

It has been suggested that as we had bowed to the decision of the assembly in Tunbridge Wells in 1909, we should bow now to their decision to receive the Kelly-Lowe party.

We are surely responsible to bow to an assembly decision; but the assembly actions in these two cases are not parallel.

In 1909 they dealt with a case they had authority to deal with - a case in their midst they were morally responsible to deal with. No other assembly (except in the event of their failure to act) had authority to deal with it, and subsequent events fully proved that their action was right.

Their present action in receiving into fellowship the entire Kelly-Lowe party they had no authority to do. This was fully manifest in their continued effort to get the assemblies in this country and the United States to agree with them. In spite of repeated protests from brethren in Canada and the United States, they persisted in their purpose. The Word of God makes no provision for a corporate conscience. We are brought to God in the first instance individually; we are restored individually when we get away from the Lord; we are received to the Lord's table individually. Consequently we do not believe their action has the Lord's approval.

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