

English papers record the death of John Fisher Murray, a very distinguished contributor to Blackwood's Magazine. Mr. Murray was a fine poet and keen satirist as well as a vigorous political and admirable story writer.

How to HEAR SERMONS.—Not far from Bedford, the other day, we came in the course of our rambles on a little village church. There was not much about it to attract the attention of an ecclesiologist beyond the fact that it had escaped the ravages of modern church restorers, but it was remarkable for containing an arrangement which we believe to be unique.

We cut the following melancholy story from an English paper. If anything would exhibit the dreadful and desolating effect of intemperance surely the deep fall of the individual herein mentioned would do so.

CHARLES H. O'NEILL, Esq. (CLANNABOY).—It was with extreme regret we announced in our late obituary notice the lamented death of Charles Henry O'Neill, Esq. (Clannaboy), which took place on the 8th of November, at his residence, 34 Beesington street, Dublin.

Eye as privy to this rising. The negro visited Hayti and saw a whole community of his own colour mimicking the civilization of Europe, and keeping Europeans out of civil rights, out of property, out of office.

We have heard, on good authority that some Puseyite priests refuse to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper unless the communicant has first attended at the confessional. Such a proceeding as this would be not only a violation of decency, but an offence which we believe would be attended with penal consequences to the father confessor.

A RICH SINECURIST.—The Star remarks that one of the representative men of a phase of English life, which is, perhaps, too seldom brought to the notice of the public, has just passed from amongst us.

ENGLAND AND THE UNITED STATES.—The last mail from England brings a further instalment of the correspondence between Earl Russell and Mr. Adams in respect to the claims for compensation for the depredations of the Confederate privateers.

IT WERE useless to follow the special pleadings of those who in the atrocities committed on their countrymen refuse to see aught but the grievances of negroes and the wickedness of the white race.

WOMEN POACHERS.—A very singular case of poaching by women has just occurred at Nottingham. On Thursday morning, the 16th inst., Police constable Walker, of the Nottingham constabulary, having been informed that two old poachers, accompanied by two women, had gone to the villages of Clifton and Wilford (a few miles from the town), he at once resolved to watch for their return.

BISHOP COLMANO AND HIS DIOCESE.—Before many weeks are over Natal will have become the arena of one of the most remarkable ecclesiastical conflicts that Anglican experience has seen.

THE NEW ZEALAND FANATICS.—The Pai-Mauiro superstition is still on the increase, and many of the friendly natives are more or less tainted with it.

UNITED STATES.—The Right Rev. Bishop Doane gave a Mission of one week in St. John's Church, Johnston, Cambria County, on the occasion of the Jubilee.

A SINGULAR FAMILY QUARREL.—Very lively reading is not to be expected in the Law Journal, but every now and then that interesting publication does contain something interesting.

CONFESSION OF A MURDER.—Fifty Dollars Paid for an Assassination.—The Chicago Republican says that William Corbett has confessed the murder of Michael Maloney at Cicero, Ill.

THE SHERMAN CASE.—It is understood that this vessel will leave the Mersey next week for New York. A fresh report on the cattle disease shows it to be on the increase chiefly in Yorkshire and Scotland.

SHERMAN'S MARCH.—Dr. Bachman, a distinguished Lutheran minister resident in South Carolina, has published in the Lutheran Missionary a narrative of his experience during the late war from which we make the following extract.

It is really amusing to read the headings now and then in the Northern papers, of "Fenian scare" in England, or "Fenian fright" in Canada.

THE BURNINGS OF TAXATION.—Business has been so active under the stimulus of an inflated currency, and profits so large on a constant rise in the nominal and temporary value of property, that we have not yet realized, except in a few individual cases, the burthen of excessive taxation.

THE NEW YORK COMMERCIAL notices an instance in that city, which is but one of many of a similar character. A man died in the city of New York, leaving his wife and five young children an estate of one hundred thousand dollars in bonds and mortgages.

THE OFFICERS OF THE Treasury Department have seized a counterfeit plate of the ten-forty bonds, of the denomination of \$500, so well executed that the spurious bonds would have been difficult of detection.

THE BROWNSVILLE correspondent of the New York Herald says that a steamer under American colors recently arrived in the Rio Grande, and was sold by her owner, a 'sharp Yankee,' to the Imperialists at Matamoros, who converted her into a gunboat.

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WITHIN three months thirty-eight wilful murders have been committed in the State of South Carolina, the Journal informs us, but this hardly represents, if it equals, the number of dreadful crimes perpetrated in Massachusetts during the same period to say nothing of the undecorated 'murder' of the children in Roxbury woods.