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Mr. J. Taylor, Junr.

Dear Mr. Taylor,

I have a copy of your letter of the 7th August to Miss E.M. Hindle. It is not for me to deal with the earlier part of it except on two obvious points:

1. Miss Hindle's letter of the 23rd July was written the day before the Aberdeen Meetings started. I note you say she enjoyed them.
2. What was Alan Ker's wife doing lying on your bed in the absence of her husband? Is it normal for nurses to lie on the beds of their patients?

In your penultimate paragraph and without witness, you accuse me of charging you with being in bed with another man's wife. I did not do this. If you want the facts they are these:- We in Birmingham had heard disturbing news from Aberdeen including that the brethren there had sent certain charges against you to the brethren in New York. At the same time considerable pressure was put on us in Birmingham, as on brethren in numerous other cities in this land, to the effect that you must be supported 100% whatever charges had been made. Our stand was that we could not do this with a man under charge (1 Tim. 3, 10) but that any charges against you were New York's matter and not for Birmingham to decide. I did state as a principle that "it is not right for any man to have another man's wife in his bed" (Rev. 2.14). This was the position when we assembled for care on 1st August, 1970. A hymn was announced. Kenneth Read said he was not prepared to sing the hymn with anyone who was not "in 100% support of Mr. Taylor or who accepted the Aberdeen judgement". I replied immediately "We break bread in this city tomorrow as accepting the following three points:-

1. Withdrawal from iniquity.
2. Pursuing righteousness.
3. It is not right for a man to have another man's wife in his bed."

A number of brethren rose to leave and were challenged as to their reasons. Some stayed to argue that we must wait on the universal leader, others said it was right for the universal leader to have another man's wife in his bed.

We have lost 100 but saved 400 and are thankful that the Lord has stayed with us.

You say that Detroit brethren were poisoned by A.B.P. From all accounts he had some poison from which he recoiled (he told me so) but you, Mr. Taylor, were the originator of the poison. According to the principles of the house of God, Mr. Parker should have simply presented the charges from Aberdeen to the saints in New York. You prevented this, thus slaying a righteous man, by withdrawing from him on the telephone and violated divine principles in doing so.

If Aberdeen's judgement was wrong, who is to decide so? The nearest city (Deut. 21); read your father's ministry on this, (Vol. 193 page 250) you know it better than I do. What did the nearest city (Peterhead) decide? That Aberdeen's judgement was right. You imagined you had the right to excommunicate Aberdeen because they arrived at a judgment as to certain evil you ministered there. That is presumption as with Uzziah, whom the priests withstood (2 Chron. 26, 16 - 18). Then because beloved A.B.P. was gravely disturbed by the charges which had been made, you withdrew from him. The result? To this date those who were walking in the light of the Assembly in New York have not heard the charges and probably never will do.

It is commonly reported in this country that Madeline Ker has, on her own admission, been in bed with you four times. If you want a witnessed document to this effect, I believe I can get it for you. Finally, it is plain to any unbiased reader that your letter is abusive - see 1 Cor. 5, 11.

Faithfully in the Lord,

(signed) F.D. Waterfall.