

## QUESTION III.

"Keeping in view the powers of the Board to draw upon its capital, "in order to meet, as far as possible, the claims of all the beneficiaries, "and that it is not contemplated to reduce the payments hitherto "made to the commuting and privileged ministers, nor the annual "grant to Queen's College, what reductions should be made in the "payments to the 82 non-privileged ministers, hitherto receiving "\$200 per annum, in order to secure to the commuting and privileged "ministers and Queen's College their usual payments, respectively."

## ANSWER.

To continue these payments at present amounts, to the commuting and privileged ministers, until all lapse, and the annual grant to Queen's College, and also to provide for expenses of management, for a period of a little over 15 years, would have to make a reduction of \$102.08 per non-privileged minister, thus reducing the annual allowance to each to \$97.92. This is on the expectation that the capital would be all expended with the last surviving beneficiary.

As explained in my Report, in November, 1878, all my answers are calculated upon a 6 per cent. basis, and on the understanding that your intention is that the annual grant to Queen's College is in perpetuity; and I would again call your attention to the fact that your securities do not all yield 6 per cent., and are, moreover, liable to fluctuations from time to time, not only in value but also in returns and may have to be replaced at a loss, and also a reduction in yearly returns.

All respectfully submitted by

Your obed't servant,

JAMES GRANT,

Actuary.

Montreal, 28th August, 1883.

At a meeting of the Board held on the 14th of November, it was resolved to continue the payment as heretofore to the Commuting and Privileged Ministers, and that, in the present state of the fund, the payments to the Non-Privileged Ministers and to Queen's College be reduced to *fifty per cent.* of the amounts formerly paid. It was also agreed that no retired ministers except those who have already been in the receipt of increased payments, as such, are to receive any increase of their allowances by reason of their retirement.

In coming to these conclusions the Board have been guided by the necessities of the case, with a regard to the interests of all concerned, and they confidently hope that the beneficiaries will acquiesce in the course of action which the board deem best in present circumstances.

FINANCE.—The Board make grateful acknowledgement of the receipt of a legacy of \$4000.00 bequeathed to the Temporalities Board by the late Mr. James Michie of Toronto, who was for a number of years a member of this Board.