

sion of the last chant, when at a signal, the candles were simultaneously extinguished. This is the first time that a Prince of the present royal house has ever taken part in a mass."

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, met at Montreal on Wednesday, the 9th ult. Rev. Donald Macrae, M. A., St. Stephen's Church, St. John, was unanimously chosen Moderator. Delegates from Scotland and Australia were present, and delivered thrilling addresses. The various schemes of the Church were reported to be in a hopeful condition.

The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in the United States, met at Philadelphia on the 26th May. The Rev. David McAlister was chosen Moderator. The various schemes of the Church, particularly the Syrian and Chinese Missions, were reported to be in an encouraging state. Interesting Reports on Sabbath Observance, National Reform, Sabbath School Work, Temperance, Missions, &c., were read. The next meeting was appointed to be held at Pittsburgh, in May, 1881.

There is a scheme set on foot for the purchase of Palestine. Several wealthy Jews contemplate the formation of a Company to buy the Holy Land out and out. It is thought that in the present depressed state of the Turkish exchequer, the purchase could be made for six millions sterling. This movement on the part of wealthy Jewish capitalists is peculiarly interesting, when viewed in the light of Scripture prophecy—that seems to warrant the belief, that the now scattered sons of Abraham will yet be restored to their own land, the land of Palestine.

The appointment of a Roman Catholic to the Governor Generalship of India is causing much dissatisfaction among many Protestants. Lord Ripon is a pervert. His secession to the Church of Rome some time ago made no little stir, and he has since been signaling himself by his zeal in promoting the interests of Romanism. Mr. Gladstone was a more zealous Protestant in opposition, than he promises to be in the Government.

OBITUARY.

The cause of Christian truth and morality has suffered serious loss by the decease of the Rev. James Dick, D. D., who expired on the 24th May last, in his 81st year, at the residence of his son, the Principal of the Academical Institution, Londonderry, Ireland. Deceased was, during 54 years, pastor of the Reformed Presbyterian Congregation of Kellswater, near Ballymena. He was also for many years one of the Professors of Theology for the R. P. Church in Ireland. Dr. Dick was a man of strong mind, a close and conclusive reasoner, a powerful preacher, and in the Courts of the Church exerted a great influence. A touching incident occurred on the occasion of the venerable father's interment at Kellswater. From the entrance of the burying ground his remains were borne to the grave on the shoulders of *four* sons, whom he has left behind, in the ministry of the church of which he was such a distinguished ornament.

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