

BR44	Private papers of William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple <i>Private correspondence, articles, notes, memoranda, and diary extracts of William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple (BR44/1-11)</i>	1840-89
BR44/1/1-20	Bundle of notes of religious thoughts, prayers, opinions of people, speeches, and political anecdotes; all, except one unidentified item, in the handwriting of William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple	n.d. c.1840-50
BR44/2/1-2	Two letters to Sir Culling (Charles Smith?) from William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple, concerned with religious thoughts and the death of Henry Cowper of Tewin Water	15 Sep-4 Dec 1840
BR44/3/1-2	Phrenological analyses of William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple, and his wife, Georgina, by C.Donovan	May 1848 12 Mar 1849
BR44/4	Letter to Francis Thomas de Grey Cowper, seventh Earl Cowper, from Edward George Earle Lytton Bulwer Lytton, first Baron Lytton, declining an invitation	31 Jul 1865
BR44/5/1-18	Bundle of eighteen items; including letters, which it has not been possible to identify to whom and from whom they are written, since they are either not addressed to anyone, or are addressed to "my dear friend" (or similar), and signed "your sincere friend" (or similar), written from a variety of locations, including Australia and Alexandria, concerning religious and spiritual subjects; fragments of letters, some from William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple; extracts from William's journal and diary; and a drawing of something seen in a vision	Apr 1869-1878; many items n.d.
BR44/6	Letter from William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple, to John Ruskin, taking issue with the principles of the utopian guild of St George, which Ruskin had founded	Apr 1879
BR44/7	Note of statement of his debts by William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple	24 Mar 1882
BR44/8	Letter from Rt. Hon. Henry Fawcett to William Francis Cowper Temple, concerning the post office in Romsey	n.d. c. 1880-4
BR44/9/1-25	Bundle of twenty five items, mostly not dated; including a number of empty envelopes, a lock of hair in an envelope, a visiting card of Mrs Cowper, religious tracts, a notebook belonging to William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple, containing a few notes written while on a visit to Rome, notices of meetings, the birth certificate of Frederick William Ahlborn, a picture of Babbacombe, near Torquay, Devon, cut from a letter heading, and lists of plants	n.d. c. 1880-8
BR44/10/1-20	Bundle of twenty items; including a number of empty envelopes, anonymous handwritten religious verse, printed copies of a poem entitled "In memoriam Lord Mount Temple" by Charles A.Fox, a lithograph of Lady Adine Cowper, handwritten religious notes on Bible texts, and one item in William Francis Cowper, first Baron Mount Temple's handwriting, of notes about a religious struggle	n.d.c.1847-1889
BR44/11/1-15	Bundle of fifteen items, including, in William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple's hand, notes for his speech to	n.d. c.1840-80

the electors of South Hampshire announcing his retirement from the House of Commons, fragments of letters, a poem, and statement of the duties of a civil Lord of the Admiralty; the printed rules for the sisters of a house of mercy for female penitents; a handwritten list of Russian novelists; a printed account of grain and flour imported into Great Britain in 1839; printed proposals for a system of arbitration for settling personal differences (possibly from a gentlemen's club?); and a contemporary folder containing a handwritten sheet of a religious dialogue

Private papers of William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple, of a religious nature or on religious subjects. These include a number of items on Thomas Lake Harris, an American mystic and spiritualist, who came to England on a lecture tour in 1859-60. After returning to America, he set up a community, which had various moves, ending up in 1875 in Santa Rosa, California. His community started as communistic but became patriarchal, with Harris as "The Father", holding and administering all property. All members denied Self, and surrendered themselves to Divine Use, practising "open breathing", and a system of celibate marriage which left each person free to live in spiritual union with his or her heavenly counterpart. Harris attained his own spiritual "two-in-oneness" with his heavenly counterpart, the Lily Queen, in 1894, when he announced that he had become immortal, and the end of the natural world was at hand. Evidently, William Cowper Temple and various of his friends, had at one time been attracted by the teaching of Harris, since many of their letters contain references to him and his writings. The increasing emphasis on spiritualism, together with a drift away from scripture based beliefs, very much worried Cowper Temple and his circle of acquaintances. (BR44/12-16)

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1-3 | Three items in William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple's hand; one an account of the religious conversion of a girl called Betsy (possibly Elizabeth Fry); one an outline of a possible novel; and one an account of a religious experience of his own | n.d. c. post 1843
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1-4 | Four items concerning T.L.Harris; one fragment and one whole, lengthy, letter to William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple, possibly from Harris, consisting entirely in religious explanations and thoughts; thirty seven pages of notes in Temple's hand on T.L.Harris's <i>Two-in-One</i> , being a critique of certain passages; and one letter from J.L.Waring to Mrs Beck, urging her to join Harris's commune | 28 Sep 1876
n.d. c.1870-80 |
| BR44/14 | Handwritten report by "E.C.", possibly Edward Clifford, on a Christian conference at Broadlands | 1875 |
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1-14 | Fourteen items in William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple's hand, all of a religious nature; consisting of notes on spiritualism, notes for lectures on the Passover, prayers and thoughts | n.d. c.1850-80 |
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1-26 | Twenty six items, mostly of a religious nature; the majority consisting of, in the hand of William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple, prayers, notes on spirituality, living a godly life, and the divine purpose, religious poems and anecdotes, both of his own composition and copies; also including a newspaper cutting from an unidentified source about Otto von Bismarck; printed religious tracts; and a typewritten newsletter, written on Church Army headed paper and dated after Cowper Temple's | n.d. c.1839-50
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death, addressed to "Dear Comrade", evidently circulated to all the officers, from Edward Clifford, concerning spirituality, the proper way to live, and ordination

	<i>Documents with a political connection, some of them dating to the period after the death of William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple (BR44/17-18)</i>	1870-93
BR44/17/ 1-2	Printed copies of <i>The Parishioners Rights Act</i> and <i>The Parochial Councils Act</i> , brought in by William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple, and Dudley Ryder, second Earl of Harrowby (styled Viscount Sandon on the documents)	29 Jun 1870 10 Feb 1871
BR44/18/ 1-9	Nine items of a political nature; one in the hand of William Francis Cowper Temple, being an account of the mission to Canada in 1837 of John George Lambton, first Earl of Durham; a cartoon from <i>Punch</i> ; seven items concerning the South Hants General Liberal Association, including copies of the constitution and membership details, articles, and notes	26 Jun 1869- 1893
	<i>Newspaper cuttings (BR44/19-23)</i>	1872-88
BR44/19/ 1-10	Ten items concerning William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple; comprising nine obituaries from a variety of sources, including <i>The Hampshire Independent</i> , <i>The Homoeopathic World</i> and the parish magazine of St Mary's, Southampton; and one character sketch of him from <i>The Christian</i>	1886-88
BR44/20/ 1-13	Thirteen items concerning religious matters, the majority being reports on church services, from <i>The Guardian</i> , the <i>Daily Express</i> , and the <i>Wigan Examiner</i> , and a number of unidentified newspapers	1877-83
BR44/21/ 1-16	Sixteen items mostly on religious matters, but a number on the condition of agricultural labourers, and some on music and poetry, from a variety of sources, including <i>The Guardian</i> , the <i>Wigan Examiner</i> , the <i>Devon Weekly Times</i> , <i>The Times</i> , and the <i>Daily News</i> , and a number of unidentified newspapers	1877
BR44/22/ 1-24	Twenty four items mostly concerning religious matters, but also concerning the parcels post, Portsmouth Liberal Association, and the elevation of the working class, including the Labourers' Encouragement Association, from a variety of sources, most of them unidentified, but including <i>The Times</i> , <i>The Labourers' Union Chronicle</i> , the <i>Hampshire Telegraph</i> , <i>The Weekly Hampshire Independent</i> and <i>The Guardian</i>	1872-88
BR44/23/ 1-14	Fourteen cuttings, thirteen from <i>The Standard</i> , one from <i>The Times</i> , concerning the notorious divorce case of Lord Colin Campbell, younger son of the eighth Duke of Argyll, and his wife	27 Nov 1886- 17 Dec 1886