

MY OLD COPY BOOK.

It had three hundred and sixty-five leaves, God gave it to me fresh and fair and clean.

Upon each leaf I wrote my daily copy. Some of the words and lines were made almost as well as I could make them; others were written very badly.

Some of the pages have blots upon them, blotted by ill temper, deceit, indulgence, hate, falsehood. Some are bright and fair with love and unselfishness.

As I look back over it there are some blots I would like removed. There are some pages I wish I had written better, but I cannot write them over again now.

God has come for my old copy book and taken it to see how I have improved in my writing. There may be some pages I would like He should not see, but they cannot be hidden.

But why should I wish to hide them from Him? He is kinder than any other could be, and all I can do is to ask Him to forgive and tell Him that with His help I will try and write the next book better, without the blots that so spoil the old one.

Farewell, old copy book. I had both pleasure and pain in writing your pages. Now God takes you back to Himself. I wish He had something better to take, but I cannot write you over again now.

OUR NEW COPY BOOK.

The same as the old, three hundred and sixty-five pages—if we are spared to write them all. How fair they are! Not a spot or blot upon them yet!

May I keep them clean and fair, and may the writing on each page be better than the preceding, so that when God comes to take it back when we are done writing in it, He may say as He looks over it, "Well done, my child, well done."

Your teacher sometimes comes to your seat in school where you are trying to make your letters and words, and helps you, shews you how to hold the pen, and shape the letters.

Our Heavenly Father is ready to help the boys and girls who wish to write well the beautiful

new copy book that He has sent us for a New Year's gift. Will you ask Him to help you?

A JANUARY CATECHISM.

Question.—What is meant by the Schemes of the Church?

Answer.—They are Schemes or plans by which our Church tries to do God's work in the world.

Q.—What are the five main Schemes of our Church?

A.—The five main Schemes of our Church are Colleges, Home Missions, Augmentation, French Evangelization, Foreign Missions.

Q.—What is done for the world by our Colleges?

A.—Ministers are trained in them to preach the Gospel at home and abroad.

Q.—What is meant by "Home Missions?"

A.—It is a Scheme or plan for sending missionaries to the newer and more scattered settlements in our country and supporting them there.

Q.—What is Augmentation?

A.—It is a Scheme or plan by which small and scattered congregations that are unable to give enough for the minister who labors for them to live upon, are helped to do so, and thus have the Gospel regularly preached among them.

Q.—What is French Evangelization?

A.—It is a Scheme or plan for sending missionaries and colporteurs to sell Bibles and teach Bible truth among the hundreds of thousands of our French-Canadian fellow-countrymen who do not have the Bible, and who know little or nothing of its teachings.

Q.—What are Foreign Missions?

I will leave the readers of the CHILDREN'S RECORD to answer that question themselves.

Q.—In how many different parts of the world is our Church doing Foreign Mission work?

A.—In New Hebrides, Trinidad, Demarara, India, China, Formosa, and Korea.

Look up these places on the map, and see how many of our missionaries you can name who are laboring in each place.