

## DOING HIS BEST.

ONE morning, while seated in a railway carriage, I overheard a conversation between two gentlemen, in which one made this remark, "The question of salvation has always been a puzzle to me. I don't see, when a man is doing the best he can, how anything more can be expected of him." As his companion did not see fit to answer this remark, I took occasion to move over beside him, and said, "If you will excuse a stranger speaking to you I would like to point out where you are wrong in the remark I overheard you make. There are two things wrong with it. The first is *you have not done* the best you could, therefore you are condemned at once." He admitted it. I then pointed out in the second place that even if he had been ever so diligent and faithful in seeking to do "the best he could," as many people before now had been, it would be no good as a means of getting into God's presence or heaven. I then turned up the 20th of Revelation and read him the last five verses, where the judgment of the wicked dead before the "Great white throne" is spoken of, and pointed out to him, that was where his works would land him, and that he could find no fault with it, as every man was judged *according to his works*.

I then asked him if he was prepared to stand before God and take His judgments according to his