

tion, said: "If the English retire on Wady Halfa, they must retire on Assouan, and if on Assouan, then on Cairo. Every pace in advance gives the English friends. Every pace in retiring gives them 200 enemies, half in front, half in rear. England may gain victory after victory, but if they are followed by retreat, the English Government has uselessly wasted blood. There is not one in ten who will not believe in England's defeat. I say that a retirement now would be fatal."

CHILDREN are better behaved than they used to be, the assertions of the elders of the present generation to the contrary notwithstanding. The records of Charlestown, Mass., would indicate that the youth of the seventeenth century were uneasy urchins even within the barriers of the meeting-house:

"On January 17th, 1675, the selectmen of the above town appointed a committee of two for each of the twelve months to prevent the disorders of children and youth in time of public worship. These are the rules the selectmen laid down:

"1. That you are to suffer no boys to sit in other places in ye meeting-house, but those apptd for them.

"2. That you endeavor to prevent playing and all irriverint carriage in time of worship.

"3. That you prevent their unnecessary, frequent running out of ye meeting-house in time of exercise, and particularly their running out before prayer be done and ye Blessing pronounced wch is also a particular order from ye Generall Court.

"4. That you permit them not to sit in time of prayer, but to stand up, and during ye whole exercise their hats to be off.

"5. That you return a list of ye names to us of such boys as will not be reclaimed from their disorders by you, yt they may be proceeded with as ye law in ye case directs."—*N. Y. Independent.*

OUR OWN CHURCH & COUNTRY.

NOVA SCOTIA.

PICTOU.—We learn from the *Halifax Herald* that Principal A. H. McKay's paper on "New fresh water sponges from

Nova Scotia and Newfoundland," read before the Natural Historical Society of Montreal, is published in the January issue of the *Canadian Record of Science.*

APPOINTMENTS BY PRESBYTERY OF EGERTON.

March 7. Mr. Mackichan.

" 21. Mr. McMillan.

" 28. Mr. Stewart.

April 4. Mr. Mackichan.

" 18. Mr. McMillan.

" 25. Mr. Stewart,

May 2. Mr. Mackichan.

" 16. Mr. McMillan.

" 23. Mr. Stewart.

" 30. Mr. Mackichan.

All these are for Pictou and Fisher's Grant, except on April 25 and May 16 for Pictou only.

Mr. Thos. Glover, merchant, is agent in town for THE MONTHLY RECORD. He is authorized by the editor, Rev. P. Melville, M.A., to receive subscriptions, &c.

Rev. R. McCunn conducted the communion services in St. Andrew's Kirk.

RIVER JOHN.—Mr. McCunn, who has labored many years among us holds his own and perhaps more. He is a man of marked ability, he is not generally satisfied with the mere delivery of a sermon, but is always willing and ready to speak on other subjects at other places. He is well-known throughout the country as the deliverer of a number of lectures. His congregation contemplate extensive improvements on his church immediately.

GAIRLOCH.—This congregation has during the past year continued their generous custom of cutting and housing all the crops for the Rev. Mr. Brodie (while he was absent in Cape Breton) besides attending to the fencing, &c., of the glebe, and hauling the winter's supply of coal for the manse. These are marks of their free goodwill, amidst their own many toils and duties.

WESTVILLE.—Quite a large and extensive addition has been made since the New Year to the S.S. Library of St. Philip's Church (Kirk). Mr. A. R. McQueen, Colporteur, who has supplied thousands of volumes to Sabbath schools during the past three years, says the present library is the most advanced in char-