



Mansfield, Ohio

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

There is no change in the situation at Mansfield, Ohio

The following telegrams tell the story of how Zion's Elder, Rev. Ephriam Basinger, of Bluffton, Ohio, was illegally arrested in a private home on the Lord's Day while conducting a religious meeting:

MANSFIELD, OHIO, August 26, 1900.

WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER,

1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Elder Basinger arrived; went to Leiby home.

Elder Basinger forcibly taken out of town by city police.

Placed on P. F. Train bound for Chicago.

He stops at Lima, bound for home.

A. A. DOUGLASS.

BLUFFTON, OHIO, August 26, 1900

REV. WILLIAM HAMNER PIPER,

Zion Home, Chicago, Illinois.

At Bluffton.

Services tonight in Zion Tabernacle.

Will write tomorrow morning.

ELDER E. BASINGER.

How long the respectable and decent citizens of Ohio will tolerate this flagrant and cowardly denial of most sacred rights is a problem which is confronting the entire country.

If the Mayor of Mansfield and his minions can break up Divine services at will and arrest the ministers of God, what religious organizations are safe from similar persecution?

Should a Methodist Mayor so desire, he might thus disperse a Presbyterian meeting and send the pastor of the church out of the city. A Baal-worshiping Mayor might use his power, in Ohio, to close up all Christian churches and lock all the ministers in jail until he had an opportunity to send

them out of the city. His legal right to such action would be precisely the same as Mayor Brown's right to break up a Zion meeting, imprison Elder Basinger and forcibly eject him from the city.

Are the Christian People of Ohio prepared to accept the consequences of their tolerance of official lawlessness?

The newspapers of the country hold the laxness in dealing with Mansfield most in a large degree responsible for the riot, fire, dynamite, pillage and murder of the mob at Akron, Ohio.

They are doubtless right. Lawlessness not suppressed by a vigorous, courageous, firm hand breeds greater and worse lawlessness.

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