



Mansfield, Ohio.

Rev. Cyrus Fockler, Elder-in-Charge.

There was a repetition of the scenes of official hatred against Zion at Mansfield on last Lord's Day which have been disgracing the city ever since the day when Mayor Brown and his political and Masonic henchmen decided that the proper party to protect in "the Mansfield affair" was the lawless, murderous Mansfield mob.

Ever since that meeting when a large number of Mansfield's "representative citizens" met together to condemn mob violence and ended by resolving to prevent it by persecuting the innocent victims of the mob, Zion Elders have been arrested every time they have entered that place to minister to Zion members there, and have been put aboard the train and sent out of the city. The murderous villains who led the mob in person were allowed to go scot free, while the cowardly wretches who are the real leaders of the mob sit in the chairs of executive and judicial office with murder in their hearts and self-excusing lies upon their lips.

On Lord's Day, October 7, 1900, Deacon A. F. Lee, Recorder of Zion's Seventies and Deacon Homer Kessler, Advertising Manager of THE COMING CITY, were sent by Overseer Piper to minister to the member's of the Branch of the Christian Catholic Church in Mansfield.

They entered on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad at 5 o'clock in the morning. They succeeded in getting off the train without police intervention. They went to the Brunswick Hotel, where they were arrested as soon as they had registered, and taken to jail.

For three hours after their arrest, those gentlemen gave good Zion teaching to their captors. Then a train came and they were place on

board and sent to Galion, Ohio.

The following telegrams were received by Overseer Piper at Headquarters.

MANSFIELD, OHIO, October 7, 1900

OVERSEER W. H. PIPER,
1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago.
Put on train by authorities.
Wire instruction here, Central Hotel

LEE AND KESSLER.

To these Overseer Piper sent the following reply:

Chicago, October 7, 1900.

KESSLER AND LEE,
Central Hotel, Galion, Ohio.
Come home, Train two fifty-eight.

WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

In this connection it is appropriate to call the attention of all good citizens, as well as Christians, to the cowardly and illegal action of the Vonhof Hotel management. They have repeatedly promised to give Zion Elders accommodation and protection, as their guests, and on every occasion, at the slightest intimation of danger, have tremblingly pleaded with them to leave the hotel, or have refused, point-blank, to give them accommodation.

"Any man in good health, who is decent and clean and pays for his food and lodging, is entitled, under the law, to accommodation in the Vonhof or any other public caravansary. The subservient cowards who manage the Vonhof at Mansfield are afraid even to obey the law and stand by their own oft-repeated promises.

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