

The parish church of Bamford Speke, of which Mr. Gorham is the vicar, was re-opened on Thursday.

MUNIFICENCE.—Dr. Short, Bishop of St. Asaph, having been the diocesan of Sodor and Man, previously to his translation to his present see, was appealed to to aid the funds being collected for behoof of the sufferers by the blowing-up of the *Lily* at the Isle of Man, and transmitted the noble sum of one thousand pounds! Such munificent liberality ought not to pass unnoticed, and we have the most unfeigned pleasure in recording that one at least of the bench of bishops is not "given to filthy lucre."—*Church and State Gazette*.

AN APPALLING SCENE.—The plate in the *Queen Victoria's* cabin has been saved by a diver; but the man protests that nothing in the world should induce him to go down a second time, as the scene in the cabin was the most horrible he had ever witnessed. He thought that he had entered a wax-work exhibition, the corpses never having moved from their position since the vessel went down. There were some eighteen or twenty persons in the cabin, one and all of whom seemed to be holding conversation with each other; and the general appearance of the whole scene was so life like that he was almost inclined to believe that some were yet living.

CONTROVERSY.—The Rev. E. B. Elliott, acting with the concurrence of the Bristol Protestant Institute, has challenged the Roman Catholic Bishop of Clifton to a public discussion of the doctrine of the Papal supremacy and the Romish doctrine of *intention* in the administration of the sacraments. No answer has been received from the bishop.

FRANCE.

Several cases of cholera have made their appearance at Paris.

Many people are astonished at the late decree of the emperor, which fixes the month of May, 1855, for the Universal Exhibition. The reason assigned is, that the Crystal Palace now being constructed in the Champs Elysées cannot be ready before that period.

M. Guizot's new work, "*La République sous Cromwell*," is nearly ready for the press. Some chapters of the first volume were read a few days ago in the Academy, and were much admired. Report speaks very highly of the production. The work will consist of two volumes.

PARIS, WEDNESDAY, March 16.—A new obstacle seems likely to prevent the coronation of the Emperor. It is currently reported to-day that the Emperor of Austria has taken a step which may not improbably prevent the Pope from coming to Paris. It is stated that he has represented to his holiness in strong terms that, as the representative of an ancient monarchy, he desires to assert his right to precedence before Napoleon III., and that he would feel himself slighted if the Pope were to crown the French Emperor until several months after his own coronation by the head of the Church at Vienna. This amounts to a veto, so far as Austria may have power to pronounce one, against the Pope's coming to Paris at all; because it is scarcely upon the cards that Louis Napoleon will consent to postpone his coronation beyond May. The opposition of the Emperor of Austria is probably concerted with the College of Cardinals. The Pope will be very glad of the excuse; but he will find it difficult to get it admired by the power that commands the army of occupation in Rome.

The *Chronicle* Paris correspondent, writing Wednesday evening, says that a despatch had been received from Pius IX., which, while stating his readiness to undertake the journey, expresses a doubt if he can come before the month of August:—"The Sacred College had not yet come to any resolution as to the terms on which it would give its consent to the journey. This delay is very annoying to the emperor, who is still anxious that the coronation should take place without delay; and it is said that in his impatience he was heard to declare that he would be crowned in the month of May whether the Pope came or not. The general belief is that the Pope will certainly come whatever time may be fixed on."

ITALY.

There has been a rumour of an attempt on the life of King Bomba, arising, it appears, in some arrests which followed a horsewhipping given by his Majesty to two of the Lazzaroni.

ROME, MARCH 10.—On the morning of the 7th his holiness held a secret consistory at the Vatican, wherein, after having delivered an harangue to the Sacred College, he created, as we expected, the eight new cardinals, of whom all Rome has been talking of late. On the same evening the customary illuminations of princely residences and government edifices took place, and the customary receptions were held by the new cardinals, attended by the Roman nobles and prelates, and

thronged by crowds of sight-seeing and lionising foreigners.

The R. M. Steamship *Canada*, arrived from Boston on Thursday night.

There is a report that the Japan expedition is at once to be countermanded, as useless and inexpedient at the present time. Useless, because wholly inefficient to compel Japan to open her ports, and there is no reason to believe she will listen to more polite arguments than force; and inexpedient at the present time, when the state of Europe may at any moment require all our small navy for the protection of our commerce.

The exploration of Bhering's Straits is also to be postponed.

QUEBEC, March 24, 1853.—The bill to increase the representation from 84 to 128 members, has passed the House of Assembly by a vote of 61 to 16, being three votes over the requisite two-thirds majority.

PORTLAND, Maine, March 26, 1853.—The new liquor bill, embracing amendments of increased stringency to the old law, has passed the House by a vote of 94 to 43.

One of Morse's telegraph wires came in contact with one of the wires of the fire alarm telegraph, at Boston, on the 21st inst., and rang the bell in the King's Chapel very rapidly, creating, thereby, an alarm of fire.

Provincial Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE.

On Monday the Railway Bills finally passed a third reading in the Assembly, and were sent to the Council. The River Fishery Bill passed. Mr. Marshall reported a Bill for construction of a Railway to Whitehaven.

Mr. Archibald moved that the Council's amendments in the Probate Bill be not agreed to. At the evening session Bills passed to regulate the mines and minerals of the Province—to incorporate the Halifax Fishing Company—to erect a Bridge across Milford Haven—and to incorporate the Dartmouth Canal Company (we wish it all success.) On Tuesday the House sat for two hours with closed doors, the subject of discussion being supposed to be the refusal of the Council to sanction the Members' pay, unless the like measure were passed in favour of the upper House. It is stated that the Assembly unanimously decided against the wishes of the Council in this respect.

The St. Peter's Canal Bill passed on a division 27 to 13—another good sign that we are "waking up." A strong Address to the Queen on the subject of the Fisheries, and calling for continued protection to keep the Americans off, was passed without a division. Mr. Wade reported from committee on licenses, an amendment of the law, making it obligatory on grand juries to recommend and the Sessions to appoint three or more proper persons to hold licenses in each county!! This progress backwards in the good cause of Temperance was well handled the next day by the Hon. Mr. Johnston, Messrs. Fulton, Zwicker and Archibald, and it was rejected by the House. Mr. Johnston forcibly denounced the License system altogether in reference to a traffic so pernicious to the best interests of society. He gave notice that on Thursday he would move a Resolution in favour of the principle of the Maine Liquor Law, in order to test the sense of the House on the subject, and if carried it will serve as a notice of the prohibitory enactment to be introduced next year.

A number of Bills were forwarded, among them one introduced by Mr. L. M. Wilkins, to alter the government of King's College, Windsor, and vest it in the Alumni of the Institution, as noticed elsewhere.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor came down to the Council Chamber on Thursday, and gave his assent to the Revenue and Railway Bills. The latter, we presume, went home by the Steamer.

Editorial Miscellanies.

OBITUARY.—In our last we had barely time to notice the death of the Rev. Dr. Rowland, formerly of Shelburne, recently removed to Pittsburgh, Pa., where he finished his course at the house of Mr. J. D. W. White, his son-in-law, on the 14th ult., in his 32d year.

His end was peaceful, as we are informed, "his death bed easy—no pain—no regret—but on the contrary, the most lively hope thro' the merits of his Saviour of a happy change, cheered him to the moment of his departure."

Dr. Rowland was the oldest Clergyman of this Diocese. He was educated at Windsor under the Rev. Dr. Cochran, before a Charter was obtained for the College, and was contemporary with our late Bishop, Chief Justice, Sir James Stuart, of Canada, Dr. De St. Croix, of P. E. Island, &c.

He was ordained by the first Bishop of Nova Scotia, and sent as assistant to his father, then Missionary at Shelburne. One of the first acts of his Ministry was the melancholy one of burying that father—such

being the paucity of Clergymen that none were within 100 miles of him. From the same cause, at a much later period, he was obliged to perform the like office for his child and his wife.

The Doctor continued in the sole charge of Shelburne for more than 40 years, until the present exemplary incumbent, the R. v. T. H. White, was sent to his assistance in 1835—He then resigned the chief post to more vigorous hands, but still continued to do essential service, preaching every Sunday, and thus enabling his fellow labourer to supply other parts of the Mission, until two or three years ago, when increasing infirmities obliged him to retire. He was much respected and beloved by the people to whom he ministered so long, and his memory will be affectionately cherished by numbers not of our communion. To the Church and College he was a regular and liberal contributor, as the Annual Reports of the D. C. S. have shown,—and to the very last he felt a deep interest in all that concerned the welfare of the Church, and of his brethren in the Diocese which he loved. It is not long since he exerted himself to extend the circulation of this Journal even in that foreign country. In fine we record this departure of our veteran and respected Brother with sincere regret, and if we are ever permitted to meet in Clerical Council, we shall sadly mark the absence of his venerable and whitened head from among his junior Brethren.

We believe the Rev. W. C. King, the retired Rector, of Windsor, is now our senior clergyman.

SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE.—At a meeting of the Foreign District Committee of S. P. C. K. it was Resolved,—

"That all subscribing Members* of this Committee have a similar privilege to that which is enjoyed by Members of the Parent Society in England, viz.,—of obtaining Books from the Depository at Cost price, without additional charge for the expense of importation."

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* Any Member of the Church may unite himself with this Committee by the payment of not less than 10s. 6d. sterling.

The Church lately erected in Preston, will be consecrated by the Lord Bishop on Tuesday next, 5th April. The service will commence at 11 a. m. A collection will be taken at the offertory.

Should the weather prove favorable in the meanwhile, the roads will be in excellent order, and pedestrians from the City and from Dartmouth, as well as others who can go in carriages, will thus be afforded an opportunity of witnessing an interesting and impressive ceremony.

D. C. S. RECEIPTS.

March 22. "St. George's" Halifax,	£s 1 7
23. Stewiacke,	3 13 4
28. Weymouth,	1 15 0
31. Chester,	1 0 0

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PAROCHIAL.—On Easter Monday, P. C. Hill, and J. Lynch, Esqrs. were chosen Churchwardens of the Parish of St. Paul's, and J. T. Walford, and F. W. Keith, Esqrs. do the like office in St. George's.

HORRIBLE.—No less than four cases of child murder have occurred in this City within six weeks! Have any steps been taken by the authorities to ferret out the barbarous perpetrators of a crime which would disgrace the cannibals of the Fejee Islands.

We regret to see that the Rev. C. Blackman, Minister of St. Thomas's Church, St. John's N. F. and Garrison Chaplain, died on the 16th ult.