

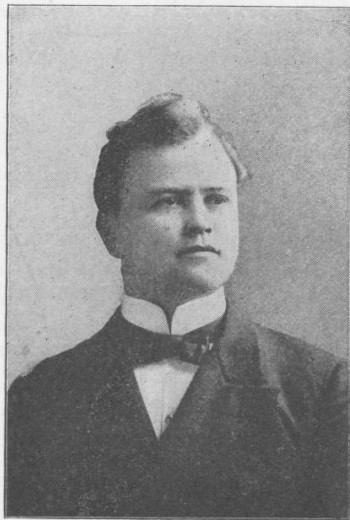
## OFFICIAL MOB RULES MANSFIELD.

### Civil Authorities Twice Forcibly Carry Zion Elders Out of Mansfield, Contrary to Law.

THE real leaders if the Mansfield mobs have again disclosed themselves and have again disgraced the city and county, which they were elected to serve, and the State in which they live. Mayor Brown has continued to pursue his lawless and cowardly policy. He outlined that policy in his

Mayor Brown is keeping that promise, and although his action in that matter is contrary to the laws of the State, Governor Nash sits in the Executive Office at Columbus, knowing well the state of affairs, and refuses to lift a finger to enforce the laws, as his oath of office requires him to do.

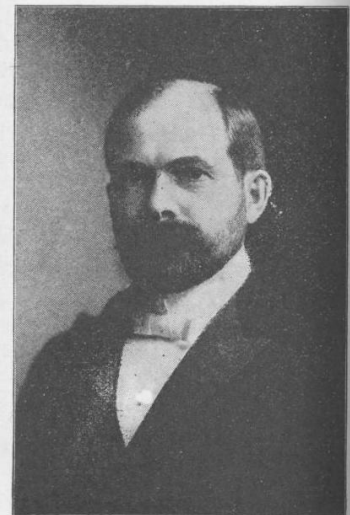
When the General Overseer learned that Overseer Piper, Evangelist Fisher and Elders McClurkin and McFarlane have been forcibly prevent from landing in Mansfield on Lord's Day, August 5th, he at once directed Elder W. O. Dinius, of North Harvey, Illinois and Elder Silas



OVERSEER WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.



ELDER CYRUS B. FOCKLER.



ELDER E. B. KENNEDY.

promise to the "lawabiding citizens," as he called the Mansfield housebreakers and outragers of decency.

According to that promise, Mayor Brown must quickly seize and carry out of the city every Zion Elder or Evangelist who enters it.

Moot, of Lima, Ohio, to proceed to Mansfield on Lord's Day, August 12<sup>th</sup> and take charge. Although he left the city on Thursday morning, the General Overseer did not forget the two brave men who were to take their lives in their hands.

While en route for New York, he sent the following telegrams:

August 10, 1900.

GOVERNOR GEORGE K. NASH, Columbus, Ohio.

Two on Elders will conduct services in Mansfield on Sunday next, and minister to the members of the Christian Catholic Church and to all others who desire to be present at such services.

I am informed that your Adjutant General was a silent spectator, and to that extent a participator in the action of the mob at Mansfield last Sunday, when, led by the Mayor and the Sheriff, they forcibly prevented an Overseer, two Elders and an Evangelist of the Christian Catholic Church from leaving the train and exercising their civil and religious rights guaranteed by the Constitution of the United State and by the laws of the State of Ohio. You are, therefore, *particeps criminis* in my judgment, and I believe in that of every honest man.

I know not whether any further appeal to you to do your duty will be of any avail, but since we are determined never to take the law into our own hands, we shall never cease to demand that the lawful authorities shall protect us in the exercise of our rights which you have hitherto practically assisted the mob at Mansfield to deny.

On the eve of my departure for Europe, I give you notice that I have instructed the Rev. W. Hamner Piper, Overseer-at-Large, to continue to send Elders weekly, and, if necessary, daily, into Mansfield, until the door of Liberty is opened by the force of the law, which is now shut by the vile passions of the local authorities, stimulating those of the ignorant and brutal mob.

Our last man and our last dollar will, if necessary, be used in pressing this peaceful determination to a successful issue.

JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

August 10, 1900.

SHERIFF OF RICHLAND COUNTY, Mansfield, Ohio.

Two Zion Elders will conduct services in Mansfield on Sunday next, in connection with the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

Your shameful cowardice and leadership of the mob last Sunday and on previous occasions has convinced the whole country that you are a willful violator of the law and an associate and protector of housebreakers and outragers of public decency, whom you knew well, but failed to arrest when they assaulted, stripped naked and shamefully abused our Elders.

I give you notice that I have appealed once more to Governor Nash for the protection of our Elders by the State authorities in the exercise of their undoubted rights to minister to the members of the Christian Catholic Church in Mansfield. I shall continue to hold you responsible for all past and all probable future violations of your oath of office, and I shall also hold the country responsible, which you disgrace.

JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

August 10, 1900

MAYOR HUNTINGTON BROWN,  
Mansfield, Ohio.

Two Zion Elders will conduct services in Mansfield on Sunday next, and will thereafter continue to minister to the members of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion.

Is it not time that you abandoned your shameful policy of open incitement of and association with the cruel and cowardly mob who have repeatedly assaulted Christian gentlemen and ministers to gratify your evil passions? At all events, I give you notice that I have again appealed to Governor Nash for the protection of the State authorities, and you will be held strictly accountable for all past violations of the law of which you were criminally cognizant.

We shall never surrender our rights under the Constitution, which you vainly imagine that you can successfully destroy.

JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

Obedient to their instructions, Elders Dinius and Moot quietly entered Mansfield very early Lord's Day morning.

On the Lord's Day, the Overseer received the following telegrams from Mansfield:

MANSFIELD, OHIO, August 12, 1900

WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER, Chicago.

Elders here; hotels refuse them admittance.

Have gone to private house to hold services.

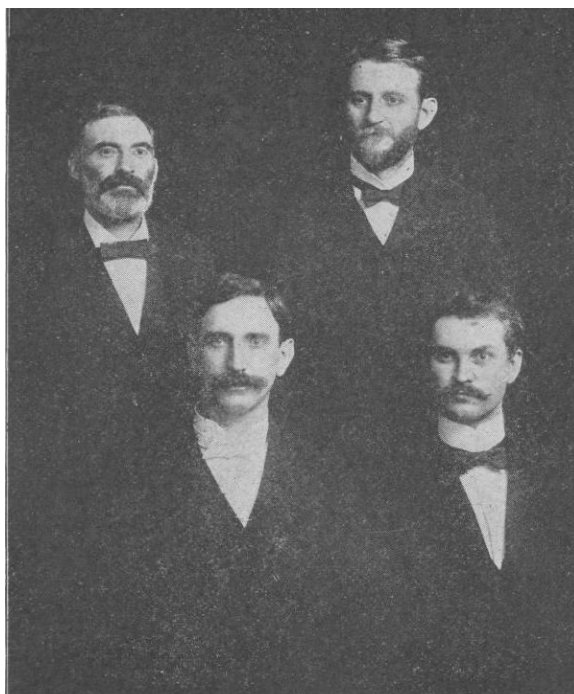
City authorities now in consultation; will keep you posted.

Send instructions in my care. Dinius asks me to send this.

A. A. DOUGLASS.

MANSFIELD, OHIO, August 12, 1900.

WILLIAM HANMER PIPER, Chicago,



ELDER A. MCFARLANE. ELDER GERALD F. STEVENS.  
ELDER A. W. MCCLURKIN. EVANGELIST E. P. FISHER.



INTERIOR OF DINING ROOM OF MRS. IDA FREDERICK, MANSFIELD, OHIO.  
Morning of Tuesday, July 31, 1900.

Elders just now forcibly put aboard carriages by city officers; destination Crestline, Ohio, fourteen miles west.

Very little show of violence by populace. Wire any instructions.

A.A. DOUGLASS.

CRESTLINE, OHIO, August 12, 1900.

WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER, Chicago.

At Crestline; safe; ready to return; may drive; no train.

W. O. DINIUS.

CRESTLINE, OHIO, August 12, 1900

REV. W. HAMNER PIPER, Chicago.

No mob; hotels closed; officers will intercept our return every way.

Advise us; we are happy.

MOOT AND DINIUS.

It was almost beyond belief that a religious meeting should be broken up and the ministers of God forcibly carried out of the city by officers for the law. In a letter to Overseer Piper, Elder Dinius thus describes the events of that day:

CRESTLINE, OHIO, August 12, 1900.

BELOVED OVERSEER PIPER:—Each of us took separate routes to the Vonhof Hotel.

As soon as they learned we were connected with Zion they informed us that we could not stay.

We got breakfast there and went separately to the home of Brother Leiby to hold services.

About 10 o'clock, the Mayor, his attorney and several officers came and entreated us to leave until Judge Wolfe was through with the Grand Jury.

We said No.

Then the Mayor stated that they must take us into safekeeping.

I said; "To jail?"

"No; out of the city," he replied.

I remonstrated, but they had a carriage there and put us in and drove us here to Crestline.

On the way a heavy rain drove us into a barn, and we got here too late to be driven back, so I sent you a telegram.

I see no earthly way to get there unless we drive in or undertake to do as we did this mornig, and I think that is watched closely.

The hotels have boycotted us and we must find board elsewhere.

When they were about to take us out, at 10:30 this morning, the dear Zion people said to me: Will you not dismiss us before you go?"

I replied Yes, and prayed for them.

They said they would hold services. I assured them we would return, and they praised the Lord.

Attorney Douglass said we should come to his office at any time we wished and he would see that we were not molested.

I rejoice to know that Victory will finally be ours.

Pray for us.

Kindly and faithfully yours in Jesus.

W. O. DINIUS.

On Monday morning Elders Moot and Dinius secured the services of a brave young Zion boy named Strauch to drive them from Crestline to Mansfield, arriving there about the middle of the forenoon.

The Mansfield authorities added more disgrace to their already black official records in this matter.

Soon after the Elders arrived in Mansfield, Overseer Piper received the following telegram:

MANSFIELD, OHIO, August 13, 1900.

WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

Elders back not in my office. Mayor and police with them. Small crowd in front office. Have you any orders? If so send me; will deliver.

A.A. DOUGLASS.

The Overseer had not replied to his when, during the noon hour, he received the following:

MANSFIELD, OHIO, August 13, 1900.

WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER, 1201, Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

Mob becoming threatening.

Have just thrown Zion boy who brought Elders to city fountain.

Elders still in my office guarded by the police.

Don't you think you better order them to withdraw? Of course I advise this.

Elders surely will be mobbed.

Please wire quick, as they will stay unless you order differently.

Looms very bad. May be killed.

A.A. DOUGLASS.

Immediately upon receipt of this telegram, Overseer Piper sent the following messages singing over the wires:

ZION, CHICAGO, August 13, 1900.

REV. W. O. DINUS, Mansfield, Ohio.

Stay in Mansfield, even if you have to seal your testimony with your blood.

Go to hotel. If they refuse they make themselves liable to fine fixed by law in such cases.

Say to Mayor Brown that our forbearance with his disgraceful acts has about reach its limit.

Ask him how much money he really wants to put into Zion's coffers by his illegal and wholly unconstitutional acts of driving inoffensive and lawabiding citizens from Mansfield.

Tell Mayor and Sheriff to fill the cup of their official mobocracy, but by God's grace Zion will establish her right to preach the Everlasting Gospel in Mansfield if it take her last dollar and her last man.

Authorities can and must protect.

Governor stands ready to protect you with militia.

Zion is praying for you and Elder Moot.

Keep me posted.

Christ is Conqueror.

WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

ZION, CHICAGO, August 13, 1900

GOVERNOR GEORGE K. NASH, Columbus, Ohio.

Mob is at this moment threatening lives of two Zion Elders in Mansfield.

City and county authorities are doing nothing. In the name of humanity, Christianity and our Constitutional rights, I ask you to step in at once with State authority and save these two law-abiding citizens from the lawless element in Mansfield..

WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

ZION, CHICAGO, August 13, 1900.

TO SHERIFF RICHLAND COUNTY, Mansfield, Ohio.

It is time you confess to Governor Nash your inability to preserve life and order in Mansfield.

Militia can be in Mansfield in an hour.

Do your duty and save our men from death and your city and county from eternal disgrace.

Call at once for militia.

Our men must stay in Mansfield.

WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

At about half-past two in the afternoon Attorney Dougalss sent the following:

MANSFIELD, OHIO, August 13, 1900

WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER, 1210 Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

Elders held in my office till 2 P.M., when officers forcibly took them again to Crestline in carriages.

Mob quite large in front office.

Dangerous.

Dinner served in my office.

A.A. DOUGLASS.

Later in the afternoon the following message came:

MANSFIELD, OHIO, August 13, 1900.

WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER, Chicago.

Myself and partner will arrive in Chicago 8 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Will you please hold Elders at Crestline until we see you?

Wire answer quick. This very important.

A.A. DOUGLASS.

ZION, CHICAGO, August 13, 1900.

A. A. DOUGLASS, Mansfield, Ohio.

Unless they must stay in Crestline for you to carry your point, I'll let them come on and send them back if necessary.

Shall be glad to see you.

Answer.

WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER.

Attorney Douglass wired:

MANSFIELD, OHIO, August, 13, 1900.

WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER, 1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

By all means let Elders join us at Crestline for Chicago.

We leave here eleven thirty.

A.A. DOUGLASS.

Accordingly, Elder Dinius returned to Chicago and Elder Moot to Lima, Ohio, Attorneys Douglass and Mengert coming on the same train.

Mansfield papers have falsely stated that these attorneys were summoned to Chicago, and state that by the action Zion manifested that she was giving up the fight and will send no more Elders to Mansfield.

They also state the members of Zion in Mansfield have promised that no more Elders will visit that city.

This is all untrue. Attorneys Douglass and Mengert were not summoned to Chicago, as the above telegrams show, and Zion will continue to send Elders to Mansfield in spite of the city and county authorities and their mobs.

Attorneys Douglass and Mengert came to Chicago for the purpose of transacting business in

connection with the session of the Grand Jury which was impaneled by Judge Wolfe for the purpose of investigating the recent outrageous actions of the mobs in Mansfield.

Indictments have been found against several of the ring-leaders of the mob amongst them "Red" Hartman.

An indictment was also found against the General Overseer, Overseer Piper, Evangelist Fisher and Elders Kennedy, McClurkin, Fockler, Stevens and McFarlane, charging them with publishing false and criminally libelous matter concerning Mayor Brown.

Zion is awaiting further developments, but, when the time comes, will fight that unjust indictment until she wins.

The Grand Jury is still at work, and while in Chicago the Mansfield Attorneys secured affidavits from each of the officers of the Church who were mobbed at Mansfield. These will be used before the Grand Jury.

We present to our readers this week portraits of those who have faced the devils at Mansfield, with the exception of elders Moot and Dinius, whose portraits may appear later.

We also show an engraving taken from a photograph, of the interior of Mrs. Frederick's home after the cowardly mob at Mansfield had finished its work.

The door, which has been put on wrong side up, was smashed completely off its hinges.

Look upon that picture and then remember that the outrage was committed in "free" America, with the full knowledge of the officers of the law, and for no other reason than because Mrs. Frederick allowed a religious meeting to be held in her little home.

Zion is right in holding these cowardly Masonic officials responsible.

The newspapers of the country and even Mansfield are beginning to see that truth.

But while they blame the Mayor, the Mansfield papers should not forget that they are also largely responsible, not only for inciting the mobs, but for egging them on by means of the most malicious lies about the General Overseer, Zion and Zion Elders.

Zion Elders will hold meeting in Mansfield next Lord's Day. Let all Zion everywhere be in prayer for them.

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