

News of the Churches.

TRINITY COLLEGE.

The controversy respecting the teaching of Professor Whittaker, the Provost of Trinity College, is exciting great attention among the members of the Church of England in this province. On this question the Synod of the Huron Diocese passed the following resolution :—

“Moved by the Rev. Dr. Caulfield, and seconded by J. Colquhoun, Esq. :—

“Whereas at our last annual meeting the matter of Trinity College was brought before this Synod, and whereas representatives from this Diocese have been appointed by His Lordship the Bishop to take their seats in the College Council—

“Resolved, therefore, that while we deeply sympathize with His Lordship in the difficult position in which he has been placed, and desire to thank him for the stand which he has taken on this subject, we earnestly hope that such steps will now be taken by the University as shall make it an institution in which the Church at large can place its confidence, and thus become the source to which the Canadian Church in future years will chiefly look for the supply of its ministers.” Carried.”

But at the late meeting of the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto, the following resolution was moved by the Rev. Dr. Beaven, and seconded by J. W. Gamble, Esq., and carried by a vote of 50 to 14; 17 did not vote :—

“That the Synod desires to express its deep sympathy with our venerable Bishop in his late trials and difficulties in consequence of the imputations cast upon the teachings of Trinity College, and with the Rev. Provost, as the exponent of that teaching, and declares its continued confidence in the College and its administration.”

MASSACHUSETTS.

The General Association of Massachusetts met at Ware Village, June 22. In the churches there had been a net loss of 291 members : present number, 76,000.

There was an earnest discussion on the question, How to improve Preaching. In all the discussions, reports from foreign bodies, &c., the five minute rule was rigidly enforced. Resolutions on the state of the country, were adopted as follows :—

Whereas, Our nation is at the present time in a war for the suppression of treason and rebellion against the Government of the United States :—

Resolved, That we, the General Association of Massachusetts, devoutly recognize and acknowledge our dependence upon the God of our fathers for the success of our arms and the establishment of the laws.

Resolved, That we cordially approve the vigorous measures of the Government for the maintenance of the Constitution, and that we are ready to devote our property, our influence, and, if need be, our lives in its vindication and support.

Resolved, That while we earnestly desire the speedy return of peace to our divided country, we deprecate any concession or compromise which shall not secure the loyalty and obedience to the Federal Government of all the States of the Union, or which shall be inconsistent with the nationality of freedom.

Resolved, That believing the institution of Slavery to have been the fruitful source of the great trouble now upon us, we cannot but pray and hope that the present war may be overruled by Divine Providence for the ultimate removal of human bondage from our land.

The *Narrative* reports revivals of religion in Ashland, Billerica, Canton, Clinton, Chatham, South Abington, Amherst, Falmouth, Haydenville, Taunton, East Longmeadow, Orleans, Royalston, Seekonk, Walpole, South Wilbraham, and Westport. In yet other towns some degree of saving influence is reported.