

is the only thing you desire, to redouble my exertions in the Sacred Cause, to which I have devoted all my energies.

I am happy to have it in my power to assure you that Teetotalism continues to progress in Ireland, and that taking into consideration, the agitated, troublesome times, upon which our lot is now cast, the Violations of the Pledge are very few. The whole of the rising generation is being trained to habits of Total Abstinence, and I have no fears, with the Divine Assistance, for the Stability of this great moral movement.

I am now making a tour through the Kingdom, and from the beneficial results that have followed in the localities to which I have paid second visits, I have every reason to hope that it may be permitted to me without danger to the cause to leave Ireland for a season. I feel a yearning to avail myself of the Invitations I have received, to visit the States and British America, and if I shall find it consistent with prudence, it will afford me much consolation to spend a few months beyond the Atlantic. . . .

To your amiable Lady, and the Misses Gurney, and your excellent son, tho' I had not the pleasure of being introduced to him, I present my most respectful compliments, Fervently Praying that the Lord may bestow on you all every spiritual and temporal Blessing. I am

With profound esteem

Dearest Mr. Gurney

Yours gratefully and devotedly

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Father Theobald Mathew (1790-1856) was a Franciscan, and a parish priest in Cork. Yielding to the repeated appeals of William Martin, a Friend of that city, he became the most successful of advocates of total abstinence. He is known as the "Apostle of Temperance."

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### Stephen Grellet MSS.

Several enquiries respecting these have reached Friends House and it is a pleasure to be able to give the following reference :

"At the Ridgway Branch of the Philadelphia Library exists (1) a MS. journal of S. G's. travels in 1811-13 and 1812-20, (2) four large vols. of letters and memoranda, largely original letters in French and in English addressed to S. G. and others of his family. HENRY J. CADBURY."