

THE Hon. W. Holton, M. P. died suddenly at Ottawa. He bore a high character and a spotless reputation. Four thousand people attended his funeral at Montreal. He was a member of the Unitarian body.

THE centenary of Dr. Chalmers was celebrated last month by a large meeting held in Edinburgh.

A bill has been introduced in the House of Commons, Ottawa, to render legal marriage with a deceased wife's sister. The bill is strongly opposed, and is not likely to become law.

THE weather last month has been very severe. Farmers are alarmed on account of the scarcity of fodder. We hope the warm weather will set in speedily and relieve their fears.

OUR readers will be glad to learn that we have appointed the Rev. Charles McEachern, of the Gaelic Parish, town of Inverness, Scotland, our Scotch correspondent. We expect some articles from his facile pen for the RECORD.

WE have received the report of the "Saint John Relief and Aid Society," containing a detailed account of the disbursements and contributions for the sufferers by the great fire of 20th June, 1877. The value of the property destroyed in that disastrous conflagration is estimated at twenty-eight million dollars, the number of persons left homeless as fifteen thousand. The report says it would be impossible adequately to express the deep debt of gratitude that the citizens of St. John feel they owe to those who contributed to relieve the wants and suffering consequent on the disaster to their city by the fire of 20th June, 1877. Not alone for the material aid so generously sent them, but for the words of love, sympathy and cheer that came from every portion of the world, so long as our city lasts their gratitude will fill our hearts. We cannot but recognize in the spirit which prompted such

unbounded beneficence that pure charity "that knows not creed or country." Then follows a large number of letters and telegrams and contributions received: Among the number we notice that the amount contributed by New Glasgow was \$1,050.00; Pictou \$1232.46; Capt. Crerar \$50.00; Roger's Hill congregation per Rev. J. W. Fraser \$40.36,— Besides vast supplies of food, clothing, etc.,—the committee received upwards of \$300,000.00 (three hundred thousand dollars) in money.

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