

REV. R. K. BLACK, of Milton, N.S., sails for Britain this month, on a visit. Among the supplies of his pulpit during his absence, are Dr. Wilkes, Prof. Cornish, and Mr. Fraser, of Montreal. It will be seen, by one of our "official" notices, that Mr. James Woodrow, of St. John, N. B., takes temporary charge of the District Missionary Secretaryship, so efficiently filled by Mr. Black. We wish our valued brother a good voyage, a pleasant visit, and a safe return home.

THE MARITIME PROVINCES. — The *Congregational Record* for April furnishes the following items:—Rev. J. Whitman has received a call to the church at Keswick Bridge.—We understand that three or four students from the college at Montreal are coming to these provinces to spend their vacation.—Mr. Zenas Crowell, one of the students of the Congregational College and McGill University, has been appointed to spend his vacation in Mission work at Esquimaux River, on the coast of the Labrador. This mission is now sustained by the ladies of Zion Church, Montreal.—Some time ago, Rev. S. Sykes was kicked in the face by his horse; he was laid up for some weeks, but is now well.—Rev. J. McLellan has also been laid aside by sickness from labour for about two months. He is now able to be about.—The ladies of the Liverpool Church and congregation held a Tea Meeting in Temperance Hall, on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 27th and 28th of February. Gross proceeds \$197; net proceeds \$165.

Y. M. C. A. BUILDINGS.—The Young Men's Christian Associations of Montreal and Toronto are both engaged in erecting buildings for their use. In the former city, a very conspicuous and central site has been secured, on the corner of Craig and Radegonde streets (a few doors below Zion Church), and a handsome and commodious structure, to cost, we believe, some \$50,000, is to grace the position.

In Toronto, the location is as central, and nearly as conspicuous, being on the north-east corner of Queen and James street, or immediately opposite Knox's Church. The lot cost \$8,000, and the building contracts amount to nearly \$30,000, besides furnishing. The lot has a frontage of 70 feet by 120. There will be three stores on the Queen street front, the rent of which, when the building is paid for, will meet the running expenses of the Association. Over these will be the lecture and reading room, members' parlour, and Secretary's office; and over these will be two other stories suitable for class rooms, offices, &c. The part of the building behind the stores, will contain, in the basement and ground floor, a gymnasium, 40 feet by 34, and 23 feet high, boiler room, kitchen, housekeeper's rooms, &c., &c. And over these will extend the main hall, 70 feet by 66, and 33 feet high, with gallery, orchestra, and ante-rooms, connecting also by folding doors with the lecture room. The hall will seat 1,200 persons, and will supply a want long felt in Toronto. The lecture room will accommodate 300. It is expected that the foundation-stone will be laid on the 24th May, and the building will be ready for occupation on the 1st of December. The subscriptions promised amount to \$29,000. The favour of God and His people has evidently rested on this movement.

NEWFOUNDLAND MISSIONARY SHIP.—Lieut. Curling, of the Royal Engineers, has most generously given an English built yacht, of 72 tons, to the Diocese of Newfoundland, in place of the church ship *Star*, which was wrecked off the coast of that Island in Aug., 1871. He proposed to add to his noble gift a small steam launch, for getting in and out of the difficult harbours in Newfoundland and Labrador. The insurance money on the *Star*, and some private subscriptions, are to form an endowment fund for the repairs and working expenses of the church mission ship.