sitting in the cosy parlour, reading The Quiver; the cat was asleep on the hearth, the canary dozed in its cage. I am not quiet sure that M ss Golightly had not enjoyed forty winks herself; but presently she rose from her chair and made her way into the kitchen. Here the fire needed making up, and the clean linen airing on the horse must be turned. These little affairs attended to, Miss Golightly took a good survey of the kitchen.

"H'm, I must admit Ruth is very tidy and very clean," said the oid lady to herself. "If only she were truthful, I should be inclined

to keep her even now."

At this moment her eyes fell on the little egg-boiler standing amongst the bright tins on the dresser. "What could the impudent girl mean by saying the glass did not do?" she meditated.

(To be continued).

WHAT IS BEING RELIGIOUS?

"It is very hard to be religious." So men say, and from their point of view, or from any point of view, true. But we shall not get to "the true inwardness" of it until we find out what "religion" is. Religion with most persons is going to charch, or sacrament, or reading the Bible, or saying prayers. Some times religion is enlarged a little, until it means teaching Sunday. sehool class, or visiting the sick and poor, or giving money to church purposes. And the good or religious life means to such some or all these things; and the more of them the man does the more religious he is. Let us see.

St. Paul understood what the good or religious life is; and he writes to some slaves in Ephesus thus: "With good will doing service, as to the Lord and not to men; knowing whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same (ie., good thing) he shall receive of the Lord." The Apostle is not talking about what men call religion at all; talking of the work these slaves were doing and made to do. "Whatsoever good thing;" whatsoever good ploughing, or reaping, or waiting on table, or running an errand-no matter what the work these slaves were ordered to do, if they did it not merely because their masters commanded them, but because the Lord commanded them—this was a good work in the eyes of God; and for this good carpentry, or farming, or serving, they would receive a reward. If true for slaves, true for free. If true for servants, true for masters. The carpenter who works good carpentry as to the Lord will get reward; the father who does work to please God; the mother who does nursing for the Lord and housekeeping; the child who learns his lessons as for the Lord; all these are doing good works; all these done for the Lord are religious works; he who does these is religious, if he does them for the Lord. For doing these things the Lord will reward him, even as he promised to reward the slaves at Ephesns for doing their work. In other words, whoever

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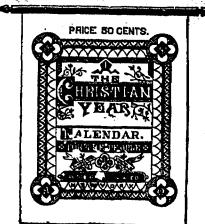
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