover. Minor darkening and foxing to some pages.

**CA/FM/RES/8/29**  *Temperance catechism*

**Date:** 1892  
**Author:** Fr. James Cullen SJ  
**Publisher:** Dublin: Messenger Office, 5 Great Denmark Street  
**Language:** English  
**Full title:** Temperance catechism, and manual of the Total Abstinence League of the Sacred Heart of Jesus  
**Physical description:** xv, 71 pp; marginal annotations (in pencil) throughout the text; 16 cm x 10.2 cm  
**Physical condition:** Bound in contemporary soft covers. The volume is in poor condition. The front is missing and the text is darkened and frayed. Careful manual handling is required.

**CA/FM/RES/8/30**  *Rule book of the Father Mathew Sacred Thirst Sodality*

**Date:** 1892  
**Publisher:** Dublin: C.M. Warren, 21 Upper Ormond Quay  
**Language:** English  
**Full title:** Rule book of the Father Mathew OSFC Sacred Thirst / The Father Mathew Memorial Hall, Dublin / Branch of St. Patrick’s League of the Cross / attached to the Church of Our Lady of Angels, Church Street, Dublin  
**Physical description:** 25 pp; front cover has an ink drawing of the Hall fronting onto Church Street; 15 cm x 10 cm  
**Physical condition:** Bound in contemporary soft covers with printed title to front cover.  
**Note:** Another copy at FMH/46.

**CA/FM/RES/8/31**  *Manual of temperance*

**Date:** 1896  
**Author:** Fr. James Doogan OFM Cap. (d. 29 July 1899)  
**Publisher:** Calcutta: Thacker, Spink and Co.  
**Language:** English  
**Full title:** Manual of temperance / “the League of the Cross” / Roman Catholic Temperance Society  
**Physical description:** vi, 174 pp; portrait of Fr. Mathew on frontispiece; 19 cm x 13 cm  
**Physical condition:** Bound in contemporary hard covers with gilt title to spine. Internally, the volume is firmly bound.

**CA/FM/RES/8/32**  *Temperance truths from many pens*

**Date:** [1896]  
**Author:** Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America  
**Publisher:** New York: Temperance Publication Bureau, 415 West 59th Street  
**Language:** English  
**Full title:** Temperance truths from many pens / a series of essays or addresses covering various phases of the temperance question / Volume II  
**Physical description:** 74 pp; portraits; music; 22 cm x 14.8 cm
Physical condition: The volume is lacking covers and is in poor condition. Significant tearing and darkening to text. Careful manual handling is required.

CA/FM/RES/8/33  *Brief history of the Dublin Total Abstinence Society*
Date: 1897
Author: Ephraim MacDowel Cosgrave, President
Publisher: Dublin: Dublin Total Abstinence Society / Corrigan & Wilson, 24 Upper Sackville Street
Language: English
Physical description: 20 pp; ill., ports.; 16.5 cm x 12.5 cm
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary soft covers with printed title to front cover. Some minor darkening on covers.

CA/FM/RES/8/34  *The New Ireland Review*
Date: November 1898
Author: Jeremiah Dowling
Publisher: Printed by Sealy, Bryers & Walker, 94-96 Middle Abbey Street, Dublin
Language: English
Format: Journal; *New Ireland Review*, x (no. 3), Nov. 1898, has an article titled ‘Father Mathew’ by Jeremiah Dowling at pp 140-8.
Physical description: viii, 129-192 pp; Printed Franciscan Capuchin Library stamp on front cover; 24.8 cm x 15.2 cm
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary covers with printed title and table of contents on front cover. Some minor fraying and tearing to edges of covers.

CA/FM/RES/8/35  *Temperance and the Working Man*
Date: [c.1901]
Author: Rev. J. Halpin PP
Publisher: Dublin: Catholic Truth Society of Ireland, 27 Lower Abbey Street
Language: English
Physical description: 21 pp; 12.2 cm x 8.4 cm
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary soft covers with printed title to front cover.

CA/FM/RES/8/36  *Summarised Life of the great Temperance Apostle, Fr. Theobald Mathew*
Date: 1902
Author: Fr. Thomas Dowling OFM Cap. (1874-1951)
Publisher: Cork: Guy and Co., 70 Patrick Street
Language: English
Physical description: 91 pp; illustrations by Denis Santry (1879-1960), portrait of Fr. Mathew (frontispiece); 18.5 cm x 12.2 cm
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary soft covers with gilt title to front cover.
Note: The Provincial Archives holds numerous copies some of which have been rebound in hard covers.
CA/FM/RES/8/37  **L’apôtre de la tempérance, ou Vie du P. Théobald Mathieu**
Date: 1902  
Author: E. Peltier  
Publisher: Paris: Librairie Charles Poussielgue, 15 Rue Cassette  
Language: French  
Series: Nouvelle Bibliothèque Franciscaine; VIII  
Full title: L’apôtre de la tempérance, ou Vie du P. Théobald Mathieu, des Frères mineurs capucins de la province d’Irlande / par E. Peltier / d’après les travaux de Lord Maguire  
Physical description: 263 pp, ink stamp on inside front cover reads: ‘Library OFM Cap., Church Street’; 18.5 cm x 12 cm  
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary covers with gilt title to spine. The volume is firmly bound.

CA/FM/RES/8/38  **Father Mathew and his times**
Date: 1902-1903  
Author: Mrs John Francis Maguire  
Publisher: Cork: Guy and Co., 70 Patrick Street /Dublin: James Duffy, 15 Wellington Quay  
Language: English  
Full title: Father Mathew and his times / The contrast of the present with the past  
Physical description: 1902 ed.: 10 pp, 19.5 cm x 14 cm; 1903 ed.: 14 pp; 21.5 x 14 cm  
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary soft cover with printed title to front cover.  
Note: The Provincial Archives holds the 1902 and 1903 editions of this work.

CA/FM/RES/8/39  **Father Mathew, his life and work**
Date: [1903?]  
Author: Susan Gavan Duffy (1847-1933)  
Publisher: Dublin: Catholic Truth Society, 24 Upper O’Connell Street  
Language: English  
Physical description: 32 pp; Ink stamp on front cover reads: Library OFM Cap., Church Street’; 18.4 cm x 12 cm  
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary soft covers with print title to front cover.  
Note: 2 copies

CA/FM/RES/8/40  **Constitution and by-laws of the Knights of Father Mathew**
Date: 1903  
Publisher: St Louis, Missouri: W.H. O’Brien, 1013 Pine Street  
Language: English  
Full title: Constitution and by-laws of the Knights of Father Mathew / incorporated July 18th, 1881 / revised edition  
Physical description: 87 pp; Ink stamp on front cover reads: ‘Library OFM Cap., Church Street’; 14.5 cm x 10 cm  
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary soft covers with printed title on front cover.  
Note: Inserts include bulletins from the Knights with details of the financial accounts of the organisation.
**CA/FM/RES/8/41** *Annual Reports of the Father Mathew Union*
Publisher: Dublin: Frank Byrne / Browne & Nolan Ltd; Drogheda: Independent Co. Ltd.; Wexford: John English & Co.
Language: English
Physical description: 120 items; portrait of Fr. Mathew on front covers; Ink stamp: ‘Father Mathew Memorial Hall, Church Street’ on some copies; 18 cm x 12.5 cm
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary soft covers with printed title to front cover. The covers are badly torn and partially detached on some of the volumes. Some darkening and fold marks to pages in various volumes.
Note: There are multiple copies of some of the reports but the run is not complete. The reports from 1957-67 are missing as are the reports from 1970-83.

**CA/FM/RES/8/42** *Temperance Address by Fr. Paul Neary OSFC*
Date: 1905
Author: Fr. Paul Neary OSFC
Publisher: [Dublin] Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Language: English
Full title: Temperance / Address delivered at a General Meeting of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Dublin on the 10th December 1905 / by Very Rev. Father Paul OSFC, Provincial
Physical description: 12 pp; 13.5 cm x 10 cm
Physical description: loose pamphlet without covers.

**CA/FM/RES/8/43** *Constitution of the Workmen’s Temperance Committee*
Date: [c.1905]
Publisher: [Publisher not identified]
Language: English
Physical description: 4 pp; 14 cm x 10.5 cm
Physical condition: loose pamphlet without covers.

**CA/FM/RES/8/44** *Souvenir Programme for Father Mathew Anniversary*
Date: 1906
Publisher: [Dublin: Workmen’s Temperance Committee, Father Mathew Hall, Church Street]
Language: English
Full title: Souvenir Programme for Father Mathew Anniversary Demonstration / 14th October 1906
Physical description: 26 pp; ill.; map; 19.4 cm x 13 cm
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary soft covers with printed title to front cover. The pamphlet is in poor condition. The covers are badly frayed and are detached from the text. Careful manual handling is required.

**CA/FM/RES/8/45** *Souvenir Programme for Father Mathew Anniversary*
Date: 1907
Publisher: [Dublin: Workmen’s Temperance Committee, Father Mathew Hall, Church Street]
Language: English
Full title: Souvenir Programme for Father Mathew Anniversary Demonstration / 8th September 1907
Physical description: 26 pp; ill.; map; 19.4 cm x 13 cm
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary soft covers with printed title to front cover.

**CA/FM/RES/8/46 The Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America**
Date: 1907
Publisher: [Philadelphia: Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America]
Language: English
Full title: The Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America / What it is, and why you should join it.
Physical description: 15 pp; 21 cm x 15 cm
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary soft covers with printed title to front cover. The covers are slightly torn and frayed. Careful manual handling is required.

**CA/FM/RES/8/47 Annual Report of the Irish Association for the Prevention of Intemperance**
Date: 1907
Publisher: Dublin: Humphrey & Armour
Language: English:
Full title: Irish Association for the Prevention of Intemperance / twenty-ninth annual report for the year 1907
Physical description: 48 pp; 20.5 cm x 13.7 cm. Label on front cover reads: ‘£150 extra per annum required’.
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary cloth covers with the print titled to front.

**CA/FM/RES/8/48 The present position of the temperance movement in Ireland**
Date: Jan. 1907
Author: Fr. Aloysius Travers OFM Cap.
Publisher: Dublin: St. Saviour’s Priory, Dominick Street
Language: English
Physical description: 14-26 pp; 25.5 cm x 17 cm
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary covers with printed title to front cover. The spine covering is badly torn and the edges are badly frayed.
Note: The article appeared in The Irish Rosary, a monthly magazine conducted by the Dominican Fathers, XI, no. 1 (Jan. 1907).

**CA/FM/RES/8/49 The Father Mathew reader on temperance and hygiene**
Date: 1907
Author: Rev. J. Halpin PP
Publisher: Dublin: M.H. Gill & Son, 50 Upper O’Connell Street
Language: English
Genre: Juvenile Literature
Physical description: [4], 120 pp; illustration (portrait of Fr. Mathew); 17.5 cm 11.5 cm
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary hard covers with printed title to front cover. The covers of one copy are slightly detached from the text block. The remaining copy is lacking covers. Careful manual handling is required.
Note: 2 copies.
**CA/FM/RES/8/50**  *Beatha an Athar Tiobóid Maitiú*
Date: 1907  
Author: Seán Ua Ceallaigh (1872-1957)  
Publisher: Baile Átha Cliath [Dublin]: MacGuill  
Language: Irish  
Full title: Beatha an Athar Tiobóid Maitiú /ó láimh Sheáin Uí Cheallaigh / maille le réamhrádh [in English] ó láimh An Athar Aguistín  
Physical description: xxviii, 75 pp; ink stamp reads: ‘Father Mathew Memorial Hall, Church Street, Dublin’; 18 cm x 12.2 cm.  
Physical condition: The volume is in poor condition. The covers are missing and the text block is exposed. Some pages are only partially attached to the text block. Careful manual handling is required.  
Note: Introduction in English by Fr. Augustine Hayden OFM Cap. (1870-1954).

**CA/FM/RES/8/51**  *Fáilte / organ of aonach na Bealtaine*
Date: 1907  
Publisher: Baile Atha Cliath: Ó Bruain & Árthr  
Language: English and Irish  
Full title: Fáilte / organ of aonach na Bealtaine / Grand Temperance Fete / Father Mathew Hall, Church Street, Dublin / 1907.  
Physical description: 24 pp; 25 cm x 18.5 cm  
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary soft covers with printed title to front cover.

**CA/FM/RES/8/52**  *Methods and organisation of temperance work*
Date: 1907  
Author: Rev. P. Coffey  
Publisher: Dublin and Waterford: M.H. Gill & Son, Ltd.  
Language: English  
Full title: Methods and organisation of temperance work / a lecture read at a meeting of the Maynooth Union, June 1907 / by Rev. P. Coffey / with a catalogue of temperance publications for the use of priests and others engaged in promoting temperance.  
Physical description: 12, [4] pp; 24.4 cm x 15 cm  
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary soft covers with printed title to front cover. Some minor tearing, fold-marks and darkening to front cover.  
Note: 2 copies; Address by Rev. Francis Stokes titled *The Pioneer Apostolate*, 4 pp inserted into text.

**CA/FM/RES/8/53**  *Twenty-Eight Annual Report of the Father Mathew Abstinence Association*
Date: 1908  
Publisher: Dublin: Fowler, Crow Street  
Language: English  
Full title: Twenty-Eight Annual Report of the Father Mathew Abstinence Association in honour of the Sacred Thirst in connection with the Church of Our Lady of Angels, Church Street, Dublin, for the year 1907  
Physical description: 43 pp; 18 cm x 12.5 cm  
Physical condition: The volume is lacking covers and the pages are loose.
CA/FM/RES/8/54  *Father Mathew and his work*
Date: 1908  
Author: P.F. Cook  
Publisher: St. Louis, Missouri: The Knights of Father Mathew  
Language: English  
Full title: Father Mathew and his work / an address delivered by Mr. P.F. Cook, at the Knights of Father Mathew Banquet at the Jefferson Hotel, St. Louis, Mo, on Monday evening, October 12, 1908.  
Physical description: 16 pp; 15 cm x 8 cm  
Physical condition: loose pamphlet without covers.

CA/FM/RES/8/55  *Father Mathew*
Date: 1908-1910  
Author: Katharine Tynan (1859-1931)  
Publisher: London: MacDonald and Evans  
Language: English  
Series: The St. Nicholas Series / edited by Rev. Dom Bede Camm OSB.  
Physical description: 177 pp, frontispiece (portrait of Fr. Mathew), colour plates; 17.5 cm x 11.5 cm  
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary hard covers with gilt title to spine and gilt emblem on front cover.  
Note: The Provincial Archives holds both the 1908 and 1910 editions.

CA/FM/RES/8/56  *Report of the Ladies’ Visiting Temperance Society*
Date: [1908]  
Publisher: [Publisher not identified]  
Language: English  
Physical description: 15 pp; 22 cm x 14.2 cm  
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary soft covers with printed title to front cover.

CA/FM/RES/8/57  *Alcohol: its work*
Date: 1908  
Author: D.T. Barry  
Publisher: Cork: Shandon Printing Works, 37 South Mall  
Language: English  
Full title: Alcohol: its work / a lecture delivered before St. Finbarr’s Total Abstinence Society by D.T. Barry, MD, FRCS (Eng.), DPH, Professor of Physiology, Queen’s College, Cork.  
Physical description: 15 pp; manuscript annotation on front cover reads: ‘Fr. Alphonsus OSFC’; 21 cm x 14 cm  
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary soft covers with printed title to front cover.

CA/FM/RES/8/58  *Central Association for Instruction in Temperance*
Date: 1909  
Author: August Ljunggren  
Publisher: Stockholm: Oskar Eklund  
Language: English
Full title: Central Association for Instruction in Temperance / origin, organisation and spheres of work / a short survey by commission of the Central Association for the 12th International Anti-Alcohol Congress in London, 18-24 of July 1909
Physical description: 20 pp; ill.; 21.5 cm x 14.3 cm
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary soft covers with printed title to front cover. Some minor darkening on front cover.

CA/FM/RES/8/59  **Souvenir of the National Temperance Crusade**
Date: [c.1910]
Publisher: Dublin: An Cló-Cumann / Irish Industrial Printing Co., 63 Middle Abbey Street
Language: English
Full title: Souvenir of the National Temperance Crusade / Preached by the Franciscan Capuchin Fathers
Physical description: 4 pp; 12.5 cm x 8.5 cm
Physical condition: loose pamphlet without covers.
Note: 2 copies

CA/FM/RES/8/60  **Historical Records and Studies**
Date: 1911
Publisher: New York: The United States Catholic Historical Society
Language: English
Format: Journal; *Historical Records and Studies* vol. vi, part 1 (Feb. 1911) has an article titled: ‘The temperance movement and Father Theobald Mathew’s visit to the United States, 1840-1851’.
Physical description: 109-115 pp; Ink stamp on title page reads: ‘Library OFM Cap., Church Street’; 24 cm x 16 cm
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary hard covers with gilt title to front cover and spine. The volume is firmly bound.

CA/FM/RES/8/61  **Temperance Legislation for Ireland**
Date: 1912
Author: Fr. Aloysius Travers OSFC
Publisher: Dublin: O’Brien & Ards, Parnell Street
Language: English
Full title: Maynooth Union, 1912 / Temperance Legislation for Ireland / by Very Rev. Father Aloysius, OSFC
Physical description: 11 pp; 24.4 cm x 15.4 cm
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary soft covers with printed title to front cover. The covers of both copies are frayed and torn. The covers of one of the copies are completely detached. Careful manual handling is required.
Note: 2 copies.

CA/FM/RES/8/62  **Gill’s temperance reader**
Date: 1913-1915
Author: Maire Ni Čillín
Publisher: Dublin: M.H. Gill and Son Ltd.
Language: English
Physical description: 96 pp; illustrations; manuscript annotation on 1913 edition reads: ‘Memory summons another picture of the Friars in the garb of brown ... Maire Ni Í Chílín’; 18.5 cm x 12.5 cm
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary hard covers with printed title and illustration on front cover. One of the copies has a manuscript dedication from the author to Fr. Aloysius Travers OFM Cap. on the fly-leaf.
Note: 4 copies; The Irish Capuchin Archives holds both the 1913 and 1915 editions.

**CA/FM/RES/8/63**  
*Rules of the Father Mathew Health Insurance Society*  
Date: 1913  
Publisher: Dublin: Browne and Nolan Ltd.  
Language: English  
Full title: Rules of the Father Mathew Health Insurance Society / Approved by the National Health Insurance Commissioners (Ireland) / Office of the Society: Father Mathew OSFC Memorial Hall, Church Street, Dublin  
Physical description: 48 pp; 21.4 cm x 14.4 cm  
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary soft covers with printed title to front cover.  
Note: See also **CA/FM/RES/8/72**.

**CA/FM/RES/8/64**  
*Souvenir of the Temperance Crusade held at Kilmacow*  
Date: 1913  
Author: John B. Drea  
Publisher: Waterford: The Munster Express, 37 Quay & Hanover Street,  
Language: English  
Full title: Souvenir of the Temperance Crusade / held at Kilmacow, Co. Kilkenny / 6th to 13th July 1913  
Physical description: 20 pp; manuscript annotation by author on preface page; 16.4 cm x 8.5 cm  
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary soft cover with printed title to front.

**CA/FM/RES/8/65**  
*Souvenir Programme for the National Catholic Total Abstinence Congress*  
Date: June 1914  
Publisher: Dublin: The Gaelic Press, 30 Upper Liffey Street  
Language: English  
Physical description: 13 pp; ill.; map; 21 cm x 14 cm  
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary soft covers with printed title to front cover. Portrait of Fr. Theobald Mathew on front cover. The covers are badly frayed and darkened. Careful manual handling is required.

**CA/FM/RES/8/66**  
*The Temperance Movement and the CTA Federation of Ireland*  
Date: 1915  
Author: Rev. P. Coffey  
Publisher: Dublin: CTA Federation of Ireland  
Language: English  
Full title: The Temperance Movement /and the CTA Federation of Ireland / by the Rev. P. Coffey / A lecture given under the auspices of the Portarlington T.A. Society / Reprinted from the *Irish Catholic*, May 29th, 1915.  
Physical description: 7 pp; 24 cm x 22 cm
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary soft covers with printed title to front cover. The front is badly stained and marked. The pamphlet is firmly bound.

Date: 1916  
Publisher: Dublin: Catholic Total Abstinence Federation of Ireland, 56 Middle Abbey Street  
Language: English  
Full title: Catholic Total Abstinence Federation of Ireland / Official Report of First General Congress / Mansion House, Dublin / 26th and 27th September, 1916  
Physical description: 171 pp; 21.5 cm x 14 cm  
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary soft covers with printed title to front cover.

CA/FM/RES/8/68 **Report of Second Ordinary General Congress of Total Abstinence Federation**  
Date: 1919  
Publisher: Dublin: Catholic Total Abstinence Federation of Ireland  
Language: English and Irish  
Physical description: 191 pp; 21.4 cm x 14 cm  
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary soft covers with printed title to front cover. The volume has suffered past water damage and is stained. Minor damage to spine cover which has partially exposed the text block. Note: 2 copies.

CA/FM/RES/8/69 **Constitution of the Father Mathew Total Abstinence Association**  
Date: c.1920  
Publisher: Dublin: Powell Press, 22 Parliament Street  
Language: English  
Full title: The Father Mathew Total Abstinence Association / object, means and constitution of the Association  
Physical description: 16 pp; 11.5 cm x 9.2 cm  
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary soft covers with printed title to front cover. The covers are badly stained and discoloured.

CA/FM/RES/8/70 **Catholic Total Abstinence Federation /A call to Ireland**  
Date: 1923  
Publisher: Dublin: Catholic Total Abstinence Federation of Ireland, 56 Middle Abbey Street  
Language: English  
Full title: Catholic Total Abstinence Federation/ A call to Ireland / Report of the third triennial congress of the Catholic Total Abstinence Federation/ 1923  
Physical description: 139 pp; 21 cm x 14 cm  
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary soft covers with printed title to front cover.  
Note: 3 copies.

CA/FM/RES/8/71 **Manual of the Father Mathew Total Abstinence Association**  
Date: [c.1930]  
Publisher: Dublin: Browne & Nolan Ltd, Nassau Street
Language: English, Irish and Latin
Full title: Manual of the Father Mathew Total Abstinence Association in honour of the Sacred Thirst
Physical description: 107 pp; Ink and printed stamp reads: ‘Franciscan Capuchin Library, Church Street, Dublin’; 11.5 cm x 8 cm
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary soft covers with printed title on front cover. The front cover also has a portrait of Fr. Mathew. A large ink-stain is extant on the upper portion of all the pages in the volume.

CA/FM/RES/8/72 **Rules of the Father Mathew Health Insurance Society**
Date: [c.1930]
Publisher: Dublin: Mahon
Language: English
Full title: Rules of the Father Mathew Health Insurance Society / being a society approved for the purposes of the National Insurance (Health) Acts, 1911-1927
Physical description: 24 pp; 15.5 cm x 10 cm
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary soft covers with printed title to front cover.
Note: See also CA/FM/RES/8/63.

CA/FM/RES/8/73 **Pater Theobald Mathew / ein soziales Lebensbild**
Date: 1931
Author: Fr. Salvator Maschek OFM Cap.
Publisher: Solothurn [Switzerland]: St.-Antonius-Verl.
Language: German
Physical description: 127 pp; portrait of Fr. Mathew on frontispiece; 17.4 cm x 11.6 cm
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary soft covers with printed title to front cover.
Note: The Provincial Archives holds three copies.

CA/FM/RES/8/74 **Father Theobald Mathew, apostle of temperance**
Date: 1943
Author: Patrick Rogers
Publisher: Dublin: Browne and Nolan Ltd. / The Richview Press
Language: English
Physical description: xxiii, 166 pp, plates; Ink stamp on inside front cover reads: ‘Franciscan Capuchin Fathers, Church Street’; 22 cm x 14 cm
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary hard covers with gilt title to spine.
Note: Foreword by Fr. James O’Mahony OFM Cap.

CA/FM/RES/8/75 **Footprints of Father Theobald Mathew OFM Cap.**
Date: 1947
Author: Fr. Augustine Hayden OFM Cap. (1870-1954)
Publisher: Dublin: M.H. Gill and Son Ltd.
Language: English
Full title: Footprints of Father Theobald Mathew OFM Cap. / Apostle of Temperance
Physical description: xxvi, 590 pp; 22 cm x 14.5 cm
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary hard covers with gilt title to spine.
CA/FM/RES/8/76  *Father Mathew’s Centenary*
Date: 1956
Author: Denis Gwynn
Publisher: London: *The Clergy Review*, 128 Sloane Street
Language: English
Physical description: 705-719 pp; 21.5 cm x 14 cm
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary soft covers with printed title on front cover. Minor tearing to spine binding.

CA/FM/RES/8/77  *The eager heart, a short life of Father Theobald Mathew*
Date: 1961
Author: Fr. Matthew Flynn OFM Cap.
Publisher: Dublin: Catholic Truth Society of Ireland, 7-8 Lower Abbey Street
Language: English
Physical description: 23 pp; 18 cm x 12 cm
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary soft covers with printed title to front cover. Some minor staining to covers.
Note: 2 copies
9. Artefacts

Level: Series
Date of Creation: 1818-1981
Scope and Content: This series contains a highly significant collection of artefacts such as original pledge cards, temperance society medals, prints, posters, photographs, temperance memorabilia, manuals, church plate, ephemera and other items and relics associated with Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC and his temperance movement from the 1830s to the 1850s. Many of these items were collected by various Capuchin friars in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries with a view to exhibiting them for devotional and historical purposes.
Format: Artefacts
Extent: 111 items; 26 pp

9.1. Total Abstinence Society Pledge Cards

Level: Sub-series
Date of Creation: 1830-1852
Scope and Content: The sub-series contains a collection of original Total Abstinence Society pledge cards. Most of the cards are signed by the pledge-taker and by Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. The cards were decorated with various temperance symbols and vignettes. An illustration on one side of the cards depicted a scene warning of the dangers of intemperance – a man driven by alcohol to beat his wife. Another illustration showed a scene of temperance – a happy family reading together by the hearth. The cards are listed in chronological order.
Format: Printed with manuscript additions and annotations
Extent: 19 items

CA/FM/RES/9/1/1  Framed National Total Abstinence Society Pledge Card
3 Oct. 1830
1 p.
21.5 cm x 16.7 cm
Framed National Total Abstinence Society pledge card of Mathew Gorman dated 3 Oct. 1830. The pledge reads ‘I voluntarily agree to abstain from all intoxicating drinks (except by medical direction) and will not give or offer, and to discountenance the cause and practice of intemperance’. A small seal is attached to the card.
Conservation note: There is significant dust and dirt accumulations to certificate and backing-support. Very careful manual handling is required.

CA/FM/RES/9/1/2  Temperance Society Pledge Card
12 Apr. 1838
1 p.
15 cm x 11.5 cm
An original total abstinence pledge card of Thomas Kent dated 12 Apr. 1838. The card is signed by Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC.

CA/FM/RES/9/1/3  Framed Temperance Society Pledge Card
4 Nov. 1839-17 Mar. 1864
1 p.
17.5 cm x 15 cm
An original total abstinence pledge card of Jonathon Murphy dated 4 Nov. 1839. The card is signed by Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. Manuscript
annotations on the card indicate that the pledge was renewed on 31 Aug. 1860 and 17 Mar. 1864.

CA/FM/RES/9/1/3  Temperance Society Pledge Card
3 Mar. 1840
1 p.
15.5 cm x 11.5 cm
An original total abstinence pledge card of James Keegan dated 3 Mar. 1840. The card is signed by Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. Printed, 1 p.
Conservation note: The card is darkened with some minor staining and marking. It is also slightly frayed at edges. Careful manual handling is required.

CA/FM/RES/9/1/4  Temperance Society Pledge Card
19 Mar. 1840
1 p.
15 cm x 11.5 cm
An original total abstinence pledge card of Anne Burke dated 19 Mar. 1840. The card is signed by Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC.

CA/FM/RES/9/1/5  Temperance Society Certificate
22 Mar. 1840
1 p.
15 cm x 11.5 cm
An original total abstinence certificate of William Hook dated 22 Mar. 1840. The certificate is signed by Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC.

CA/FM/RES/9/1/6  Framed Temperance Society Pledge Card
4 Apr. 1840
1 p.
23 cm x 18.8 cm
An original total abstinence pledge card of Mary Anne O’Reilly dated 4 Apr. 1840. The card has been hand-coloured.
Conservation note: There is significant dust and dirt accumulations to certificate and backing-support. Very careful manual handling is required.

CA/FM/RES/9/1/7  Temperance Society Pledge Card
5 Apr. 1840
1 p.
15 cm x 11.5 cm
An original certificate of enrolment of Robert Cosgrove in St. Paul’s Temperance Society, Dublin, dated 5 Apr. 1840. With a letter from Ellen Weedon to Fr. Angelus Healy OFM Cap. affirming that the pledge card belonged to her grandfather. The letter is dated 18 Apr. 1927.

CA/FM/RES/9/1/8  Temperance Society Pledge Card
14 June 1840
1 p.
16.5 cm x 12.5 cm
An original total abstinence pledge card of Oliver Coogan dated 14 June 1840.
Conservation note: The pledge card has been crudely mounted onto a wooden support which may originally have been a frame backing. The wooden support has split and cracked along its entire length. There is also significant dust and dirt accumulations to certificate and backing-support. Very careful manual handling is required.

CA/FM/RES/9/1/9  Temperance Society Pledge Card
16 Aug. 1840
1 p.
15 cm x 11.4 cm

CA/FM/RES/9/1/10  Framed Temperance Society Certificate
17 Nov. 1840
1 p.
22 cm x 18 cm
An original framed total abstinence pledge card of Mary Farrell dated 18 Nov. 1840. The pledge card is signed by Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. The certificate has been colour tinted by hand. Conservation note: Housed in near contemporary wooden frame. The frame-backing is comprised of cuttings from a nineteenth-century newspaper to give support. The glass panel is not securely attached to the frame. There is also significant dust and dirt accumulations to the frame and backing-support. Very careful manual handling is required.

CA/FM/RES/9/1/11  Temperance Society Pledge Card
23 May 1841
1 p.
15 cm x 11.5 cm
An original total abstinence pledge card of [Con] Boyle dated 23 May 1841. The certificate is signed by Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC.

CA/FM/RES/9/1/12  Framed Temperance Society Pledge Card
28 Feb. 1842
1 p.
23.8 cm x 21.2 cm
An original total abstinence pledge card of Walter Walsh dated 28 Feb. 1842. Manuscript annotation on frame reads ‘Presented by J. Walsh, 38 Killeen Road, Rathmines, grandson of the recipient’. The frame backing has a manuscript annotation: ‘February 1936’.

CA/FM/RES/9/1/13  Temperance Society Pledge Card
7 Aug. 1844
1 p.
15.5 cm x 11.5 cm
An original total abstinence pledge card of Master Patrick O’Connor dated 1 Aug. 1844. The card is signed by Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC, President of the Cork Total Abstinence Society.
CA/FM/RES/9/1/14  Temperance Society Pledge Card
20 Apr. 1847
1 p.
15.5 cm x 11.5 cm
An original total abstinence pledge card of Catherine Fitzgerald dated 20 Apr. 1847. The card is signed by Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC.

CA/FM/RES/9/1/15  Temperance Society Pledge Card
7 Nov. 1847
1 p.
15.5 cm x 11.5 cm
An original total abstinence pledge card of Charles Doherty dated 7 Nov. 1847. The card is signed by Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. With a cover letter (1 Aug. 2001) from Liam O’Connell referring to this item. The letter notes that his ancestor (Charles Doherty) took the pledge in St. Peter’s Pro-Cathedral in Belfast. He also encloses an advertisement from Cantrell & Cochrane, Mineral and Aerated Water Manufacturer, referring to the Apostle of Temperance [c.1900]. Printed, 3 pp. 2 copies.

CA/FM/RES/9/1/16  Temperance Society Pledge Card
20 Mar. 1848
1 p.
15.5 cm x 11.5 cm
An original total abstinence pledge card of Denis Crowley dated 20 Mar. 1848. The certificate is signed by Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC.

CA/FM/RES/9/1/17  Framed Temperance Society Pledge Card
21 Sept. 1848
1 p.
22.5 cm x 19 cm
An original framed total abstinence pledge card of Timothy Shea dated 21 Sept. 1848. The certificate is signed by Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC.
Conservation note: Housed in a near-contemporary wooden frame. Some minor staining to certificate but the housing is relatively secure. Careful manual handling is required.

CA/FM/RES/9/1/18  Framed Temperance Society Pledge Card
22 Jan. 1849
1 p.
17 cm x 13 cm
An original framed total abstinence pledge card of Patrick Byrne dated 22 Jan. 1849. The certificate is signed by Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC.

CA/FM/RES/9/1/19  Temperance Society Pledge Card
18 Nov. 1852
1 p.
15 cm x 11.5 cm
An original total abstinence pledge card of [signature faded] dated 18 Nov. 1852. The certificate is signed by Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC.
9.2. Framed Letters of Father Mathew

Level: Sub-series
Date of Creation: 1845-1847
Scope and Content: The sub-series contains original manuscript letters of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC which have been framed for devotional and exhibition purposes.
Format: Manuscript
Extent: 5 files; 14 pp

**CA/FM/RES/9/2/1** Framed Manuscript Bible Quotation
5 Feb. 1845
Manuscript
1 p.
32 cm x 28 cm
Framed manuscript quoting a passage from Romans Ch. 14, verse 21 which reads ‘It is good not to eat flesh, and not to drink wine nor anything whereby thy brother is offended or scandalized, or made weak’. The passage is signed by Fr. Theobald Mathew and is dated at Cork, 5 Feb. 1845.
Conservation note: The manuscript is surrounded by an embroidered linen-edging placed on a felt mat. The frame is worn and fragments are detached from the edges. Careful manual handling is required.

**CA/FM/RES/9/2/2** Framed Letter of Father Mathew
[c.1847]
Manuscript
4 pp
32 cm x 27.5 cm
Framed letter of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC, Imperial Hotel, Dublin, to Richard Dowden referring to the harsh sentence handed down to a sailor at a court martial in Cove Harbour. Fr. Mathew wrote ‘Strict discipline it is true, must be enforced in Her Majesty’s Fleet, but from the Report of the Trial, it is evident that the miserable culprit, was a habitual drunkard, and consequently a lunatic, and should be treated as such ...’.
Conservation note: The frame is very worn with partial flaking of the covering. The inner mat and board is darkened with foxing evident. Very careful manual handling is required.

**CA/FM/RES/9/2/3** Framed Letter of Father Mathew
12 June 1847
Manuscript
4 pp
32 cm x 27.5 cm
Framed letter of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC, Cork, to Ms [recipient not given] referring to the shortage of food in the city. The letter reads ‘It would afford me pleasure to forward a supply of food but I deeply regret to say that my stock of Indian meal is exhausted. I soon disposed of the three hundred barrels I had for the relief of the destitute. Almost the entire support of the poor strangers who crowd our city is thrown upon me. Eighteen hundred weight of Indian meal is daily cooked in my boilers. Next
week, I must have double the quantity as the other public kitchens will be closed’.

Conservation note: The frame is very worn with partial flaking of the covering. The inner mat and board is darkened with foxing evident. Very careful manual handling is required.

CA/FM/RES/9/2/4 Framed letter of Lord John Russell to Father Mathew
22 June 1847
Manuscript
2 pp
32 cm x 27.5 cm
Framed letter of Lord John Russell (1792-1878), Chatham Place, London, to Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC, re the grant of an annual pension of £300 from the Civil List as a mark of approbation for his work in combatting intemperance in Ireland.
Conservation note: The frame is very worn with partial flaking of the covering. The inner mat and board is darkened with foxing evident. Very careful manual handling is required.

CA/FM/RES/9/2/5 Framed Letter of Father Mathew
19 May 1847
Manuscript
3 pp
24.5 cm x 19.5 cm
Letter of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC to Mr. Martin referring to the latter’s emigration to the United States. The letter reads ‘Gratification at the prospect of you securing an honourable independence for yourself and your dear young family in the great and glorious Republic. Your education, talents, application to business and virtuous religious habits would ensure prosperity to you everywhere, except in our own impoverished, afflicted country. Here all classes are on the very verge of ruin, and in adopting the resolution of emigrating you are acting prudently’.
9.3. Temperance Society Medals

Level: Sub-series
Date of Creation: Medals: 1821-c.1900; Provenance information: c.1915-1981
Scope and Content: The sub-series contains an important collection of original temperance society medals. Most of the medals in the collection are associated with Fr. Mathew’s campaign but some relate to temperance activities before and after him. The Cork Total Abstinence Society’s medals were important because they served as important reminders of the pledge, and also as miniature temperance catechisms for the many illiterates who took the pledge. Fr. Mathew’s medals were large and inscribed with familiar religious symbolism. Most were of pewter, although some silver and gold medals were also available for particularly distinguished members. Generally, one side had the words of the pledge within a shining cross, together with Fr. Mathew’s name and the Society’s founding date (10 April 1838). The reverse depicted a well-dressed man, carrying a banner, ‘prosperity’, and a woman, ‘domestic comfort’, stood next to a lamb, surmounted by a cross and an angel. This scene was overlaid by the Latin phrase, *In hoc signo vinces* (‘by this sign shall you conquer’).

Format: Artefacts, manuscript, typescript and clipping
Extent: 44 items; 12 pp

**CA/FM/RES/9/3/1  Provenance Information re Temperance Society Medals**

c.1915-1981
Manuscript, typescript and clipping
20 pp

- Notes re the provenance of temperance medals held in the Irish Capuchin Archives. The text refers to a large gold medal *(CA/FM/RES/9/3/6)* with the following engraving on the rim: ‘P.P. Daly took the Total Abstinence Pledge, May 20th 1840’. It is affirmed that this medal was ‘bought from a jeweller, who was going to melt it, for £7’. Reference is also made to a large silver medal presented to the Capuchins by a Miss Gibson from Ballyglass in County Mayo. A cross, also gifted to the Capuchins by Miss Gibson, belonged to the Youghal Roman Catholic Total Abstinence and Religious Society founded on 19 May 1839. Another silver medal has a large green ribbon attached to it and was presented by a Miss Tobin, 13 Killarney Street, Dublin. A smaller silver medal is engraved on the rim: ‘Presented to L.S. Gore Jones by the Rev. T. Mathew’. It was given to Fr. Angelus Healy OFM Cap. by Fr. Laurence Kelly, Catholic Curate, St. Michan’s Church, Halston Street, Dublin. [c.1915].
Manuscript and typescript, 8 pp.

- Letters and notes re the provenance of temperance medals sent to the Capuchin friars. One of the letters to Fr. Maurice O’Dowd OFM Cap. refers to a medal gifted by a Mrs Lyons of 29 Clarence Street North. The letter states that ‘it belonged to her father-in-law Maurice Lyons who is dead over 40 years’. The letter is dated 10 Apr. 1938. Another note states that a medal given to Fr. Canice Bourke OFM Cap. by a Dr O’Mahony on 30 Aug. 1930 was found ‘in a secret drawer belonging to his uncle the late Dr Shanahan’. Manuscript, 7 pp.

- Newspaper cutting of an article by Michael Kenny titled ‘Discovering the National Museum’, *Irish Times*, 5 April 1981. The article refers to the National Museum’s collection of temperance
medals and dies from which the medals were struck. The article reads 'Given the great numbers enrolled it is hardly surprising that a huge number of medals were struck of widely varying design and legend. A few were struck in gold and silver, but the vast majority in bronze and white metal, particularly the latter. Many contemporary medallists were involved in their production ... particularly Isaac Parkes of Dublin ...'. With letters to the editor responding to Michael Kenny’s article. 5 Apr. 1981-19 Apr. 1981. Clipping, 5 pp.

**CA/FM/RES/9/3/2**  
**Total Abstinence Society of Ireland Medals**  
C.1840-1850  
Diameter: 3.7 cm  
Ten Pewter Medals  
Physical Description:  
- Face (front): Profile view of the head of Fr. Mathew. Along outer edge: ‘The Father Mathew OSFC Total Abstinence Association’.  
- Obverse: Cruciform formula of pledge: ‘From the / Great Glory of God/ and the/ Salvation / of souls / in honour of / the sacred thirst and agony of Jesus / and the sorrowful Heart of Mary / I promise / to abstain from all / intoxicating drinks during / my life / and thus / discourage / their use / in others’.  
- Images in the four corners of the cross, clockwise, beginning with upper left: Heart surmounted by cross, entwined by crown of thorns, with drops of blood, Heart a fire pierced by sword, with drops of blood; harp; 3 shamrocks.  
- Two of the medals have green ribbon and pin attachments.

**CA/FM/RES/9/3/3**  
**Total Abstinence Society of Ireland Medals**  
C.1840-1850  
Diameter: 4.3 cm  
Three Pewter Medals  
Physical Description:  
- Obverse: Cruciform formula of pledge: ‘I / Promise / by the / Help of / God/ to abstain from all / intoxicating drinks / except used medicinally / and to discountenance the / cause and practice / of / intemperance’. Outer edge inscription reads: ‘The Total Abstinence Society of Ireland’.  
- One of the medals has fragments of a white ribbon and pin attached.

**CA/FM/RES/9/3/4**  
**Total Abstinence Society of Ireland Medal**  
C.1840-1850  
Diameter: 4.3 cm  
Pewter Medal in Glass  
Physical Description:  
- Face (front): In relief, Fr. Mathew addresses kneeling crowd. Outer rim inscription reads: ‘May God bless you and grant you grace and strength to keep your promise’.
Obverse: Cruciform formula of pledge: ‘I / Promise / by the / Help of / God/ to abstain from all / intoxicating drinks / except used medicinally / and to discountenance the / cause and practice / of / intemperance’. Outer edge inscription reads: ‘The Very Rev. T. Mathew, President / The Total Abstinence Society of Ireland’. The medal has fragments of a green ribbon and pin attached.

**Total Abstinence Society of Ireland Medal**
c.1840-1850
Diameter: 4.5 cm
Pewter Medal in Glass
Physical Description:
- Face (front): In relief, Fr. Mathew addresses kneeling crowd. Outer rim inscription reads: ‘May God bless you and grant you grace and strength to keep your promise’.
- Obverse: Cruciform formula of pledge: ‘I / Promise / by the / Help of / God/ to abstain from all / intoxicating drinks / except used medicinally / and to discountenance the / cause and practice / of / intemperance’. Outer edge inscription reads: ‘The Very Rev. T. Mathew, President / The Total Abstinence Society of Ireland’. The medal has fragments of a green ribbon and pin attached.

**Total Abstinence Society of Ireland Medals**
c.1840-1850
Diameter: 4.3 cm
Thirteen Pewter Medals
Physical Description:
- Face (front): Centre: Man and woman on pedestal on which two children are seated. The adults carry a shield surmounted by a cross, with an angel (or in some cases two angels) above. The upper part of the shield has a lamb bearing a banner. The man bears a banner with the words ‘sobriety’. The woman bears a banner with the words ‘Domestic Comfort’. Outer-edge inscription reads: ‘Total Abstinence Society of Ireland’.
- Obverse: Cruciform text of pledge: ‘I / Promise / by the / Help of / God/ to abstain from all / intoxicating drinks / except used medicinally / and to discountenance the / cause and practice / of / intemperance’. Outer edge inscription reads: ‘The Very Rev. Mathew, President, Total Abstinence Society’.

One of the medals was found in an envelope from John O’Neill, Musical Instrument Manufacturer, 140 Capel Street, Dublin. An annotation on the envelope reads ‘Fr. Mathew Temperance Medal / given to Fr. Stanislaus Kavanagh OFM Cap. / by an old woman in Kells, County Meath’.

**CA/FM/RES/9/3/5 Josephin Society Medal**
1821
Diameter: 5.3 cm
Silver Medal
Physical Description:
- Josephin (var. Josephian) Society Medal. The medal is inscribed ‘Josephin Society / Patron / Very Rev. T. Mathew / 1821’. The reverse shows a cleric assisting two young boys with the legend
'Children come and hear me and I will teach you the fear of the Lord'. The medal is topped with a crucifix.

**Contextual note:** ‘Medal of the Josephian Society founded by Fr. Mathew in 1819. The Josephian Society was a religious, educational and charitable society, the precursor of associations like that of St. Vincent de Paul. “The young men taught catechism and instructed poor children to read and write. They also visited the sick and relieved their physical wants, as well as read for them and prayed for them”’. John Francis Maguire, *Father Mathew / A Biography* (1863).

**Temperance Medal**

1833
Diameter: 4.5 cm
Pewter Medal
Physical Description:
- Face (front): Man and woman bearing banners with the words ‘Sobriety’ and ‘Domestic Comfort’. The both support a shield with five panels. Above the shield a lamb with a cross rests on a bar from which hangs a pendant with the word ‘Religion’ beneath. Underneath the ‘floor’ upon which the people stand there is a three-part ribbon suspended with the words ‘be thou / faithful / unto death’.
- Under the ribbon along the edge are the words ‘Temperance Society’. On the upper edge of the medal are the words ‘Peace on earth and good will to Man’.
- Obverse: Outer edge inscription: ‘Temperance Declaration Instituted A.D. 1833. Inner edge: Evergreen leaves and two hands clasped. Centre inscription reads ‘We agree / to abstain from all / intoxicating liquors / except for / medicinal purposes / and religious / ordinances’.

**St. Paul’s Temperance Society Medal**

1839
Diameter: 4.4 cm
Pewter Medal
Physical Description:
- Face (front): Centre: Man and woman on pedestal on which two children are seated. The adults carry a shield surmounted by a cross, with an angel above. The upper part of the shield has a lamb bearing a banner. The man bears a banner with the words ‘sobriety’. The woman bears a banner with the words ‘Domestic Comfort’. Outer-edge inscription reads: ‘In hoc signo vinces’.
- An annotation on the covering envelope reads ‘Presented to Fr. Angelus Healy OFM Cap. by Mrs Weldon, Post Office, Rush. She also gave Certificate of Ballbriggan Temperance Society belonging to her grandfather’. For more information on St. Paul’s Temperance Society see the Journal of the American Temperance Union, Vols. 1-4 (1837) at p. 78 at [https://books.google.ie](https://books.google.ie)
Cork Total Abstinence Society Medals
1838
Diameter: 4.3 cm
Three Silver Medals
Physical Description:
- Face (front): Centre: Man and woman on pedestal on which two children are seated. The adults carry a shield surmounted by a cross, with an angel above. The upper part of the shield has a lamb bearing a banner. The man bears a banner with the words ‘sobriety’. The woman bears a banner with the words ‘Domestic Comfort’. Outer-edge inscription reads: ‘In hoc signo vinces’.
One of the medals was found in an annotated envelope which reads ‘Rev. Fr. Stanislaus [Kavanagh] OFM Cap. / Silver medal of Fr. Mathew for sale’.

Total Abstinence Society Medals
C.1840-1850
Diameters: 4.4 cm; 3.2 cm
Five silver medals
Physical description:
- Face (front): Centre: Man and woman on pedestal on which two children are seated. The adults carry a shield surmounted by a cross, with an angel above. The upper part of the shield has a lamb bearing a banner. The man bears a banner with the words ‘sobriety’. The woman bears a banner with the words ‘Domestic Comfort’. Outer-edge inscription reads: ‘In hoc signo vinces’.
Inner rim inscription reads ‘Founded 10 April 1838’.

CA/FM/RES/9/3/6 Total Abstinence Society Medals
C.1840-1850
Diameter: 4.4 cm
Three gold medals
Physical description:
- Face (front): Centre: Man and woman on pedestal on which two children are seated. The adults carry a shield surmounted by a cross, with an angel above. The upper part of the shield has a lamb bearing a banner. The man bears a banner with the words ‘sobriety’. The woman bears a banner with the words ‘Domestic Comfort’. Outer-edge inscription reads: ‘In hoc signo vinces’.
Inner rim inscription reads ‘Founded 10 April 1838’.
One of the medals is engraved on the rim with the inscription ‘P.P. Daly took the Total Abstinence Pledge May 20th 1840’. This medal was found in an envelope with a note by Fr. Angelus Healy OFM Cap. The note reads ‘This medal was in the hands of a jeweller in Cork, who had purchased it with the intention of smelting it. Fr.’
Angelus with permission of the Fr. Provincial bought it for £7 0s 0d the amount the jeweller had paid for it’. With two paper reproductions of the medals.

**CA/FM/RES/9/3/7 Total Abstinence Society Medals**
c.1840-1850
Diameter: 4.5 cm
Nine silver medals
Physical description:
- Face (front): Centre: Man and woman on pedestal on which two children are seated. The adults carry a shield surmounted by a cross, with an angel above. The upper part of the shield has a lamb bearing a banner. The man bears a banner with the words ‘sobriety’. The woman bears a banner with the words ‘Domestic Comfort’. Outer-edge inscription reads: ‘In hoc signo vinces’.

All of the medals in this file have been encased in glass. One is in purple-coloured glass and another in orange-coloured glass.

Note: One of the temperance medals is attached to a commemorative medal marking the death of Daniel O’Connell. The front shows a portrait of O’Connell with the wording ‘Daniel O’Connell Esq. MP., The Friend of His Country’ and the obverse a gravestone with ‘D. O’Connell, Born, 6 August 1775, Died, 15 May 1847’ above ‘Catholic Emancipation, Repeal’ with a weeping Hibernia, along with a harp.

**CA/FM/RES/9/3/8 Father Mathew Temperance Medal**
c.1840-1850
Diameter: 4.4 cm
Silver Medal
Physical description:
- Face (front): Fr. Mathew addresses the kneeling crowd. Outer rim inscription reads ‘May God bless you and grant you grace and strength to keep your promise.
- Obverse: Outer edge inscription reads ‘Dedicated to the Very Rev. Theobald Mathew. Centre: ‘Whose / exertions / have laid the / foundation of his country’s happiness / and merited / the admiration / of mankind’.

A green and white ribbon in the form of a crucifix (with pin) is attached.

**Total Abstinence Society Medal**
c.1840-1850
Diameter: 4.4 cm
Silver Medal
Physical description:
- Face (front): Man and woman on pedestal on which two children are seated. The adults carry a shield surmounted by a cross, with an
angel above. The upper part of the shield has a lamb bearing a banner. The man bears a banner with the words ‘sobriety’. The woman bears a banner with the words ‘Domestic Comfort’. Outer-edge inscription reads: ‘In hoc signo vinces’.


A green ribbon with pin is attached.

**Total Abstinence Society Medal**

1840

Diameter: 4.4 cm

Silver Medal in Glass

Physical description:

- Face (front): Man and woman on pedestal on which two children are seated. The adults carry a shield surmounted by a cross, with an angel above left of the cross. The upper part of the shield has a lamb bearing a banner. The man bears a banner with the words ‘sobriety’. The woman bears a banner with the words ‘Domestic Comfort’. Outer-edge inscription reads: ‘In hoc signo vinces’.

Obverse: Cruciform text of pledge encircled by title of society, president (Fr. Theobald Mathew), and the date of foundation (10 Apr. 1838).

A large green ribbon is attached with the following embroidered text ‘F ✝ M / 1840 / God Save Ireland’. The ribbon is partially torn. Very careful manual handling is required.

**Medal of the Army Temperance Association, India**

1862

Oval-shaped silver medal

4 cm x 3 cm

Physical Description:

- Medal of the Soldiers’ Total Abstinence Association in India. The inscription on the face reads ‘Watch and be sober’. Inscription on the obverse reads ‘The Association Medal for Fidelity India’.

**Note:** After 1902 the Victoria Memorial Medal was adopted and used by Indian Organisations of the Royal Army Temperance Association as a Two-Year Medal.

**Temperance Medal Ribbon**

1889

Physical Description:

- A green ribbon with silver crucifix attached bearing the inscription ‘Presented to the Very Rev. Fr. Columbus [Maher] OSFC / President / Feb. 1889’. The ribbon would have been originally attached to a temperance medal. Fr. Columbus Maher OSFC (1835-1894) was President of the Father Mathew Temperance Association attached to St. Mary of the Angels, Church Street, Dublin.

**CA/FM/RES/9/3/9** Framed Temperance Medals

c.1900

18.5 cm x 14 cm

Physical Description:

- Two framed temperance medals. Both of the medals have ribbons attached (purple and green). The purple ribbon has the following
inscription: ‘Approach them once a month / Live worthy of them the entire month / They loose and bind in heaven’. The medal with the green ribbon has an image of St. Patrick with the motif ‘Apostle of Ireland / Pray for Us’. The inscription above reads ‘Temperance / Perseverance’.

**CA/FM/RES/9/3/10  Temperance Medals and Crosses**
c.1839-1872
Diameters: 3.3 cm-5 cm
Silver and Pewter Medals and Crucifixes
A collection of Total Abstinence Society medals collected by Fr. Angelus Healy OFM Cap. and other Capuchin friars. Most of the medals were sent to Fr. Angelus who duly recorded their provenance and source. The collection includes:

- Silver medal ‘presented to Fr. Angelus by Miss Gibson, Ballyglass, County Mayo. It belonged to her grandfather, who had taken the pledge from Fr. Mathew. He was a convert, but she is of the opinion he had taken the Pledge whilst he was a Protestant’.
- Silver cross of the Youghal Roman Catholic Total Abstinence Society founded by the Rev. John Foley on 1 May 1839. The obverse has the text of the pledge with the Latin phrase ‘In hoc signo vinces’. Two examples of the cross are extant. Fr. Angelus notes that one of the crosses was donated by Miss Gibson of County Mayo.
- Silver medal of the Total Abstinence Society of the Sacred Thirst. The medal has a red ribbon and pin attachment. With annotated envelope by Fr. Angelus Healy OFM Cap.
- Silver medal of the Total Abstinence Society of Ireland. The medal is engraved on the rim ‘Presented to L.S. Gore Jones by The Rev. T. Mathew’. The medal was given to Fr. Angelus by Rev. Laurence Kelly CC, St. Michan’s Church, North Anne Street, Dublin.
- Pewter medal of the Dublin Total Abstinence League founded in 1872. The inscription on the obverse reads ‘For / Glory to God / for example to man / safety / I promise with the Divine / Assistance to abstain / from all intoxicating / drinks and to / discountenance / the / liquor traffic’. The front has a side-profile view of Fr. Mathew. Fr. Angelus notes that the maker was Woodhouse, Dublin.
- Pewter medal of the Total Abstinence Pledge. The front (face) shows the Good Shepherd. The outer-rim inscription reads ‘I have found the sheep that was lost Luke Chap. 15 v. 6’. The obverse: Cruciform text of pledge. The outer-rim inscription reads ‘The Dublin Total Abstinence Pledge The Very Revd. Dr. Spratt Patron 1840’. Fr. Angelus notes that the maker was J. Taylor.

**CA/FM/RES/9/3/11  Temperance Medals**
c.1838-1850
Diameters: 3.3 cm-5 cm
Silver and Pewter Medals
A collection of Total Abstinence Society medals collected by Fr. Angelus Healy OFM Cap. and other Capuchin friars.

- Silver medal of the Metropolitan Total Abstinence Society. The front (face) shows St. Michael with the winds and the inscription

- Pewter medal of the Total Abstinence Society. Fr. Angelus notes that the medal is extremely worn and defaced.
- Silver medal of the Total Abstinence Society of Ireland. Fr. Angelus notes that the maker was Woodhouse of Dublin.
- Silver medal of the Total Abstinence Society of Ireland. Fr. Angelus notes that the maker was Jones of Dublin. A green ribbon is attached to the medal. An annotation on the covering envelope reads ‘Presented to Fr. Angelus by Miss Tobin, 13 Killarney Street, Dublin’.
- Pewter medal of the Cork Total Abstinence Society. An annotation on the covering envelope reads ‘Presented to Fr. Angelus by Mr. Cosgrave’. The medal is very worn and defaced.
- Pewter medal of St. Mary’s Temperance Society, Kilkenny. The medal is very worn and defaced. For more information on St. Mary’s Temperance Society see the *Journal of the American Temperance Union*, Vols. 1-4 (1837) at p. 190. It is noted that St. Mary’s Temperance Society has 1,300 members with 100 to 200 members meeting on the evening of the Sabbath under the spiritual direction of the Rev. J. P. O’Reilly. The medal was probably made by Isaac Parkes (b.c.1791-1870). See: [http://www.libraryireland.com/irishartists/isaac-parkes.php](http://www.libraryireland.com/irishartists/isaac-parkes.php)
- Pewter medal of the Cork Total Abstinence Society. A note attached to the medal reads ‘Lent by M.A. Rogan, 55 St. Patrick’s Road, Drumcondra’. The medal is very worn and defaced.
- Silver temperance medal. A note in the covering envelope reads ‘Presented by Mr. W. O’Herlihy, 61 Gurranabraher Avenue, Cork, apparently inherited from his grandfather, a married daughter gave it to me. Fr. Nessan Shaw OFM Cap., 13 April 1982’. The medal is very worn and defaced.
9.4. Other Artefacts

Level: Sub-series
Date of Creation: 1818-c.1980
Scope and Content: The sub-series contains a collection of printed books, church plate, relics and ephemera associated with Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. Some of these objects were used for exhibition purposes by the Capuchin friars at commemorative events marking anniversaries associated with the temperance campaign.
Format: Printed books and artefacts
Extent: 47 items

CA/FM/RES/9/4/1  *High Mass, and Sundays Vespers, as sung in most of the different Roman Catholic chapels throughout the United Kingdom. The third edition, with considerable additions, etc.*
Date: 1818
Publisher: Dublin; P. Wogan
Edition/Format: Third Edition
Language: English
Physical description: 96 pp; 15.5 cm x 10 cm; Front cover has gilt engraving ‘Very Rev. T. Mathew’; The title page has a manuscript depiction of the Mathew family coat-of-arms with the initialled monogram of ‘TM’.
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary hard (leather) covers with gilt title to spine. There is some minor wear to the spine and end covers. Careful manual handling is required.

CA/FM/RES/9/4/2  *Crucifix*
OS
C.1831-1832
Height: 31 cm; Width (at base): 12.5 cm
A wooden crucifix used by Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. The underside of the base has a manuscript annotation: ‘Father Mathew’s Cross, used in his sick calls &c and in cholera cases, 1831-2’.
Conservation note: The base has been crudely repaired and is loosely attached to the rest of the Crucifix with a nail. Very careful manual handling is required.

CA/FM/RES/9/4/3  *Missale Romanum*
Date: 1833
Publisher: Dublin: Richard Coyne
Language: Latin
Full title: *Missale Romanum ex decreto sacrosancti Concilii Tridentini restitutum, Pii V maximii jussu editum, et Clementis VIII, primum, nunc denuo Urbani, papæ VIII, auctoritate recognitum; et novorum festorum missis hucusque concessis auctum: his accedunt festa, quæ ex indulto apostolico in regno Hiberniæ celebrantur: huic denique editioni nunc primum subjungitur index amplissimus missarum et orationum quæ in libro continentur.*
Physical description: xiv [i.e. lxiv], 610, cxxv, [1], lvi [i.e. viii] pages, [1] leaf of plates, illustrations. Typed insert in the volume reads ‘Missal used by Father Mathew’.
Physical condition: Bound in contemporary hard (leather) covers with gilt decoration and title to spine. With gilt edges to all pages. Some minor
rubbing and tears to the covers but internally the volume is firmly bound. Careful manual handling is required.

**CA/FM/RES/9/4/4 Candlesticks**
Jan. 1842
Height: 29 cm; Width (at base): 13 cm
Two items
A pair of gold candlesticks gifted to Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. The base of the candlesticks are engraved: ‘Very Revd. T. Mathew President / Very Rev. J.J. Murphy Vice-President / Cork Total Abstinence Benefit Society / AD January 1842’.

**CA/FM/RES/9/4/5 Pyx and Holy Oils Stock used by Father Mathew**
c.1840-1850
Two items
A silver pyx (diameter: 4.8 cm) with the Christogram IHS engraved on cover. The initials ‘TM’ are engraved on case. With silver Holy Oils Stock. The stock has three parts engraved with ‘I, B, C’.
Note: Holy Oils Stock are engraved with I, B and C to safely store the Holy oils. Catechumens used in Baptism. The oil of Chrism used in Confirmation, Baptism and consecration of a Bishop. The Oil of the Sick used in Unction. The stock is stored in a worn (red) leather pouch.

**CA/FM/RES/9/4/6 Temperance Medal Dies**
c.1840-1850
Diameter: 5.6 cm
Two metal dies used to strike Total Abstinence Pledge medals. The dies are large metallic pieces that were used to medal a coin, one per each side. The dies have an inverse version of the image to be struck on the medal. One side shows a profile-view of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. The obverse has the cruciform text of pledge. The maker’s stamp on the dies reads ‘G. Cook, 21 Regent Row, Birmingham’.

**CA/FM/RES/9/4/7 Father Mathew Statuette**
c.1840-1850
Height: 37 cm; Width (at base): 12 cm
A commemorative statuette (or figurine) of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. The statuette is inscribed on the base: ‘Rev. Father Mathew’. The figurine shows Fr. Mathew in a long black frock coat holding a top-hat in his left hand.
Conservation note: The statuette is in very poor condition. The right arm of the piece is missing and there are some minor scratches and abrasions to the back of the head. Very careful manual handling is required.

**CA/FM/RES/9/4/8 Commemorative Silver Plaque**
20 Sept. 1847
Length: 9.7 cm x 6.4 cm
Silver memorial plaque presented to Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC. The inscription reads:
‘Presented to the Very Rev. Theobald Mathew by Messrs Dugdale and McClean in the name of the Catholic and Scottish Union for the Suppression of Intemperance / Patronized by the Right Hon. The Earl of Stanhope in
token of their esteem for him as the honoured instrument under God for the Destruction of Intemperance and the Moral Renovation of Mankind / 29th Sept. 1847’.
The obverse shows a man and woman either side of a shield. The man bears a banner with the words ‘sobriety’. The woman bears a banner with the words ‘Domestic Comfort’. The shield is flanked with a ribbon with the words ‘Peace on Earth and Good Will to Men / Be Thou Faithful to Death’.  

CA/FM/RES/9/4/9  Locks of Father Mathew’s Hair  
c.1856  
Three items  
An envelope dated 26 Sept. 1856 with annotation on front ‘Father Mathew’s Hair’. The envelope also has notes re a cashbook account endorsed on front. The other items are felt-covered decorative pieces containing small (encased) portions of Fr. Mathew’s hair. The decorative pieces were probably created in the early twentieth century.  

CA/FM/RES/9/4/10  Father Mathew Statue Centenary Silver Trowel  
1890  
Length: 31 cm  
Width: (at sliver): 9 cm  

CA/FM/RES/9/4/11  Sacred Thirst Sodality Badges  
c.1940  
Cloth badges  
Five items  
Five linen badges of the Sacred Thirst Sodality attached to the Capuchin Friary, Church Street, Dublin. The badges are in a small leather pouch.  

CA/FM/RES/9/4/12  Printing Block  
c.1940  
5.5 cm x 4.4 cm  
Printing block used to reproduce the shield symbol of the Father Mathew Total Abstinence Association. The printing block was probably used in the production of pledge certificates in the mid-twentieth century.
CA/FM/RES/9/4/13  Pioneer Total Abstinence Association Medal
1940
Diameter: 3 cm
Pioneer Total Abstinence Medal from the Diocese of Dromore issued to the mark the silver Jubilee of the local PTAA in 1940. A red and white ribbon (5.5 cm x 4.5 cm) is attached to the medal.

CA/FM/RES/9/4/14  Total Abstinence Badges and Pins
c.1980
25 items
Near-contemporary badges and pins for the Father Mathew Total Abstinence Association. It is noted that the triangle pin signified the taking of the ‘temporary pledge’. The shield signified the taking of the ‘perpetual pledge’.