

ABERCHURCH.—Aber parish church, situated about midway between Bangor and Llanfairfechan, was on Tuesday opened for Divine service, after having been entirely rebuilt. The old church was a favourite resort of Mrs. Hemans, the poetess, and its erection dates so far back as 674, it being one of the earliest Christian churches in Britain. It was occupied by Cromwell's soldiery when on their way to Ireland. The rebuilding has been carried out at a cost of about £4,000. Lord Penrhyn, the Johnstown landowner in the parish, gave the site and £500, Major Platt £200, and the Rev. T. Norris Williams, who has just resigned the living, £100.—The new church comprises a nave, chancel, vestry, organ chamber, and tower, the latter having the peal of bells presented in 1811 by Lord Bulkeley, and which are rung in stormy or foggy weather as warnings to persons crossing the dangerous Lavan Sands from the Anglesey side of the Menai Straits. The window at the west end is given by Lord Penrhyn, and is executed by Messrs. Clayton and Bell, and that at the east end is in memory of the late Mr. John Platt, M. P. for Oldham, and is the gift of Mr. Joseph A. Platt. On the north side are three other windows given by Mr. John H. Platt, Mr. Jewelyn Lewis, and Mrs. Empson in memory of her son who was killed at the waterfalls two years ago. The organ is the gift of Major Platt, the altar cloth of Lady Penrhyn, and the carvings of Mrs. Morris Williams. The Bishop of Bangor preached at the opening service, which was largely attended. 25 Apr 78