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Beloved Brother,

You, and others, laid witnessed facts before A.B.P. on July 29 and forwarded to him, by air, tapes of the Aberdeen meetings which confirm your testimony that evil speaking occurred.

The tapes have been reviewed and we judge that although parts of the meetings were profitable, there was profane, irreverent, corrupt language during a substantial portion of the time. (see James 3:10 and Ephesians 4: 29). Also, God's Name 'El' was used profanely on frequent occasions. Is this not blasphemy? (see Leviticus 24: 16).

It is incumbent on us to endorse Aberdeen's repudiation of the meetings in Aberdeen, on the basis of 2 Timothy 2: 19.

Certain of the information received from you was discussed with the minister by E.E.H., A.B.P. and another brother on July 29. Answers he gave to certain questions about the meetings were proven untrue by the tape record, which arrived later. A.B.P. was withdrawn from Thursday evening, July 30, and E.E.H. at the Care Meeting, August 1 - obviously to prevent facts becoming known.

Efforts which we have made to get the facts about the meetings before brethren here and in neighbor meetings have been unavailing. Patience has been exercised while the glory lingered (Ezekiel 8: 4 to 11: 23), loth to depart from the place where the revival has had such a unique place.

We have been taught, and believe, that no one, however gifted, is greater than the assembly. (see Acts 9: 6, 14: 27 and 15: 30). Because brethren in this city refuse to face facts, but rather vindicate and shelter one who is guilty of evil speaking and has not repented of it, are submitting to the domination of those who have rejected true witness and will not themselves listen to the truth (John 8: 32), we must separate from them.

If the Lord will, we, with our wives, expect to break bread together on August 16, taking a position in sympathy with Aberdeen and others who have acted on the basis of 2 Timothy 2: 19, in repudiating the Aberdeen evil.

With love in our Lord Jesus Christ,

(signed) Elliott E. Hoyte

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