

CLAIM FOR ARREARS.—A claim of \$240 was presented, being arrears due Rev. J. M. Wellwood for services in Minnedosa. A letter from Mr. Wellwood was read, together with extract minute of the Brandon Presbytery regarding the matter. After lengthened consideration the committee regretted their inability to entertain the claim.

REV. F. McRAE.—A memorial from the Rev. F. McRae, referred to this committee by the General Assembly, was considered and its prayer not granted.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.—There was read the report of Mr. J. B. McKilligan of Winnipeg, which was submitted to the Executive in October last. Mr. Warden reported that at the request of the Home Mission Committee of the Synod and after correspondence with members of the executive, he had visited Winnipeg in the beginning of December, conferred with the Synodical Committee and examined the system in vogue for keeping the books and for administering the work; and that on his recommendation a new system, the particulars of which he explained, had been adopted by the Synodical Committee and that he had written up from the former cash book of the Treasurer a book according to the new system containing all the transactions from the beginning of the present ecclesiastical year—1st April—to 3rd December. He further stated that,—accepting Mr. J. B. McKilligan's report of the indebtedness to the Bank on 31st March as correct—there was a deficit at the 3rd Dec. last of \$2,742.92, with interest, on the transactions of former years. Mr. Warden read several extract minutes of the Synodical Home Mission Committee bearing on the matter.

There was submitted through the Synodical Committee a claim for \$459.50 being the amount of a number of cheques charged to Mr. Robertson's private account, chiefly in 1881, which should have been charged to the Synodical account.

After lengthened consideration, the whole matter was referred to a sub-committee consisting of Messrs. Macdonnell, Dr. Laing, Dr. Campbell, Farries, McKenzie and Warden.

At a later stage this sub-committee presented the following report:—

In view of the fact that the annual financial statement of the Home Mission Committee of the Synod of Manitoba and the North-West, presented in June last, was unsatisfactory and inaccurate, the Home Mission Committee requested the Synod's Committee to have an audit made of the books and