

telling everybody about Christ), that Celsus sneeringly remarks that "wool-workers, cobblers, fullers, the most illiterate and vulgar of mankind, preached and commended their illiterate faith to women and children." Would that there was such cause for the proud sceptics of our day to sneer thus at us! There would then be solid hope of a coming triumph such as marked the days of this first love.

It is a well known fact that Mazzini, the Italian patriot, the father in all true respects of the present Italian Kingdom, seldom appeared before a public meeting. His mission, whose fruit is now this kingdom, was to sit about whispering his principles in the ears of men, organizing societies, setting others to work, encouraging the timid, restraining the impetuous, while he himself was a mere voice heard, but not seen. This way of working for Christ is open to every Christian, is lawful and regular every day of the week, and in every place where two meet. It is also a work that affords scope for very high qualities of mind and disposition. To deal personally with men, one needs to be himself in living and loving communion with his Lord; he needs discrimination to know when to speak, what, and how; he needs tact and resources to be able to meet objections, and answer difficulties; he needs patience to bear manfully with rebuffs, courage that is not soon shaken, and love that suffers long, and is kind.

In truth, this "pegging away" from door to door, from house to house, from one to one, is a noble art, in which many have obtained great proficiency and enduring success, without knowledge of Latin or Greek, and without authority from Conference or Synod. It is not till the educated ministry of the Church, and the pious membership thereof, meet on this common ground, of house to house and face to face dealing with the masses, that Solomon's picture of a living, conquering, invincible Church shall be realized; "fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners;" or that the great results depicted by Solomon's father shall be attained; "The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it: kings of armies did flee apace; and she that tarried at home divided the spoil."

### Being Preachers.

#### A REFUGE FROM THE STORM.

BY THE EDITOR.

"For thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm." Isa. xxv. 4.

There is no country in the world but has its storms. They come, these

dread visitants, in the form at times of tornadoes, bending and breaking strong trees, and laying low in the dust human dwellings. Then they come in the shape of deluging rains undermining and overturning buildings which no wind could shake. Then in our own northern clime, they come in the shape of fierce,