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THE Norwegian licensing system has reduced the consumption of ardent spirits by considerably more than a-half.

MISS BELL, of the Woll, in the parish of Ashkirk, has offered herself as a missionary to Blantyre, at her own charges.

WOMEN arrested by the London police for drunkenness numbered in 1889 less than 3,000, and in 1891 nearly 3,500.

THE Rev. Colin Campbell, D.D., of Dundee, conducted divine service at Balmoral recently, and dined with the Queen.

THE choirs of nine churches in Peebles Presbytery took part in the second musical festival of their Union in Peebles Parish Church.

THE Church Missionary Society is about to send out eighty missionaries to different parts; an unusual number of ladies will go to Africa.

THE Rev. James Salters has intimated his wish that his name should not be further mentioned in connection with the vacancy in Second Bangor.

AT a Church in Birmingham, seventy persons were observed to enter while the bells were ringing, and a hundred and twenty after they had stopped.

PROFESSOR HUSLOP preached at Helensburgh lately at the pre-communion service, and took leave of the congregation on his removal to Edinburgh.

THE Queen has instructed Messrs. Matthews and Mackenzie, Aberdeen, architects, to prepare plans for a new church at Crathie on the site of the present one.

MISS BRADFORD, an American missionary, stuck to her post in Tauris during the cholera panic, when everyone fled that could. Of course she would; that is the stuff missionaries are made of.

THE Rev. James Miller, of Bridge of Allan, has been granted six months leave of absence with the object of visiting Australia and New Zealand. Rev. John Forgan, late of Simla, will act as his substitute.

THE *White Ribbon* is to be edited by the Duchess of Bedford, her sister Lady Henry Somerset, and the Countess of Carlisle. It will deal with social purity and other movements as well as temperance.

RUSSIAN Jews are now forbidden to call their boys Paul, Constantine, or Matthew, or their girls Mary, Anna, or Sophia; Jacob and Moses, or Sarah and Rebecca are names good enough for Hebrews.

A STATUTE has been unveiled at Venice of Fra Paolo, author of the celebrated history of the Council of Trent. Among the contributors were Mr. Gladstone, Sir A. N. Layard, and Professor Mommsen.

AT Ayres, the calporters of the Religious Tract and Book Society sold 1,200 New Testaments, about 200 Bibles, and also a number of religious books. Over 20,000 tracts were distributed gratuitously.

A HISTORY of Knox Church, Dunedin, is being issued; it should contain, says the *Christian Leader*, some good matter as to the activities of Dr. Stuart, "one who is as busy as a bee and as solitary, in a crowd, as a hermit."

JOHN STREET U. P. Church, Glasgow, has given four of her sons to the English Presbyterian ministry: Revs. John Bogue, of Stockton; Henry Miller, of Hammersmith; J. G. Train, of Hull; and J. Lindsay, of Branton.

MISS ANNIE E. STEVEN, of Helensburgh, a daughter of Mr. Steven, of the Milton Ironworks, received presentations on her leaving to take up Zenana work in India in connection with the United Presbyterian Mission Board.

FOLLOWING up the work of Rev. John McNeill's mission in Belfast, special services were held in St. Enoch's Church. Rev. Charles Davey, pastor, was assisted by Revs. Dr. Rogers, W. J. Jackson, W. J. Patton, John McIlveen, and Henry Montgomery.

THE Rev. James Strachan, of Barra, died on 22nd ult., after a long illness. Ordained to the parish in 1858, he was Clerk to Lewis Presbytery, and held the chairmanship of the Local Parochial Board for many years. He was fond of mathematics.

JUDGMENT is expected in a trial at Treves of the author of a pamphlet in which the Roman Catholic Church is alleged to be slandered through ridicule cast on the "miracles" performed by the "holy coat." Bishop Korum swore to the truth of the cures.

THE death occurred in Edinburgh recently of Eliza, widow of Rev. John Mackenzie, minister, first of Dunkeld, and, after the Disruption, of the Free Church at Keith. She was one of the seven daughters who formed the family of Rev. Dr. Thomas Chalmers. Mrs. Wood, whose husband is a chartered accountant in Edinburgh, is now the sole survivor.

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