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From the Assembly, meeting at St George's School, Worple Road, Wimbledon.  
To the Assembly, meeting at 41, York Road, Tunbridge Wells.

21st December 1909.

Dear Brethren in Christ,

We have given much consideration to your notice of the 1st July 1909, and have delayed our answer, because we were in hopes that the letter sent to you from the London Brethren, meeting at North Brixton Hall, would have led to a godly settlement of this unhappy matter.

But as this is not so, and as gatherings in and around London are deciding what they should do, it appears desirable that we should also declare our position.

In the first place, to prevent misunderstanding, we would say that we feel it is not a happy thing that a brother should be going about freely ministering while under the censure of his brethren, and such a course of conduct cannot have our approval. But when you say that you separate yourselves from those who break bread with him, or are otherwise supporting him it appears to us, seeing that he has not been put away from the Lord's Table that you introduce a new test of communion which is not in accordance with Scripture, and which we are therefore not prepared to accept.

You say that he has left the Lord's Table, but that we know to be contrary to fact, because he has been breaking bread at other Assemblies hitherto in fellowship with you and with us, and while we hold the truth of the One Body, as taught us in Scripture, we cannot subscribe to this.

You also say that he was definitely declared out of fellowship with those gathered to the Lord's Name, at an Assembly meeting, held at Tunbridge Wells on the 16th Sept: 1908: but on the same date you wrote a letter to the Assembly at Acton, in which you say, "He has not been put away". Had you put him away for any of the reasons given in Scripture, we should have accepted your judgment without hesitation; but, as your notice stands, it appears to us that there is no binding judgment in accordance with the Scripture contained in Matt: XVIII.

Moreover, we remember that, in your notice of 1903, in which you stated that the brother was under your censure on account of his ministry and his conduct, you said that you raised no question as to his coming to the Meeting or even breaking bread.

In a postscript to your notice of the 1st July last, you say, "Those separated from" (presumably at Tunbridge Wells) are eight persons, naming them; but you do not allege any fault against them, neither do you state that they have refused your admonition after being visited. To cut off eight persons in this manner, does not seem to us to be a godly or a righteous way of dealing with believers in the Lord Jesus who have hitherto been breaking bread with you.

Dear brethren, this is a sorrowful matter, and the saints in various places are being divided about it. Can you not either withdraw or modify your notice in some way, so that we may not be compelled (as we feel we should be if we accepted your notice) to give up the truths and principles to which we have referred?

We appeal to you in the Name and for the honour of our Lord Jesus Christ to do so.

We are, in much sorrow,

Your affectionate brethren in Christ,

Signed on behalf of the Assembly gathered to the  
Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, at St George's  
School, Wimbledon, all being of one mind.

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