

"Airylea"
Nigg,
Aberdeen

16th August 1970

Mr John Grugeon

Dear John,

Re your enquiry as to assembly judgments in Aberdeen on Tuesday, 28th July and Wednesday, 29th July -

1. July 28: The brethren in Aberdeen considered that what I had done regarding my house (see my letter of 29th July to A.B.P.) was right, and that I had kept myself and household on 2 Tim. 2 ground. John Scott would not accept this, continually saying the Man of God was pure, an elect vessel, etc. (which no one denied at the time). He would not agree that it was wrong for a man to be in bed with another man's wife. We withdrew from him on the basis of 2 Timothy 2. J.T.jr. had also named my house as being leprous. This was not accepted by the brethren.

We then looked into the language that J.T.jr. used at the meetings, i.e. "S.O.B.", "bastard", etc., and decided it was wrong to use such language to anyone, especially brethren who are walking in the path of separation - 2 Timothy 2.

2. Wednesday 29th July: We repudiated the meetings on the basis of Colossians 3 v.8.

We never at any time passed judgment on any person not local with us in Aberdeen. We placed the tapes of the meetings and the facts concerning the incident in my house in the hands of A.B. Parker in New York where they belonged.

Your brother in our Lord Jesus,
(Signed) James A. Gardiner.