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Eleven sudden deaths occurred in Edinburgh on or about New Year's Day nearly all owing to drink.

Mr. Spurgeon once remarked that it was very difficult to keep on preaching when almost every word uttered was printed.

Rev. C. H. Todd, of Maxwelltown Free Church, Dumfries, will accept a unanimous call from the Free East Church, Aberdeen.

Principal Caird thinks it a wise thing to make secondary education, if not free to all, free at least to all capable of profiting by it.

The death has occurred of the wife of Mr. T. W. Russell, M.P., who managed a prosperous temperance hotel in Dublin owned by him.

On the motion of Dr. Caesar, Tranent, Haddington Presbytery, on Dec. 18, approved of the Gothenburg system, the Rev. J. Kerr, Disleton, dissenting.

Prof. Orr, speaking at a Hogmanay temperance demonstration in Hawick, said that it was a sickly political cause that required bolstering from the public-house.

Several thousand country folk assembled at a wood near Braunau, Bohemia, owing to a report of an apparition of the Virgin, had to be dispersed by a charge of gendarmes.

In the opinion of Rev. Dr. Teape, of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Edinburgh, the Roman Catholic has no Saviour, no Bible, and no heaven, and is incapable of loyalty.

A pledge-signing campaign is about to be conducted in London and the provinces by the National Temperance League, the feeling being that anxiety for legislation has been retarding appeal to the individual.

From statements made at a conference of Anarchists in Aberdeen, the membership of the body in Scotland is not large, but the "sympathisers" number thousands, Lanarkshire being credited with "real revolutionary feeling."

The anarchist, Franch, who was executed last week for throwing the bomb in a Barcelona theatre, confessed that his much-talked-of conversion by the Roman Catholics was a comedy enacted in the hope of pardon. Going to execution he jeered at the priests.

Upwards of 13,000 invitations for the observance of Peace Sunday were issued to ministers of the gospel from the offices of the Peace Society, London. Several prominent journals—among them the Daily News, the Daily Chronicle, and the Echo—gave leading articles on the subject.

The will of Henry Keney, of Hartford, Conn., leaves at the discretion of the executor about \$800,000 for the purchase of the park in the northern part of the city, to be known as Keney Park. Also \$424,250 is left in specific legacies, which include the following: Trinity College, \$25,000; Hartford Hospital, \$50,000; Hartford Orphan Asylum, \$50,000; Old People's Home, \$50,000; Park Church, \$50,000; Hartford Charitable Society, \$2,000; Union for Home Work, \$10,000; City Mission Society, \$10,000; Good Will Club, \$50,000; Wadsworth Atheneum, \$25,000.

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Rev. Mr. Macdonald of St. Brycedale Free Church, Kirkcaldy, preaching in the parish church of that town on the occasion of the commemoration of the dedication of the building 650 years ago, maintained that there was peaceful meeting ground for Protestant and Roman Catholic.

In a letter to the Times Sir Wilfrid Lawson points out that the drunkenness which has impressed its special commissioner at Gothenburg, arising from the free sale of beer, is just the same result as followed the passing of the English Beer Act and the introduction by Mr. Gladstone of cheap wine.

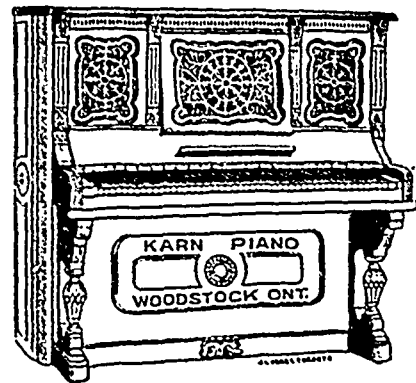
During his recent stay at Königsberg the German Emperor paid many attentions to the Jewish banker, Herr Simon, the head of the principal banking house in East Prussia. The incident has been much commented upon in the general press, and, not unnaturally, has caused great annoyance to the anti-Semites.

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