

garments and a knock at the door. So they all jumped up and ran to the door to see who was coming. They raised the curtain and looked out, and behold ! to their surprise, an angel came right in through the glass, the door being locked, and stood among them. His presence did not frighten them, for he looked pleasant, and began to talk to them. He asked them where their parents were, and they told him they had gone to meeting. Then Lizzie, who happened to be standing by the rocking chair, said to him :

"Take a chair and sit down."

He answered, "Oh ! I can't stay long."

But he took a chair and drew it up toward the stove and sat down, saying as he did so :

"You have a nice stove and a good warm fire."

Then the children noticed he was barefooted, and as the weather was quite cold and the ground covered with snow, they would naturally suppose he must have cold feet. Therefore Henry said to him :

"Put your feet on the railing of the stove and warm them."

The angel did so, and then called the chil-