

*A WORD IN SEASON.*

next year were secured? And in the same way the children of God may enjoy the pleasures of this life, even while looking forward to the assured happiness of the life beyond. One who is really His child," she continues, "and who tries most to be like Him and follow Him, will not take pleasure, or spend his life in frivolous amusements; but will try to fulfil the solemn duty that rests upon him, of teaching others the knowledge he has gained."

Long and earnestly the girls talk together; Jessie, with her simple, child-like faith, being, perhaps, a better teacher for Nellie's newly-awakened anxiety than any learned theorist could have been. She tells of the sorrowful passages in her life that have taught her, most of all, to cling to the one immovable support; and Nellie realizes in part what that faith must be which has enabled the gentle, timid girl beside her to "suffer and be strong."

"I believe I see a glimmering ray of the light that is so plain and bright to you, dear Jessie," she says, at last; "and I will search and pray until it shines upon me, too, in its full radiance!"

They part from one another at last, each feeling a new interest and tenderness springing up in her heart, and having become better friends, through the conversation of these few hours, than all the previous months of school-intercourse had made them.