

ABRAHAM AND THE ANGELS.

You will find the story of this picture in Genesis, 18 : 25-36. Abraham is entertaining the angel visitors, and they are telling him the wondrous things that are to come, some of them good and some evil.

Please turn up the story and read it, and then turn up the references from it, and read them.

Two stories now from the picture.

1. A Russian story. A woman heard that the Christ was to come to her home that night for shelter. She prepared a grand supper. A poor beggar came and asked for shelter. She could not trouble with him, as she was to have so grand a guest, and sent him away. As she waited and wondered, she was told that the Christ had come in the person of the beggar, and she had lost her opportunity for ever.



2. A German story. A family was told that the Christ was coming to their home that night. They spread a place at table. They waited and still he came not. A poor boy came by and asked for food and shelter. How could they take him when they were expecting such a distinguished visitor. "Perhaps," said one of the children, "he could not come

himself and sent this poor boy in his place," so they gave the boy the place at the table.

They had done it to Christ. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

Be not forgetful to entertain strangers for thereby some have entertained angels un-
awares."