

But Faith, standing patiently by your side, looks calmly and thoughtfully over the years to the end of life, and says, Darkness and light both fall across thy path; the rough places are not all made smooth, nor the crooked straight, nor are the rivers all bridged, nor the streams all pure and sparkling; but, beyond all these, I see pearly gates and crystal palaces, with One, like to the Son of Man, standing on the golden staircase holding the torch of Truth in His hand, and beckoning us forward. And, as you grasp the strong hand of Faith, and find yourself borne along by a power and a knowledge not your own, your guide repeats in your ear: I am Faith! I am commissioned by God to guide you to your journey's end. Here is a testimonial I have received from Christ's own hand. It is addressed to you. 'All things whatsoever ye shall ask by Faith ye shall receive.' Holding my hand you may ask that those bleak and rugged mountains that rise before you may be removed and cast into the midst of the sea, and it shall be done. The seas of trouble shall roll back their waters that you may pass over on dry land. Though vipers and fiery serpents sting you, no evil shall result. The fierceness of lions shall be tamed by my presence, and their mouths shall be stopped. The fiery furnaces of affliction shall but destroy the cords that fetter your soul, and you shall walk unhurt amidst the flames. Thus shall your New Year be happy, and the eventide of your life glorious. We wish you, Reader, such a Happy New Year!

FLOATING STUDENT OPINION.

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CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENTS.

MR. EDITOR,—The time is near when students will be freed for a short time from the steady work of the session.

Family re-unions, social gatherings, sleighing parties, and Sabbath School and Church anniversaries will be the order of the day. In all of these many of our students will take part, and take part heartily; but just what part to take is a question that often troubles some. How far is his character as an ambassador for Christ, and one who has specially consecrated himself to His service, to be laid aside, and how far is it to be carried with him into the festivities of the season? is a question which the student frequently asks.

In regard to all entertainments, public or private, it is safe to say that there are always plenty of persons who are ready to give them a mere trivial and even downward tendency,—we then can afford to be among those who seek to give all recreations and enjoyments an elevating and truly Christian tone.