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General Intelligence.

THE NEW YORK CONVENTION.

The "General Convention" of the Protestant Episcopal denomination has at length adjourned *sine die*. Its proceedings possess, of course, but little interest for Catholics, except so far as the doings of all Protestant sects invite their notice at least as matters of curiosity. The case of Dr. Onderdonk, the suspended bishop (so-called) of New York, is altogether so unique, and had acquired so much notoriety, that many persons felt somewhat curious to know how it would be disposed of. We have previously stated that Dr. Onderdonk, soon after the meeting of his brother bishops, addressed them a memorial praying for such relief as they might feel disposed to grant, on the ground that he had employed the time of his suspension in self-examination, repentance, meditation and prayer, without however, having any acknowledgement as to the specific offences for which he had been condemned. After the lapse of some days, his brother bishops referred his case to a committee composed of five of their number, elected by ballot. This committee having taken his case into consideration, unanimously reported against his petition; urging various reasons for not granting it, and especially that there was no evidence that he had truly repented of the offences with which he was charged, and giving him "leave to withdraw his papers!" This report, which is said to have been couched in the strongest and most courteous terms, was adopted by a vote of sixteen to six! Two were absent, who, if present, would have made eighteen against him. The six who voted against the adoption of the report, it is said, were the same six who at the trial, voted for his acquittal. Thus the case of the poor old man remains in statu quo, or rather, still worse, as it is evidently much more hopeless, being now reduced almost to a certainty that his brother bishops are inexorable. His only hope now is in his own Diocesan Convention. If his high Church adherents have only consistency and courage enough to act upon their favorite theory of diocesan independence, they will forthwith untie his hands and let him to work again in defiance of the decision of the "House of Bishops."

"Although the sun rises on all mankind, a blind man derives no advantage from his light; yet the fault is not in the sun, but in the vital organs of the blind man. So likewise we must say of the only begotten of the Father. He indeed, is the true

light, which shines with bright effulgence for all mankind: but 'the god of this world,' as St Paul declares, 'hath blinded the minds of unbelievers, that the light of the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ may not shine unto them.'—*St. Cyril of Alexandria in Joan i., v. 1, c. xi.*

HOW TO KEEP OFF OLD AGE.

A SUGGESTION TO YOUNG LADIES.—Intellectual culture is no doubt the best and the strongest barrier which the young can rear against the insidious advances of premature old age. Mental discipline is eminently healthful and life sustaining. We speak not of excessive application, but of diligent and persevering culture and exercise of mind.—The following remarks on the subject, by the Rev. Mr. Winslow, are commended to the consideration of all concerned, and especially to young ladies.

The premature old age observed in the appearance and infirmities of many ladies in our country is not the result of much study. We do not begin so study in this country as they do in Germany, nor as many do in France and England. It is a common thing among the educated ladies in Germany, to find those who can read or speak three or four different languages, and are extensively versed in mathematics and natural philosophy.

It is clearly proved that the high cultivation of the intellect is favourable to protracted usefulness and long life. Highly educated men and women, on an average, live longer, and enjoy more even and pure health than those of little or no culture. The mind is life—the very essence of life, and where there is most of mind, other things equal, there is most of that which imparts life and vigor to the body. It is believed that thousands in this country annually die some twenty years sooner than they would, had they bestowed a higher cultivation upon their intellect. We must be more intellectual and less sensual—more of that which dies not, and less of that which dies—if we would prolong and invigorate whatever of us is immortal. It is said to be better to wear out than to rust out. The truth is, after all, very few in this country can claim the honor of wearing out, intellectually. But hundreds are daily dying through mental rust. Why does the man of business languish and die so soon on retiring to enjoy in idleness his gains? Just because the life-giving power, the mind, has ceased to act. Rust, stagnation, disease, gloomy spirits and death, must inevitably come. The perpetual tug and excitement of business, as it is done in this country, frequently overtakes and breaks down the mind; not so much by the intellectual labor, as by the excitement attending it. Now the study of the languages, sciences &c., and the putting forth of the mental energies in the form of written thoughts for the world, afford just that kind