

We explained to him that the law only required that notice should be given to the governor or mayor, and that we thought it best to give the notice in this case to the superior authority, as it was the first meeting of the kind held in all the four northwest provinces.

"Let me tell you," said the governor, "that if you commenced such a meeting the people would tear you in pieces; and I advise you for your own sake not to attempt any meetings here."

"Your Excellency, we have come all the way from Madrid for the purpose" (a journey then of twelve hours by rail and thirty-six by diligence), "and we quite intend to go on with the meetings."

"Then" (here he began to be very angry), "I warn you not; and if you do, I will take you prisoners from the platform. I can't inflict previous punishment, but I will begin when you begin."

"Then, your Excellency, the first meeting takes place on Sunday night at six o'clock."

We left him, after he had renewed his threatenings. I must say we did not feel very comfortable. We were a long way from all our friends; we did not know the people of Corunna, but we did know something of Roman Catholic fanaticism. We went, in our extremity, to our God, and cried for help. The day arrived for our first meeting. "Will the governor keep his word? Will anybody come to the meeting?" we asked one another, as my friend and I prepared to go down to open the door. As we approached, sure enough, there were four policemen in full uniform. "Are they going to take us?" was a very natural question. The door was opened; two or three people straggled in. As the first person entered, one policeman cried out "Order!" As another went in, another cry of "Order!" was heard; and so we entered, and they roared out "Order," and that word for the policemen seemed to be the order of the day. "They have not taken us," remarked one of us to the other. "We are not at the platform yet," was the reply. But we did get to the platform, and without interruption from the authorities; preached with all our heart and soul to a small congregation of about fifty the glorious old Gospel of salvation instant and free to the repenting sinner that comes to the Lord Jesus Christ through "*Jesus only*." These occasions of speaking to those who have never heard the joyful sound before of the great salvation have been among the happiest of our life. Would to God that thousands who can do so would go into all the world and try it!

The next Sunday, at about 4.30 P.M., we looked out of our window and saw the square filled with people of every class. "Whatever can be the matter?" we asked as we looked out. The servant said, "Why, they have come for the meeting." Come for the meeting! Yes; an hour and a half before the time there were about two thousand people there. Corunna was moved with curiosity. Let us begin the meeting at once. One went to open the door while we got hymn-books, etc., ready, and when we went down we couldn't get in—the place was packed with people