

"Airylee",
Nigg,
Aberdeen.

Mr. A.B. Parker.

29th July, 1970.

Beloved Brother,

Re phone call. Our brother Mr. Taylor arrived on Thursday morning, July 23rd. The brethren we had arranged to stay in the house were Dr. & Mrs. R. Gardiner of Perth, Mr. & Mrs. J. Gray of Edinburgh, Mr. & Mrs. E. Steadman of Falkirk, and Miss Ann Gibb of Falkirk, all these brethren were here by 8.30 p.m.

Mr. & Mrs. R.A.C. Ker, who were to stay at Laureneckirk, called about 9.30 p.m. on their way from the airport to Laureneckirk. Immediately J.T. Jr. saw them he said these are my friends and insisted they stay in my house. That night we witnessed Mr. Ker lead his wife through to Mr. Taylor's bedroom with a dressing gown on and barefooted then Mr. Ker returned to his own bedroom alone; my wife witnesses Mrs. Ker coming out of Mr. Taylor's bedroom about 6 a.m. on Friday morning. Mrs. Ker spent some time during the intervals in Mr. Taylor's bedroom. On Friday we were almost an hour late for the afternoon meetings. I knocked on Mr. T's bedroom door but got no response. After about another 20 mins. Mrs. Ker came out saying she had to wait until she was released. After about a further half hour Mr. Taylor came out. Mrs. Ker said she had to be with Mr. Taylor to attend to his feet and head. On Friday night Mr. Ker again led his wife through to J.T.'s bedroom about 11 p.m. and again returned alone to his own bedroom, and left his wife in Mr. Taylor's room. To get from Mr. Taylor's bedroom to his own bedroom he had to come through the kitchen, diningroom, and livingroom. We had no evidence as to when Mrs. Ker came out of Mr. Taylor's bedroom on Saturday morning.

At the break on Saturday, I went through to Mr. Taylor's room with a preparation for his lips which he had asked for after which we barricaded the door between the Ker's quarters and the living room to prevent Mrs. Ker from having access to J.T.'s room because we were disturbed and unhappy as to the length of time they were spending together.

We had provided every comfort and care for J.T. so that he was being well looked after by us in the house. Mr. & Mrs. Ker tried to break down the door so that she could reach J.T.'s bedroom. In the process a large glass panel at the door entrance was cracked. When our other visitors left for the meeting Mrs. Ker managed to slip through to Mr. T's bedroom staying there alone with him for some time so that we were again late for the afternoon meetings. When she came out of the room she said she had been told to tell me I was an S.O.B. and a bastard.

On the way to the meeting I asked if it would be all right for S.McC. and Jim Lovie and his wife to come up for a meal with us after the meeting. He agreed to this. The afternoon session was short and we were home early. Mr. Taylor went straight to his room and Mrs. Ker followed him through a short time afterwards. S. McCallum and the Lovies arrived. We sat around talking and had a meal. J.T. and Mrs. Ker did not put in an appearance and I felt I had to find out what was happening in my house. I went through to J.T.'s bedroom and found Mrs. Ker, undressed and in bed with J.T. He had on his pyjama top which was open down the front. I remonstrated with Mr. Ker and asked him to get his wife out of there, and then asked S.McC. to come back to the bedroom with me and witness the situation. Mr. McC. and I both witness to the fact that J.T. and Mrs. Ker were in bed undressed together. S.McC. asked J.T. if this was right and he said "yes". S.McC. pointed out that it was unsuitable, uncomely and not morally right. J.T. said to S.McC. "The devil is in you, I have to get him out. You have been wrong all your life". S.McC. said "What would Renee say?" His reply was "I suppose you will tell her".

S.McC. and the Lovies then went away. Ker was fully consenting to what his wife had done, and I decided that to protect my house I had to put the Kers out. J.T. insisted he was going out with them and said "She is my woman". We prevented him from leaving with the Kers. This was because we wanted to protect him. S.McC., Jim Lovie and Dr. Bob Gardiner had gone to Glasgow to get James 3rd. off the 1.20 a.m. flight./

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flight. J.T. became very difficult, calling us bastards and son of a bitch and to all go to hell. We had to send for Dr. Bill Thomson who had been attending to him for the last 3/4 weeks. J.T. became very quiet when Dr. Thomson arrived and was given an injection and tablets. Dr. Thomson said that medically he was a sick man but the moral side is a matter for the priests.

I feel all could have been covered if:-

- (1) J.T. had admitted the wrongness of having another man's wife in bed with him - both being undressed.
- (2) If it had been admitted that he was a sick man. The attempt to justify the bedroom situation has made it imperative to disclose the full facts.

The attempt to have me put out by saying to Edward Ross (a local brother who phoned J.T. yesterday) that my house was leprous and the action against S. McC. at Detroit before he even arrived home, is an attempt to get the witnesses out of the way.

Some brethren take the view that this is Abishag and David, forgetting Ephesians 5 v. 25 and other scriptures.

Yours in the Lord,

(James A. Gardiner).