



### Mansfield, Ohio.

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

The story from Mansfield this week is but little different from that of the last six weeks.

Official lawlessness still reigns supreme.

Elder Basinger went to Mansfield, as ordered, last Lord's Day morning.

To his surprise there were no police officers at the station to meet him. He walked down the street openly, and there was no excitement or any signs of trouble until a police officer saw him.

Then, without a warrant, without cause, without even a claim for cause, that harmless minister of God was arrested and taken to jail. There he was confined until noon, when he was put aboard the train by police officers, to return to his home in Bluffton, by way of Lima.

While he was in Mansfield, Elder Basinger was besought to come and pray with a dying woman. The lawless "authorities" of Mansfield refused to allow him to go and pray with her.

The following are Elder Basinger's Telegrams:

CRESTLINE, OHIO, September 9, 1900

REV. W. HAMNER PIPER,  
1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago.  
Arrived at Mansfield at 5:55 A.M.  
No police officer at station.  
No excitement.

Walked freely on Diamond Street to Sixth Street.  
Seen by officer, arrested and taken to County Jail.  
Put on 12:05 train by police officers. Now en route to

Lima.

EPHRIAM BASINGER.

LIMA, OHIO, September 9, 1900

REV. W. HAMNER PIPER,  
1201 Michigan Avenue, Chicago.  
Called to bedside of dying sister while at Mansfield.  
Authorities refused my going.

E. BASINGER.

In this persecution of two months Zion in Mansfield was at first a little dazed and scattered by the driving away of their pastor and those who were sent to minister to them.

But all Zion everywhere has joined the General Overseer in praying for them, and God has brought them together again, purified, strengthened and encouraged.

The indomitable courage and persistency of the General Overseer, the Overseer-at-Large and the Elders have inspired them, and they are now rejoicing and steadfast in the midst of persecution.

They hold their meetings every Lord's Day, without an Elder, in a private house. These meetings have been growing in attendance and interest. The members are more closely united and are prepared to remain true to the Standard of Zion, no matter what the cost.

Some of them have already suffered loss on account of their faith, but God is keeping His children who suffer for His sake.

There are signs of the great awakening in Mansfield which will follow this persecution. God will yet give to his Messengers to reap a most abundant and precious harvest there.

From the very first these lawless officials have been cowards; and their cowardice is beginning to grow stronger than their hatred of Zion.

They have made overtures toward a compromise, which Zion rejected.

The Mansfield papers, unreliable as they are, probably state the truth when they say that Mayor Brown feels the weakness of his position and was afraid to put in writing his intention to prevent Zion Elders from conducting religious services in Mansfield.

God will surely win in Mansfield.

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