



### Mansfield, Ohio.

Rev. Cyrus B. Fockler, Elder-in-Charge.

Masonic envy and hate and diabolical prejudice still rule in Mansfield.

But God is more powerful than Mah-hah-bone, the filthy god of the Masons.

God is fighting for Zion, and Zion will win.

They city officials of Mansfield, the county officials of Richland County and the Governor of the State of Ohio again flagrantly broke the laws of the State last Lord's Day.

They richly merit the contempt and ridicule which even the press and the public are pouring upon them.

Inspired partly by cowardice and partly by hatred of Zion, these officials arrested Elder Samuel A. Walton, D. D., and Evangelist W. E. Moody last Lord's Day morning and confined them in the Mansfield jail.

These wicked officials had never seen or heard of either of these excellent Christian gentlemen and ministers of God before.

Elder Walton and Evangelist Moody had only been in Mansfield a short time when they were arrested, and had violated no law. Their only offense was that they were ministers of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion and had come, quietly and peaceably, to conduct Divine services with the members of the Church in Mansfield.

The officials did not even have the transparent excuse that they placed the Zion ministers in jail for safekeeping from the hands of a mob. There was no mob; no excitement.

The mob element, cowardly at heart, had been quelled, as it might have been at the outset, by the arrest of some of its leaders. The persistence of Zion was also beginning to wear out their determination.

After keeping these innocent men in prison for several hours, these Baal-worshipping betrayers of the sacred trust of public office carried them to the depot and forcibly placed them on board a train for Chicago.

The following telegrams, which passed over the wires on that day, tell the story of the outrage:

MANSFIELD, OHIO, August 10, 1900

WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER, 1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

Elders Walton and Moody here.

Met at depot by officers.

Taken to county jail.

Will be sent back, two o'clock.

Send any instructions, my care.

A.A. DOUGLASS.

CHICAGO, August 1900

WALTON AND MOODY,

Care A. A. Douglass, County Jail, Mansfield, Ohio.

Authorities must lead you to train and pay your fare.

Otherwise refuse to go.

If they do this, come home.

WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

MANSFIELD, OHIO, August 19, 1900

WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER, 1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

Elders forcibly placed on Erie westbound train by city authorities.

No excitement whatever.

Your people themselves held services at private house.

A.A. DOUGLASS.

That such an outrage should be permitted in the name of the law, and with the connivance of the highest executive authority, in a country which boasts the adjectives, "free, Christian, liberty-loving," is a significant commentary upon the times into which we have fallen.

Thank God that He has sent His Messenger to proclaim the coming of the King.

Although the Grand Jury at Mansfield has indicted the General Overseer, Overseer Piper,

Evangelist Fisher and Elders Fockler, McFarlane, McClurkin, Kennedy and Stevens, and some Zion members in Mansfield for alleged criminal libel, there have been no arrests made on that unjust and wicked charge, and nothing further has developed in the matter.

Zion will continue to send her Messengers into Mansfield.

Zion's enemies everywhere are gloating over the lawlessness and denial of justice at Mansfield thus placing themselves in the same category with craven-hearted murders, housebreakers, outragers of decency, violators of the law and order and destroyers of civil and religious liberty.

Some of them have taken the opportunity of pouring out the vile slime of their venom in letters to Mansfield's lying press and lawless Mayor.

Some of them have not the courage to sign their names; others sign names which only call to mind treachery, hypocrisy, immorality and willful lying.

May God have mercy upon them!

While devils are raging at Mansfield, and the fierce hatred of the World the Flesh and the Devil is being stirred, the true people of God are being blessed and strengthened and are seeing more plainly everyday that the Christian Catholic Church is truly in Zion.

It is cheering, after reading the long-winded and spiteful lies of Mansfield's sewer press, to receive letters like the following:

REV. WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER,

*Dear Brother in Christ*—We received your letter of encouragement yesterday.

We are standing firm amid persecution and trials.

We have thus far stood our ground with God helping us. I know that if we prove faithful we will gain the Victory—and a glorious Victory—in Mansfield; for God is working.

We are so glad that God has all power.

I have never felt like running, although my very life has been threatened.

My children have left me on account of this confusion, my husband has been thrown out of work, but I am standing true to God and His cause.

I know if the whole world forsakes me, God will not forsake me. He will provide for His children.

Pray for us that we all may stand faithful to God, loyal to the Church, and never be discouraged, but ever willing to Go Forward.

Praying God's blessings upon you and Zion everywhere, with Christian love, I remain faithfully

Yours in Jesus' Name

OVERSEER WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER, Chicago, Illinois.

*Dear Overseer*:—I think it is a disgrace, the way Zion has been treated in Mansfield.

I have not yet applied for fellowship in the Church of Zion, but I know that it is the only Church.

God bless Zion.

May she prosper in Mansfield.

I always feel so happy after reading LEAVES OF HEALING.

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