

Church of Scotland expect to regain possession as soon as the Temporalities case is decided in their favour. At the opening of the session the Rev. Donald McRae, formerly of Hopewell, preached a sermon, and had the degree of Doctor of Divinity conferred upon him.

Presbytery appointments for West Branch of East River.

21st. Novem.—Rev. Mr. Dunn.
 28th. Novem.—Rev. Mr. Stewart.
 5th. Decem.—Rev. Mr. Brodie.
 12th. Decem.—Rev. Mr. McMillan.
 19th. Decem.—Rev. Mr. Stewart.
 26th. Decem.—Rev. Mr. McMillan.
 2nd. Jan'y.—Rev. Mr. Christie.
 9th Jan'y.—Rev. Mr. Stewart.
 16th. Jan'y.—Rev. Mr. Murray.
 23rd. Jan'y.—Rev. Mr. McMillan.
 30th. Jan'y.—Rev. Mr. Christie.
 6th. Feb'y.—Rev. Mr. Brodie.

A Presbyterial visitation will be held at McLennan's Mountain on 22nd Nov. Rev. Mr. Brodie to preach at 11 o'clock.

A Presbyterial visitation will be held at Sutherland's River on 29th Nov. Rev. Mr. Murray will preach at 11 o'clock.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND HOME MISSION.

CHURCHES ENDOWED.

"The following churches, which in 1878 received from the Committee grants to the extent of £300, were endowed in 1879, and are no longer on the Home Mission Scheme:—Barrowfield, Glasgow, Braemar, Crathie; Brown Street, Blairgowrie; Ferryhill, Aberdeen; Hillside, Montrose; Kilry, Glenisla; Rosemount, Aberdeen.

"The Committee's income for last year consisted of the subjoined items:—Church-door Collections and Parochial associations, £6091, 18s.; Donations, £323-14s. 4d.; Lay Association, &c., £125, 6; Interest, £481, 4s. 8d.; Legacies, £3663, 17s. 10d.;—Total, £10,595, 0s. 10d.

"These figures are very different from those which it was the privilege of the

Committee to report to the General Assembly of 1879. They could then announce a princely anonymous donation of £6000, which, with the proceeds of an extra collection for Church Building, raised their revenue to an unprecedented amount. The diminution in their receipts for the year on which they are now reporting is the natural result of the monetary distress which then prevailed, and should not be made the subject of complaint. In truth, if the people of Scotland will but contribute to the Home Mission funds of their National Church, during the prosperity now seemingly restored to them, with a liberality proportioned to their contributions while they were in adversity, the result will prove highly satisfactory. It is a most gratifying and encouraging fact, in spite of the terrible commercial calamities for which 1879 will be long remembered, its Home Mission revenue was larger than that of any year which preceded 1874. Their grand, and indeed only reliable, income being that derived from 'Collections and Parochial Associations,' the Committee cannot but regard it as at once a good omen and a striking exhibition of the extent to which the Church's interest in their work is increasing, that their receipts under the above head were £3235 in 1859, £4795 in 1869, and 6090 in 1879.

"The Committee cherish the hope they will ere long annually receive from every parish in Scotland a suitable remittance. They are well aware that some numerous congregations, in which there is a large amount of Christian life, are really unable to give much towards the support of mission work beyond their own spheres; and the contributions from such congregations—however small—the committee heartily welcome. All that they desire is that the duty of striving to promote the cause of Christ in the world by pecuniary gifts as well as by prayer should be universally recognized, and that 'every man according as he purposeth in his heart, should give—not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver.' Surely if there be any department of Christian work which should commend itself to every lover of his country and his Church, it is that which is promoted by this Committee. Thousands and tens of thousands