

For the Assembly.

BRISTOL, APRIL 23RD 1885.

*To the Saints gathered to the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ,
at*

Beloved Brethren,

The question of the alleged unrighteousness of the judgment come to by the Assembly of God's Saints meeting at Queen's road, Reading, on 13th March 1884, having been raised amongst us, we feel bound to say in the fear of God, that after careful consideration and enquiry, we believe the charge has not been proved; we therefore see no reason why we should not continue as heretofore in fellowship with that Assembly, believing that in so doing we are maintaining the principles of the Church of God, and are endeavouring to keep the Unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (Eph. iv, 1-3.)

We also say that we cannot see any Scriptural ground for refusing fellowship to our brother Mr Stuart on account of the teaching contained in his pamphlet, entitled 'Christian Standing and Condition,' at the same time we do not commit ourselves to the acceptance or maintenance of his teaching, nor indeed that of any other teacher among us, except in so far as it may be in accordance with the Word of God. (Acts xvii, 11.)

We are constrained to add, that we feel truly grieved and also humbled before God on account of the action of many of our brethren both here and elsewhere, who have separated from us; it being our firm conviction that underlying the whole movement against the Reading Assembly there are principles at work, which tend to the establishment of a mere Ecclesiastical Unity on a narrower basis than 'the Unity of the Spirit,' governed by human authority, none the less real though undefined, and placing restrictions on the Spirit of God in ministry and service. (1 Thess. v, 19-21.)

Signed on behalf of the Saints gathered to the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, meeting at Hampton Road Room, Redland, and Frazer Street Room, Bedminster, including many who formerly met at Clifton, Orchard Street, and Stapleton Road,

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