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Vila Nova de Gaia, 19th. January, 1926.

Dear Andrew,

I have been making a few enquiries about the matter which you spoke to me on yesterday. I am told the following:

1st.- That it has been the rule, for a long time, for the Direção of the União to meet once a month, which has been done but that you have not attended more than once or twice. Consequently they go on without you, and this quite agrees with what you told me, that you have left this in the hands of Armando.

2nd.- That in December you spoke about having an Assembleia on a Thursday, but that no date was fixed and that no one had any notice of the meeting which you say you called for the 6th. or 10th. (I forget which you said), at which you say no one appeared but yourself. It is quite plain that somebody would have come, had they known it because even if, as you imply, a certain party purposely staid away, there are others who would have backed you up. So evidently there was a misunderstanding.

3rd.- That on the 30th. December you were advised that the Direção considered it urgent to have an Assembleia urgently (before the Anniversary, as is customary), not later than the 10th. or thereabouts, but they left you to say the exact day which would suit you. As, by the 8th. you gave them no answer, they decided to have it on the 10th. letting you know. Consequently you had more than a week's notice.

4th.- That the number of Membros Activos (exclusive of John and Leonard Barnes who were not on the list) was eleven and of these eight were at the Assembleia; consequently it was legally constituted. Nevertheless, when Figueiredo came to say that you could not (or would not) come, they were ready to put it off for a day or two.

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5th.- It was true that Artur Araujo lost his temper and struck a boy at one of the ^{weekly} meetings, but the matter was brought up at a meeting of the Direção and he was censured. He expressed his regret saying that he knew he had done wrong but lost his head at the moment, and apologized. Therefore that incident was over and there is nothing more to be said. If he was at the Assembleia he was quite in his right and that Figueiredo had no right to order him out, which was the cause of the row;

That the fellows who form the Grupo musical are, for the most part men who had nothing to do with the União or church but that some of them had since been attending the weekly meetings and it was hoped would soon come to the services had things continued as before;

And lastly, that they do not intend having the meetings of the new "Grupo Evangelice" at the same time as the services in your church. Last Sunday's meeting was merely an ^{exceptional} inauguration. In the week there ^{is} as at present no day on which they can have them except Thursdays but they will not have them at the same hour as yours.

I think these are all the points which you mentioned, except that of the Property. It is difficult to say whether they are the União or you, but I have advised them to send the things back to you.

Yours Sincerely,

Ed. W. Brown

P.S.- Snr. Figueiredo has just had some fresh letter paper printed for the official use of the Synod and he has asked me to help him to pay the cost which is Es. 125\$00. I suggest that you and we and he (Mariannos) should pay 20\$00 each; that Torne, Jesus's church and Setubal should pay 15\$00 each; that Prade should pay 10\$00 and that Benaparte and Silva should pay 5\$00 each as they are poor. If you think this is a fair division will you kindly send me your 20\$00.

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