

need of Congregationalism, and it will not become extinct. Congregationalists are the advance guard of the Christian army. They are the pioneers of the Church. They are like the few men who go ahead in a boat to fasten the hawser, at the point to which the vessel must be brought, as she is warped into port. It is pleasant to have many with you in the battle for the principles of truth, but it is, nevertheless, a glorious thing to be

" In the right with two or three."

If " P. M.," or any one else, prefers numbers to " the principles of Congregational freedom ;" denominational prestige to the simple polity of the New Testament ; order and consolidation, to independence and liberty, the exchange can be easily made ; but it will only be a sorry bargain if, after the thing is done, there is left the feeling that Esau had when he sold his birth-right for a mess of pottage, or that Judas had, when he betrayed his Lord for thirty pieces of silver. He who sides with God is always in the majority, and will certainly win in the long run, whatever be the odds against him. " P. M." has presented the dark side of the picture. There is another and a brighter side to it. He has told us the worst. But