

keep some rate of proportional increase, hardship will ensue. This, no Christian people could long allow. The above effort is exceedingly creditable to Charlottetown, when we remember that they are at present preparing to build a new Church, which will cost from \$20,000 to \$25,000, according to the materials of which it may be constructed. It is possible that tenders might have been called for by this time, but the question has come up, meanwhile, whether it would not be better to consolidate all the Presbyterians in Charlottetown, by uniting them under one roof. After earnest deliberation, it has been deemed advisable to retain the two Churches, as it is believed there is room and necessity for both, and, under the new banner of "The Presbyterian Church in Canada," the most perfect coöperation is easily attainable.

THE Rev. Mr. Gillis, of Orwell, is situated for the winter at St. Peter's and Brackley Point Roads, and is well received. Mr. Gillis is a native of the Island, educated at Union College, New York, under Dr. Schaff, and married a lady belonging to that city. After license, he proceeded to the Mexican borders as a missionary, under the American Presbyterian Church; but, his health failing, Mr. G. was obliged to seek the more bracing atmosphere of his native land. For some time after his return, he laboured in Cape Breton and on the Island, in connection with the Sister Synod. Mr. Gillis originally belonged to the congregation of the late Rev. D. McDonald. We wish him every success in his present sphere of labours, for we understand he is an earnest, painstaking, Christian labourer. We are glad, in connection with this field, to know that the people of St. Peter's Road are preparing to build a manse for the use of their minister. Already \$800, we have heard, are subscribed.

ALSO at Montague, under the charge of the Rev. P. Melville, the people are preparing to build a Church. Some \$1200 are subscribed, and, by the Spring time, we have no doubt they will commence operations. It gives us much pleasure to report such good news from P. E. Island. The Lord prosper the people there more and more!

The Upper Provinces.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, Kingston, is shortly to be put in possession of an organ—the congregation having voted favourably upon the question at a recent meeting.

THE *Presbyterian* argues in favor of a model MAGAZINE as an organ for the United Body—"one liberal enough to give expression to every shade of opinion consistent with essential principles, Catholic enough to commend itself to Christendom, and cheap enough to find its way into every Presbyterian family," to be published monthly, of course.

In reference to Union matters, it says:

"At the close of the Session of the Legislature of Ontario, the Lieutenant-Governor in his speech from the Throne made reference to the legislation to promote the Union of the churches as follows:—

'I look upon two series of bills which you have passed, affecting important sections of the religious community of the Dominion, as indications of the growing recognition everywhere of that national unity into which the Confederation Act has welded the Provinces, as well as the desire of closer association amongst Christians who have a common religious faith.'

THE RIGHTS OF THE MINORITY have been fully protected. This is manifest from the whole spirit of the Legislation. The Temporalities Board Bill provides that ministers who decline to enter into the Union shall retain all the pecuniary rights and claims that they now have in connection with the Temporalities Fund so long as they continue to be Presbyterian ministers in good standing within the Dominion of Canada. Their rights are similarly protected in regard to the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and that equal justice has been done to congregations is shewn by the second clause of the Act just passed in Ontario as finally amended. It reads as follows:—

"Provided always that if any congregation in connection or communion with any of the said churches shall, at a meeting of the said congregation regularly called according to the constitution of the said congregation or the practice of the Church with which it is connected,