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The above has become a kind of craze amongst the brethren. Having too much money in hand, meeting rooms are scrapped and larger ones are built, often very far away from its previous location. At least one has been known to be destroyed to make way for a car park :-A house adjoining a room can be so handy that it would be more appropriate for cars to be destroyed if someone has needlessly more than one car. However, it is not for me to write about other localities.

I am now going to confine myself in my remarks to the position in Bombay. In Bombay, the meetings first started in a brother's house in a semi-detached bungalow in December 1953.

For a brief period, (58-63) it was in a hired hall where high rent had to be paid and therefore several meetings abroad ministered to Bombay and this resulted in a misappropriation in Bombay while I was posted in Madras at the time. For a very brief period the meetings were held in the house of Mr F.J.D. On my re-transfer to Bombay, it was again held in my house under much better conditions.

In 1965, I was invited to 3 day meetings in Barbados but as it was not taken by Mr Jim, I did not go but I was subsequently told that had I gone to Barbados, I would have also been invited to Toronto 3 days with Mr Jim almost the next weekend. In 1965 when Mr B.H. visited and stayed with us in Bombay along with Mr F.M. of Wellington and Mr and Mrs J.M. of Sydney he (W.B.H.) gave me a push in the right direction and after much waiting due to (1) difficulty in getting land with white money (2) C.B.I. and Inter Pol enquiry, I was granted permission to build Ebenezer with a meeting room attached with a common wall. It was completed in Feb 1970 with no soliciting of gifts, no brother really to help me, and my son (about 15) had already started a life of independence and mischief. I had also no telephone and only, Mr Max Woodcock of London of the Overseas Meeting room Trust, visited us a couple of times. We had 3 day meetings immediately on completion and the telegraphist at Santa Cruz Airport told me of the many who had gone there and cabled home particularly about the lovely meeting room that had been built. The meetings have continued here and even when beloved J.H.S. visited us in February of 1972, he was very appreciative of the high walls at Ebenezer though I'm afraid we have not kept as separate as we should have.

While there is much in favour of a distinct meeting room owned by a Trust, there are also some advantages in having it related to a brother's house if he can be counted on to be like to old disciple with whom Paul was to lodge Acts 21 v 10. It then assumes less of a sectarian character for in fact what attracted me to the truth of the One fellowship was that we could meet together anywhere as the Lord opens the way, even in a hired hall, under a tree or by the river side.

In 1986, when I need not have done so, I sought the counsel of J.S.H. as I was getting old and modifying my wills periodically as to what I should do if the Lord were to take me - how to apportion the floors among E and family, R and family and my beloved wife. J.S.H. however raised the need for finding more accommodation for the on - coming generation in the vicinity of Ebenezer. E and R worked on it and at that time it was stressed that it didn't matter if the plot was just 100 sq metres in area (so long as independent houses could be built), prices of land having shot up tremendously, E and R submitted their proposals which I carried to Winnipeg in 1987 and J.S.H. favoured E's proposal, E gave us to understand that the partner of the man who owned the plot of land was not favourable and it fell through. Then E came out with a brain-wave that we can

relocate the meeting room and the houses to another area finally selling Ebenezer. He had drafted a letter to J.S.H., but read out only certain parts of it to me, I was not at all for the sale of Ebenezer as Bombay is perhaps one of the most difficult places to get land on a righteous basis, but E. had never in all his life listened to me and had always thought that his little finger was thicker than his fathers loins, He was looking for land all over the place and Je and he through the help of one Mr J chanced to light on this land in Erangal and they thought it was a beautiful spot by the sea where they and probably others too, could have beautiful mansions built for each family, as the meeting room also shifted there, He did not tell his local brethren and I only came to know of it when he drove Mr R.T., and me along with others in my own car to see Mr J. in his house who was at that time lying sick in his bed. Mr J was supposed to be the lawyer for a Mr M of M enterprises who had acquired land from the poor fisher folk who originally owned it and had sold it to him cheap. Each plot of land belonged to a multitude of fisher folk who had all to sign in the deed of conveyance. I saw the land that day and it was revealed that it was in a No Development Zone. To me this whole thing sounded most ridiculous, and some went to see Mr J on his sick bed, and all that he could say, was, that once you purchase the land, you can apply to the government to be allowed to build on it soon. E and others were fooled by it, and after that, all contacts were with Sydney.

Mr M.W. who happened to have some genuine exercises and tried to speak to E, was put down.

It was in the air later on that M.W. should come again to look into matters but again he was ignored, and G.L. from Sydney came instead. G.L. and E kept rushing to the Malad area almost every night making the meetings late but nothing tangible resulted before they left except for a vehement argument between G.L. and E the previous night which a Perth brother can witness to. I sat silent through it all. At this stage I should mention that E who had been a questionable character in every sense all his life - school days, college days (where he failed one year and flushed his report down the toilet without showing it to his parents) and all through his technical training at the textile institute where again he failed one year - I used to get letters from the principal requesting me to contact the office for his numerous days of absence from classes. Even after he took up work in the mills, though he finished at 3pm when on morning shift, returned home just in time for dinner and went and slept in his room, locking himself inside, and three brothers including myself had to yell out every night when it was past time for the meeting, he finally used to come to the meeting in a dishevelled state. I dealt with him very tenderly not wanting to lose my only son, and he go out of fellowship.

One would have thought for all the kindness extended to him, he would ever remain grateful to me but in the early part of 1988 and thereafter he suddenly thought he was super spiritual and instead of confessing and judging his own compromising in many ways and lowering the standard, lying and deception, he presumptuously tried to take up matters with me but I always accepted whatever enhanced the truth of separation.

In spite of it, at the time of the fellowship meetings with R.T., there were long talks with Sydney slandering me and supposed to be calling in the universal priesthood.

Mr R.T. called in the local brethren and a few other visitors to E's house but I must say that he acted with great judicial capacity by verifying from the brother concerned "if it was so" - before he gave his counsel.

There has been an utter lack of this in the so-called universal leader, one who has often straight away taken dainty morsels which go into the inner most parts of the belly, and he has acted with favouritism and prejudice. I thought it well, to humble myself and I was the first one to make a confession in assembly followed by something brief from E and R. I did this although I had judged matters a year ago when the same matter was raised in the care meeting and desisted from doing so

ever since. Actually E. and been guilty of the same thing, if not worse than what he took up with me, but he never came out with anything himself.

I did mention to R.T. privately on the morning he left for Australia that the character of E's uprising was nothing less than that of Absalom and Ziba and I expected him to convey this to J.S.H. on his return.

On the other hand when I happened to speak to J.S.H. a couple of days later, I still cannot understand how he had the arrogance to subject me to do something unknown in the annals of assembly history, with such a lack of knowledge of essential fundamentals; but I did it at his dictation and ever since, E has been riding a very high horse. It is very difficult to understand how any sensible man can judge without enquiry when it was dinned into my head soon after I came into fellowship, that you cannot judge without enquiry. I lay low further humbling myself making further confessions while there has been no-one else in Bombay who has ever voluntarily made a confession. Meanwhile E has been fooling everybody over these land matters. He told J.S.H. in January 1989 at the airport that a beginning could be made by building the meeting room in the first instance. J.S.H. replied "That's good" but when I asked E later, on what basis he said it, he had no answer. The relocation to Perth suggested by Mr J.H.S. also fell through and the last letter in his series of published letters indicates how Mrs S writing on her husband's behalf says that it is good that they had not sold Ebenezer.

Then E wasted a lot of his time (in getting a watchman's cabin for John) useless telephone calls hanging around for many days at different offices when it could have been easily accomplished in the same time with greater dignity. One brother from W. Australia went with him one day but declined when asked to go again the next day. E didn't ever have the sense to understand that unless the word is given in writing duly signed and authenticated, a verbal word has no value. Once J's 20 foot by 8 foot cabin was sanctioned, visitors from W. Australia worked hard on it, - cost no consideration and the cabin was got ready for J and his family to move in on June 1<sup>st</sup> 1990, before J.S.H. visited us on June 2<sup>nd</sup> - Lords day.

When I took him for a walk in the afternoon, I called E also so that he didn't think that I have divulged any information to J.S.H. without his knowledge, but when we all went to Erangal he so manipulated that only J and he were with Mr and Mrs J.S.H. in the car. J.S.H. was good enough that day to have breakfast with him, lunch with me and dinner with E but we were all together for these occasions. When I went up to E for dinner, Mr J.S.H. was telling me that E was speaking to him about having Thursday and Friday meetings at Erangal - little did I think (being slow in the uptake) that it was meant to be in that ridiculously small cabin of Johns - barely sufficient for his household. I thought it was meant to be probably after Isons moved there and E also has his own place there, so I didn't utter a word. Finally, E drove Mr and Mrs J.S.H. in my car with E and Mr H in the front seat, Mrs H. Je and my dear wife in the second seat and I crouched right at the back. At the airport, normally no-one is allowed into the check-in counter but I, being a retired officer of the airport by seeking formal permission or other wise to enter into the check-in counter - even on days of the tightest security, never have I been refused admission.

In earlier days when the rules were not strict, I have even taken R and family in once, and E on several occasions by telling the man at the door that he is my son, but latterly and consistently for about half a dozen times, they have refused permission for him, though I thought that he can pass off as a smart airline official, but maybe now the officials think he looks questionable and so they do not let him in. He has been up against me ever since, and he had the audacity and impertinence to bring it up at the Ministry meeting, and from visiting Brethren's reactions, he has also been poisoning the minds of everyone, because they seem to know all about it before they arrive. It was I who led R and E to the check-in counter, and got the permission of the customs officer to meet Mr

and Mrs J.S.H. when they were-passing through on a night when there was even a fire at the airport (January 1989)

So as usual when I accompanied Mr & Mrs J.S.H. into the check-in counter the night they left, while E and Je were waiting outside, lest it should be thought that I would divulge any information, I came away before it was time for them to go thought the Immigration barrier. Even at other times if E or Je were waiting outside, I helped the visitors to check-in quickly, finish all formalities like helping them to fill in Immigration cars, take care of their hand packages and let them go and be with E and Je till the last and final call because in any case my wife and I can be with them as long as they are in the Immigration queue. I particularly noticed that as I am getting older, weaker, though very simply dressed, whether I am on foot or whether I go by bus or drive my car as I still do, everyone show the maximum consideration, but this ungrateful son of mine can only slander me to the maximum.

The monsoon rains almost broke the next day and J was expecting Sarah in July, there was no electricity in J's cabin but Solar lights were sent through the next lot of visitors from W.A. and quickly fitted up and meanwhile E had been telling the visitors that we were soon to have Thursday and Friday meetings at Erangal, without saying anything to his local brethren.

On the Saturday night when the visitors were still here, E came down and sprang a surprise on me by asking whether announcement can be made the next day for meetings on Thursday and Friday at Erangal, I said we haven't talked over it locally and we could do so after the Ministry meeting on Tuesday, accordingly we considered the matter and we decided to wait at least till the I's had also got their cabin, and see if they could get a bigger cabin, and sure enough, they got one 20 foot by 10 foot.

We would have been the biggest fools in Christendom if we had started the meetings in John's cabin because by that time their second baby had arrived, further restricting the place with a baby cot. It would have been almost impossible to take out two cranky babies if the meeting was held there, particularly if it was raining at the time, but when I informed J.S.H. about our decision, he seemed displeased which is understandable, - someone little esteemed could have understood it.

Meanwhile it came to light that E has been spending huge sums of money with no maintenance of accounts at all, and also soliciting gifts by implication - all this was connived, and when I again got on to J.S.H on the phone, it seemed that E had already got on to him and J.S.H. again straightaway starting blasting me on the telephone without any enquiry, I don't know who gave him the authority to speak to me like that - certainly not the Lord.

However, when the I's moved into their cabin, I suggested that there could be even an additional breaking of bread at Erangal and a P.M. on Monday, but it was finally decided that we could at least make a beginning with Thursday and Friday meetings there. Even prior to that we both used to drive at least once a week to Erangal and bring K and the children to Ebenezer for the meetings to give them a bit of comfort in travel.

Matters became a little more settled and we got the privilege of an invitation to 3 day meetings in Kalannie. In one of the readings J.S.H. mentioned that 99.09% of matters could be absorbed - so I didn't utter a word about conditions here - not even to Mr L with whom I stayed while at Sydney - We left Sydney midday Thursday after fellowship meetings at Campbelltown where he gave us some parting advice but I did tell him that I carried exercises which no one else knew.

My health deteriorated rapidly on return and I had to be in hospital for five days while we had visitors from Stockholm and Dalwallinu the latter having brought some pumps which he was honest enough to declare and so the brethren had to pay 300% customs duty. I expected a long stay in hospital but surprisingly enough the Cardiologist discharged me on Saturday evening and the brethren kindly arranged the meeting in the evening, and so I had the joy of the company of the

visitors over the weekend before they all left on the Monday, Mercifully my health improved rapidly and I could soon resume all my normal activities but meanwhile there was no progress so far as Erangal was concerned. E was telling me that the existing rules whereby only 5% F.S.I. was permissible, that we could do nothing with such a limitation, He told me that we should get at least 25% F.S.I. for some kind of decent living conditions. The new set of rules soon came out, and while there was no increase in the 5% F.S.I. for Erangal, there was more extensive liberalization than ever expected by builders in other areas.

E. then changed his ground and said “It’s a day of small things” and we should all be ready for the 5% F.S.I. with a basement of unknown area.

This means that E. who has the largest plot gets a room 20 foot by 10 foot at ground level and R & M who has the smallest plot gets a room 13 foot by 8 foot at ground level which is about the size of his present kitchen at Ebenezer. Instead of eating humble pie and confessing to Sydney and the whole wide world how the Lord is NOT PROSPERING the project of ERANGAL, he somehow cleverly managed to fool everybody to believe that this is what we should be satisfied with, and also that the meeting soon can be pushed through calling it by the questionable word “Dharamshala” and thereby getting 10% F.S.I. and the meeting room plot being larger, if and when approved, it could be about 70% larger than the present room at Ebenezer.

The “Picnic Cottage” which is adjoining to the meeting room plot, we all along thought was at least one convenience where we could get some cold drinks and probably some light refreshments, - it, has now come to light that it is a den of vice where rooms are let out to shady couples by the hour for immoral purposes - On that account some of our workers, who have work to do in the area, do not like to take their families there - Girls from Vileparle have been known to come out of these rooms, and it even a question now, whether E knew it at the time of purchase, because it is reported that these activities have been going on there for years.

There were objections raised over the new Development Rules, possibly for certain areas getting too large an F.S.I., the court going into these objections, issued a STAY ORDER against its implementation. This had hardly any relevance to Erangal, but E still managed to convince Sydney and the whole wide world that we should pray for the lifting of the Stay Order as though everything in Erangal hinged on that. It was like a shrewd, cunning politician diverting brethren’s attention to something irrelevant. Special prayer meetings were arranged at Bombay and he used to go needlessly to the court twenty miles for the hearing employing a lawyer also on his behalf for no reason, and became very jubilant when the Stay Order was lifted.

In any case no Dharamshal plans were ready and even E’s 5% F.S.I. house plan was not submitted until after another two months!

He came to me before Winnipeg, and asked me whether I was going to submit my house plans (about 20 foot by 8 foot) one room. I told him that the question did not arise as the whole thing was in uncertainty and I would wait till the meeting room takes some concrete shape. Ebenezer too would have to be held on to and not sold till the new meeting room was completed and I thought the rooms in Ebenezer should be made available for any visitors who were ready to come to help with the construction of the new meeting room. He Urged Rom to formulate his plan, but even though he got his plan ready, he shelved Rom’s plan and it hasn’t been put in to this day (Nov.)

The plans for the Dharamshala and Elvins one roomed house are still with the Junior most Sub-Engineer for the last three months or so. Some interview was arranged with the Sub-Engineer after he had raised fifteen points for clarification. On a particular day in August, wide publicity was given for this interview too, but all that the Sub - Engineer conveyed was that the plans would finally have to be approved by the competent authority. This the most ignorant fool can know without any specific interview. At the best of times, things move slowly in India, and the file has to

pass through many hands before anything is approved. Then a hearing in the Secretariat was publicized -twenty miles away again but when E went there, the file had not yet reached them from the hands of the Sub - Engineer responsible for the Erangal area. However anyone could undertake a trip for such a hearing without a specific written call from the Secretariat itself, is beyond all human understanding.

Referring to December 1990, E had the audacity to tell me that I shouldn't speak to J.S.H. about an additional breaking of bread and prayer meeting at Erangal, apparently because he had not mooted it, but he came out with a foolish suggestion that the G's and I's can entertain a family in their cabins at the time of the fellowship meetings. It would seem he had already got Sydney's approval for this. I thought it was a preposterous suggestion - in any case at that stage they had just moved in and had still to be initiated into the normal way of assembly life and entertaining, though Mrs I could have managed because she has worked in some high - up's house as a maid and has had experience in entertaining etc.

I was amazed to read in the white book on the plane to Australia (when a brother from U.K. handed me the latest white book) In the white book, when G.L. was asked if he would like to stay in the cabin his reply was, that he would gladly accept it - in actual fact, if G.L. entered into the cabin, everyone else would have to get out to make room for him!

This clearly indicated that the local brethren were kept in the dark and matters were decided with the metropolis at Sydney with no concern for the local position in Bombay. I drew attention to this at Sydney, but it was made into a big joke, that I should become aware of local conditions after it's publication in the white books.

An experienced visiting sister sensed some two years ago that fatherhood has been completely ignored in this city. At the time of the fellowship meeting, E realized his folly and hired a comfortable caravan, and Erangal was made into a picnic zone by brethren going there in rotation. The brethren of course enjoyed it -as sure enough they would -children went (un-escorted by adults) to the sea front and into the sea - that area is considered dangerous for swimming etc, and after dusk, cars were able to drive up to the sea front and worldly couples behave in an unseemly manner in the car and in shady bushes, but exposed to general view.

At the time of the fellowship meeting, there was an additional breaking of bread and an additional P. Meeting on Monday in Erangal.

When I mooted the idea to J.S.H. even in normal conditions in Erangal, he clearly indicated to me in Campbelltown, that while he was in favour of the prayer meetings on Mondays, he thought that the breaking of bread should only be at Ebenezer. I was quite happy that it would save the brethren at Erangal some travelling at least on Mondays, whereas on Lord's day in any case they would have to travel whether there was one or two breakings of bread. However, the very next Monday after the fellowship meeting, E came along to me and said that, that same evening, Erangal should come to the P.M. at Ebenezer. I suggested talking it over at the Care Meeting on Saturday, but his word had to prevail and to this day I do not know how the change was brought about and I was forced to confess that I had no business to ask "Has J.S.H. acknowledged that he has changed his mind?" This also I meekly submitted to for the sake of falling in line, and that one must never dare to question –

*"Their's is not to reason why -  
Their's is but to do and die"*

On the Thursday and Friday of the fellowship meeting although we were quite a number for the two days, I still can't figure out why we had to all sit cram jam like a bunch of senseless people - about fifty of us in a small room - 20 feet by 10 feet! with the fridge, washing machine, dining

table, sewing machine etc, all removed and kept outside in wild confusion: whatever the sisters would have done if a child had to be taken out or a sister had felt giddy (in such claustrophobias conditions) I do not know. There was no room to even shift one's leg position - mercifully there were absentees - one or two on each day. There was no principle involved and the meetings could have easily been held in Ebenezer on these two days in the week under dignified conditions and the temperature kept right with air conditioner. It can be only be attributed to a fleshly satisfaction that meetings were held at Erangal even during the fellowship meetings.

Again, to say something of the role of the so-called universal leaders particularly after J.T. Jnr.

Beloved J.T. Senior gave expression to his thoughts in his letters and it has become a valuable treasury. Beloved Mr Jim wrote briefly but I hardly think he left a letter unanswered. At one time in the sixties when a sister wrote to me from Madras about some serious concern as to the leading brother in Madras, the concern being shared by his wife as well, in view of the urgency, I decided to fly to Madras instead of by rail which I normally did (as it was cheaper) and informed my local brethren. On the eve of my departure, the local brethren said that they wanted to speak to me after the meeting.

I thought that they were probably going to make a confession as they had certain unjudged matters almost similar to the present time when E with unjudged matters of his own, wants to put right everyone - just a case of history repeating itself - but they spoke to me and said that it was not right to visit a locality unannounced: never the less I undertook the trip - the brother in Madras too was none too pleased - some kind of help and adjustment was brought about and I returned to Bombay as quickly as possible: however I thought I should get in touch with beloved Mr Jim and he supported me fully (see J.T. Jnr letters - Vol 5 - page 48)

In December 1968 my leave was lapsing so I took about a months leave with no intention of going abroad for in those days, visits abroad were greatly restricted by the Indian Government and we had to go through a lot of formalities before each individual trip abroad was Okayed. Several brethren from Australia who passed through Bombay on the boats, particularly Mr Bertram Grace during one of his many trips, urged me very strongly to visit Australia at the earliest opportunity. Mr Clarence Sheriffes spoke to me after the Bristol occasion in 1967 and also extended a very cordial invitation: so in spite of all odds, I decided to try for my wife and I to visit Australia during the rest of my leave and also buy a combined ticket to visit Teheran via Bombay on return the fare being cheaper that way. It's remarkable how the whole thing worked out almost in a jiffy, and we brought across two sisters to stay with the children while we were away. It was not the pattern those days for the universal leader to give the Okay for every trip.

However, on return, after a profitable trip, I got in touch with Mr Jim and his comments were "you must have given the brethren in Australia a good time".

The next leader after Mr Jim - beloved J.H.S. wrote a few letters but his use of the telephone was very extensive but on the few occasions when I telephoned to him, he used to briefly say, "if it is alright with you, it is alright with me", When a brother spoke against me in 1980 and when I approached him personally at Perth in fear and trepidation, he quoted Numbers 12.v.14. that "had her father anyways spat in her face - should she not be ashamed seven days?" In beloved Mr Symington's time when he wanted a second brother to accompany me to Bristol, he left the choice to me. During the first time when two brothers from Bombay went to Bristol, soon after the meetings were over, I asked beloved J.H.S that the other brother having come for the first time, he would be staying on for the whole round of meetings till the end of the month -but would he think it more appropriate for me to return to Bombay, but he magnanimously said that I also better stay for the full round of meetings. As he associated us more with Australia, for every trip of his to Australia from 1973 onwards, he wanted the choice, to be left to me, as to who should go for the

meetings from Bombay. This applied in 1980 as well, but - - - was playing double. He couldn't dare to go against Mr J.H.S. but at the same time, I could sense that wanted - - - and - - - to go that time. I always took the view that the only time I could justify leaving the locality was to be away at meetings where the elect vessel was serving, so I said that if they particularly wanted to meet the brethren in Australia, he could always take a business trip which J.H.S. was usually liberal in agreeing to, and if he wanted to be at meetings with J.H.S. he could go anywhere at anytime where he was serving.

After beloved J.H.S. visited us in 1972 and again considered visiting us in 1973, he finally came to the conclusion that we in Bombay could go over abroad to meetings where he was serving.

From that time onwards, anytime any of us in Bombay asked for an approval to attend his meetings, the visit was always invariably O Kayed. During one month, when we both and E and V were at his meetings in Galt, although he couldn't help rebuking us publicly for E's hair - style (not cutting his hair properly) and I had to arrange for his hair cut before the next meeting, and that month all the overseas visitors went back nearly two weeks before the care meeting but he allowed us to stay on in Neche for that period, and needless to add, how much I enjoyed it, including a whole days trip alone with beloved J.H.S. to FARGO to sell cattle etc, starting the day at about 4 am and returning just in time for the M.M that evening. On another occasion in Nov 1983, when he was lying ill at the Minneapolis hospital, at my request he kindly allowed us to undertake the trip though G.H. warned me that I might not get even a single meeting with J.H.S., he went straight to Minn: saw him in hospital and stayed a whole week there. Beloved G.H. prepared an itinerary for us for the second week and sent tickets as well, according to which we were to go to our daughter in London - Canada, get to the fellowship meeting at Neche at the end of the month and then return home - I didn't want to tax the hospitality of the brother in Minn., for more than a week, but asked beloved L.R.P. if we could stay anywhere in Vesta for the second week because I didn't want to go to my daughter while the elect vessel was in the Minn. area. Beloved L.R.P. immediately said that we could stay with him and so I telephoned G.H. that we would proceed to the F.M at Neche from the Vesta - Minn area and then return home just seeing our daughter a few hours enroute from W'Peg to Bombay. We greatly enjoyed the time with L.R.P. and he took us back to Minn. the Lord's Day before the Neche fellowship meeting. We visited beloved J.H.S. the same day at the hospital, and he was feeling much better, he spoke to us very freely and I hopefully told him the Lord may yet strengthen him for a meeting before we left. On Monday he went to J.E.H.'s house and on the same evening at the P.M. -he announced that J.H.S. was running a temperature there was much prayer for him and on Tuesday there was a telephone call that there was to be an early Min M at about 6 pm and thereafter a meeting with beloved J.H.S. My joy knew no bounds - beloved J.T. Snr's ministry, that you look for the answers on Tuesday, proved true, so we had a reading with beloved J.H.S. with all the Vesta brethren, rushing to Minn without having their own Min M and all the brethren from the eastern states who were to spend the night at Minn, to go by coach to Neche the next day - also present were some of the sick brethren, and their relatives from MAYO CLINIC in that area. It was in that reading that he said "God may be pleased to add to you in Bombay", and beloved L.R.P. told me that I had got my monies worth!

Beloved J.H.S. even told us on the Lord's day that we would enjoy the bus trip with the brethren from Minn to Neche. This privilege - of a meeting with J.H.S. we would have missed had we gone by beloved G.H's itinerary.

At the present time while there is certainly some improvement in the fact that there is an interchange amongst the brethren between several parts of the world, the present universal leader has taken the role of one who has a SUPER - HUMAN mind to be capable of knowing and giving advice on every brother and sister in every locality, while beloved Mr J.H.S. used to think of the

cost involved in these trips so that he didn't even mind extended trips on certain occasions, the present leader has no consideration for cost. I suppose it is the commercial spirit coming out again.

Soon, after I came into fellowship, it was dinned into me by Mr W.S.D. that you should not judge without enquiry -however, the present leader has just accepted the word of a wayward young person and straight way had the audacity to blast me on the telephone on at least three occasions, making no prior enquiry though the Scripture is clear that against an elder, an accusation is, not to be received except where there are two or three witnesses.

He was always been carried away more by an extravagant person who had no qualms of conscience in using the telephone, the fax etc, (with no thought of the money involved) J.T. Snr has even enclosed letters to save postage. When I have written some letters to the present leader, he has not even bothered to read them - that's why on the last occasion, I had to put it very politely but faithfully that you are supporting the wrong man! There is no point in speaking of oneself as a doormat who cannot even just ponder why a poor, aged, sick brother's words cannot be weighed over.

He seems to have been sore incensed that before I could bring up the matter before the Wednesday reading, if not he, some bumptious Australian rang up bumptious E and he came to my house with an immature young brother, knocking at my door at evening meal time and when I saw them immediately after dinner and everyone so blinded and without any careful consideration and weighing the consequences, informed me and my wife that we are shut up and we could no longer be at the meetings (25<sup>th</sup> September). However two brothers and their families continued to live here, entertained the other locals in Ebenezer and to cap the climax, visitors from W. Australia also arrived on the 20<sup>th</sup> and some housed in Ebenezer! and others freely moving about in my house thus throwing every feature of separation to the winds when it suited them - they could have easily taken tents and pitched them in beautiful Erangal and all gone to live there.

I advised E to ring Perth and at least stop the visitors from coming but here again, my advice fell on deaf ears, as usual.

They stopped my white books immediately, but from their side they tried to continue a normal life at Ebenezer - maybe pretending to think that I would humble myself again and toe the line of Sydney. I told E definitely that with J.S.H supporting a wrong man and associated with unrighteous things, there was NO QUESTION of my ever getting back into that fellowship. It was very clear that after J.R. had to pay that high duty (300%) there must have been several in Sydney who connived at the way the next lot of pumps and other things were brought here - taken out of their original packing and put into discarded shabby suitcases and 640kg of luggage pushed through the customs clearly indicating to us in Bombay how deception was practised in getting them all through, custom free, the fact that all this was immediately reported to Sydney, makes us wonder if he connived these malpractices. On an earlier occasion, it was clearly known that he connived by the fact that instead of the brother taking back the NEW amplifier, as agreed upon with the customs, they substituted the OLD amplifier and took it out of the country as though it was the NEW one. If only the brother had been caught in that act, it would have been a serious CRIMINAL offence and no-one can say what the consequences would have been. It is thus that things are being pushed through at Erangal, but with no headway at all.

As soon as we were shut up, they were very quick to Penalize me (still living in my house!)

(1) by stopping the white books and

(2) by preventing the visitors from even handing over the letters sent to my beloved wife - the link she had always valued (for the last fifty years) with sisters from other counties and when questioned about these letter there seems to have been some absurd counsel rendered that all those sisters should be telephoned to and find out whether the letter should be returned or given to my

wife - any sane person with a micron of intelligence, should have known that nobody would say "Yes" for fear of the dominance of an autocrat. It was only an utter wastage of money on telephone calls - but there again, who cares if money is thus wasted?

It could have been thought that I may have been thinking of any gift letters for myself but let it be known by ONE and ALL that my hands have largely ministered to my necessities-not forgetting of course the brethrens' liberality over the years - and even now though I am on oxygen through the night, I have taken up an hours tuition and even this I don't really have to, with savings on hand. More than once when I have visited Neche as much as thrice a year, some have quietly tried to ask another local brother - "where does he get all this money from for all these trips?"

(3) They were very pharisaical in trying to quickly delete me from all joint accounts etc. However two families continued to live comfortably at Ebenezer and though I warned E to immediately telephone Perth and stop the visitors from coming and not to make any vain pretext that I would soon get back (and thus they could stay on here) though I told him that I was determined that I would never get back to an unrighteous system with an unrighteous man in the lead, in Bombay, this again fell on deaf ears so I had to enter the meeting room after the P. Meeting and tell all these who were there of the unrighteousness that had preceded and that was being perpetrated with the visitors also moving about freely in the precincts of Ebenezer. We certainly had a soft corner in our hearts for the visitors in having known beloved John Ray over the years and his visit in January and his uprightness in his declaration to Customs. We had also a very soft corner for Rosemary Wallis, who we learnt to love as far back as 1974 and had been longing for a visit from her. I had faithfully to say that she being already housed with E and Je in Ebenezer, could continue to stay there.

The visitors left the following Thursday morning but the local perpetrator of all the mischief continued to stay on smugly in Ebenezer till the 2<sup>nd</sup> November and has moved into a large house on Rs 5000/- a month we understand and that too in Malad which is a much cheaper suburb than Vileparle. All my children who have stayed with me in Ebenezer beginning with P - I have never asked for any rent though they have produced Poultry sums of about Rs 500/- per month calling it RENT! which means nothing as I in any case pay all the land taxes, water bills, electric bills for pumping up the water etc. On the night when I took over the meeting room and ensured it's safety, E had the audacity and impertinence to say that he had a right to stay on because he was paying rent. He wanted to take away the generator which was in any case illegally operated from here, so I allowed it expecting him to take good care of it for use at Erangal but instead I understand he has dumped it in the open to rot in the sun, dew and possibly rain which is not unlikely in November.

I do not know when the Dharamshala will be built and if sanction will ever be given for it, while E told J.S.H. that the meeting room could be started soon after January 1989. If at all, the one room tenements with 5% F.S.I. do come through, it may not be for another year. It was E who taught me the saying that you can fool all the people some of the time, and some of the people all the time, but you cannot fool all the people all the time - and yet he has succeeded in fooling the general body of the brethren throughout the world. Why can't the universal priesthood pin him up at his word that the meeting room can be started in early 1989, and to this day there is no semblance of any sanction of even the plans, while there is every evidence to indicate that the NO DEVELOPMENT ZONE at Erangal will remain a NO DEVELOPMENT ZONE for another ten to twenty years. The meeting room was rightly taken over by the approved on 12<sup>th</sup> October and the lawless ERANGALITES were rightly consigned to Erangal. It is for brethren now all over the world to declare themselves where their true link of fellowship is, this will go down in history as a CRISIS in 1991, in the recovery and maintenance of the truth. Every division is sorrowful but I suppose there must needs be sects and divisions for the approved to become manifest.

Pride is at the bottom of it all - an AUSTRALIAN being so ignorant that he wants to be known as a EUROPEAN when even the simplest can understand that a European is from the continent of EUROPE but an AUSTRALIAN whether an Aboriginal or a descendant of an ex-convict or settler, if settled down in Australia, becomes an inhabitant of Australia and therefore an Australian, Australia being often regarded as one of the five continents of the world. The term AUSTRALASIA only means countries to the south of east of ASIA, and it will be know during the time of the East and the Millenium, whether the benign influence of the EAST would cover the areas south east of ASIA.

Finally it may be necessary to add that E is circulating a lie that I violated Matthew 18. Several times I pleaded with him that I wish to talk over matters with him alone going personally to his office table in my garage, which is almost next to the entrance to my house but he dodged me every time. On one occasion Romulus was there and I said could we speak now, and on another occasion, he was actually sitting in my room and John was also there and Romulus stopped in because it was getting late for the meeting - but when I tried to speak to him he just dodged past me and went out of the house, then again before I took up certain matters bearing on him, and which bore on the assemblies as well, I warned him that I would be constrained to bring it up - that also fell on deaf ears.

Years ago there was a ministering brother who even took 3 days meeting - he was seen by another brother coming out of a worldly show: when challenged he had the audacity to tell him "Where are the witnesses?"

I think the matter was resolved after many weeks and the thought that "God is my witness" was brought in by Mr Jim and the brother concerned was withdrawn from: any literal use of Scripture without entering into the spirit of it - (for the letter Kills but the Spirit quickens) will only bring about greater judgment on ones own head.

All Israel HEAR and FEAR. I trust that at least some will be helped to come out of this system of BONDAGE and UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.

In all these assembly sorrows beloved J.N.D. is reported to have said "Look for the woman behind it". She came in only because J.H.S. wanted us to move to Perth. Initially I made the greatest mistake in regarding her as one who would be for the salvation of Bombay but she was a bad example in many ways. Her house was almost a pig-sty at any time of day or night to the consternation of even those from outside who had to go in to do some odd jobs. She followed new fangled ideas from some worldly modern book. After I baptized her third child and we were all still standing in their lounge room, she deliberately rushed behind the curtain and did not want anyone else but her two older children to go to her and watch her feeding the baby. Her children moved about in the house fully or partially undressed and even the faithful speaking of a couple from Perth made hardly any difference - could hardly ever get to the meeting on time nor could the little son be sent to school on time, and if at all he did, it would be eating a dripping bowl of porridge as he goes along in the car! and to Erangal the whole family eating the evening meal as they drive along (rice and pulse etc) and twice E has had a minor accident. I thought she was simple but she must go in for the best and often spent hours shopping without buying anything much - unable to decide because it did not suit her crash - hot sophisticated ideas. When visitors came she was selfish to ask them to bring only what she liked and if anything else was entrusted to her, she would not give it to others even if she know they appreciated it. We have known her to throw away a lot of food in packets rather than give it to any of us promptly - some visitor have waited the entire period if their stay expecting some of the things to be passed on to other sisters, but were shocked, that she wouldn't do anything promptly and she always had a convenient excuse - if anyone wants anything, let them ask the workers, who have remarked how E has just listened to whatever she says, and we knew that she has egged him on to stand up against his father.

He and she have been hypocritical to the core. Beloved J.T Snr is reported to have said you can always support anything from scripture and likewise the ministry. When we got rid of our only servant boy who came into the house for about 2 hours daily, E watched like a hawk if ever he did any personal work for us. Then he engaged him as his office worker and pretended in our presence and in the presence of visitors that he didn't use him for any personal service though we have abundant evidence that he did.

So on one occasion he was so pharisaical - though my wife kindly made a cup of tea for E and the worker boy (Rajesh) when Rajesh, was called in three steps, to walk into the house to take the tea-cups out though a collapsible door, E religiously insisted that Raj should not step into the house and he came himself and took the cups out!! Now that E has had to shift from here to the Malad area, the worker boy has been working every day inside the house helping her to do all sorts of house jobs - they think foolishly that as long as he doesn't sweep and wash the floor or the dishes it is alright. She in any case wouldn't mind sweeping and washing because her floor are always dirty - among other things smelling of children's' excreta.

Know a lot about the fellowship and know all about the double standards etc that go on at Malads. A brother in Sydney had the impertinence to tell me that he wouldn't write all this about his son, but I could fill pages and pages and it is merciful that he has been spared from having a son.

“ Woe unto you, Scribes, Pharisees, Hypocrites” She would be included in the TRIUM - VIRATE along with E and one in Sydney who have brought about the terrible division in Bombay. May it not be imputed to them.

In conclusion, when I visited England in 1952, whenever I had some little part in serving, it used to be common for other brothers not present to ask me whether I was helped in the service which I thought was a good question - there is a total lack these days and may be nobody cares so that except for a few brothers who can serve acceptably, all and sundry are asked to preach or give an address, and some of these have no substance in it. Some do not even have the power to speak except the order of the day. I still admire brothers who could preach or give an address for a whole hour and yet keep you spell bound. My preachings and words at the Ministry meeting and the readings I took latterly were recorded (and incidentally others words etc, too) under the pleas that J.S.H. often asks after an aged brother has departed whether there is any closing ministry of his that could be printed in the white book but of course from my experience, I was always ready to catch me in what I said to report to headquarters if he thought it was not in line - my permission wasn't sought and with my memory failing, I had no objection because it could be played back and verified.

Now that they have withdrawn from me, there is no question of printing anything at the Depot, but I know that in my failing age, the Lord gave me and sustained me with power, particularly in the preachings and the words at the Ministry Meeting - I can't boast about my own ministry but I can have some sense at the comments made by leaders of the recovery even in print, and some have spoken to me verbally how the Lord has helped me over the years - so I wanted to go over the Tapes and see what use can be made of them - in any case the Depot wouldn't want it - but they are being denied to me, and as usual this must be Head-quarters decision: anyway if the testimony continues longer and the brethren wake up to their senses -who knows - someone may find some help from these meetings of my closing ministry.

I'm thankful I was able to salvage my last word at the Ministry meeting on Tuesday - (prior to my being shut up on Wednesday) and this word is being printed and would certainly serve at least as a sample of my closing ministry to the Erangelites who hardly ever said “Amen to my word”. It will be seen from that word that even till the very end I was prepared to toe the line to make way

for the relocation at Erangal to take it's course. I am now thankful for the way matters have worked out and precipitated by them so that as taking the ground of the APPROVED in Bombay, the Lord can prosper the testimony in this city.

Meanwhile they seem to continue to further their evil designs in very questionable ways. While E came along to my house as though he was sympathetic to see an ailing father and brought the papers relating to a medicine sent from Canada (which should have never really gone to him.) Just before he left, he gave me some papers removing me from trustee-ship not only from the two trusts formed after 1988 after he reared his head - but with advancing years, I was unaware that he also smuggled in a paper removing me from the trustee-ship of the Vilparle Gospel Trust formed in the early seventies of which I was the main Trustee and another brother who went out of fellowship in about 1980, and he was replaced by another brother who doesn't still know where he stands. This brother's name was one of the signatories in the paper E gave me -apparently being forced to sign it but for E to sign as a trustee in that letter and also J.G. who came into fellowship just about 3 years ago is simply preposterous. They have had nothing to do with the Vileparle Gospel Trust since it's inception in the seventies - neither did the so-called, present universal leader, have any part or lot in the matter at that time.

His position at that time was questionable, and in 1987 after J.H.S. departed to be with the Lord, it was clearly notified that L.R.P. was to take the lead at the universal gathering at Winnipeg: but somehow unknown to the body of the brethren, it was manipulated that HE should take the lead, and it seems to becoming clearer that HE would have to be regarded more as one who has pushed himself forward than a successor to the leadership in the recovery. He speaks much about humility in his ministry, and has written a booklet called "King of Kings and Lord of Lord's" obviously referring to Christ - but that is how he seems to be functioning, interfering with the administration all round the world, making several trips abroad during the year with utter disregard of local administration, and callous indifference to it.

Trust the eyes of many will be opened to see how the Recovery of the TRUTH has sunk into Laodicean conditions where the ground taken is "Because thou sayest that I am RICH and grown RICH and have need of nothing, and Knewest not that thou art the WRETCHED and the miserable and POOR and BLIND and naked", so that instead of pretending to be able to counsel every one all over the world, rather to pay heed to the Lord's own COUNSEL contained therein.

"I counsel thee to buy of me gold purified by fire that thou mayest be RICH and white garments that thou mayest be clothed and that the shame of thy nakedness may not be made manifest, and eye-slave to anoint thine eyes, that thou mayest SEE!!

May you dear reader be one of those who opens the door to the LORD who is standing and knocking and become an OVERCOMER instead of being overcome by the present domination to bondage, fear and corruption.

29<sup>th</sup> November, 1991

In conclusion, I might add that the Lord took his beloved servant home to Himself on Lords Day 22<sup>nd</sup>, December the end was very peaceful. He had high fever for 2 ½ days but early Lords Day morning (fever 104) he gave thanks to the Lord and the Father, we sang 3 hymns together and read the Bible together and he had a word of encouragement for me and others who came to help at that time; The Lord gently closed his eyes in great peace - no suffering - no struggle - no death throes - just slept in Jesus, who he loved and served at 9.20am, Lords Day - a victorious finish - free from all trials -sorrows and pain - For me, his wife after 45 years of being together, it is a big void in my life. He was my trusted friend, companion, adviser, guide and support. The Lord is with me, and

the Spirit is here to guide me through the few years and days that may be left till the Lord comes, and the dead in Christ will rise first, and we the living shall be caught up and thus shall we be for ever with the Lord.

May He come soon.

EVEN SO COME LORD JESUS