

BARR—O'DOWD DEBATE

A HISTORICAL DEBATE

A Debate With Both Sides Presented Fully

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AFFIRMING THAT

"Authentic history teaches that the church with which John O'Dowd stands identified, known to him and his Brethren as the church of Christ, was organized in the year 1827 by Alexander Campbell," and:

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DENYING

This book will serve as the textbook to teach many the historical beginning of the church of Mr. O'Dowd's membership.

Introduction

This debate was printed in The Rock of Ages paper, edited by myself, and in the paper edited by Mr. O'Dowd titled, "Sound Words." I have met Mr. John O'Dowd in five oral debates. He is the "bully" type of Campbellite preacher, and has been quite forward in challenging Baptist preachers for debates. I made up my mind that I would debate him as long as breath was in my body any time he wanted a debate.

In June of 1946 I met Mr. O'Dowd in an oral debate at the South Harwood Baptist church in Dallas, Texas. During that debate I made it known publicly that I would meet Mr. O'Dowd in every meeting house they have in Dallas, Texas, on the propositions we debated at the South Harwood Baptist church, and I also let them know that when we were finished in Dallas that I would meet O'Dowd in every meeting house they had in Dallas county. As a result of my offer several of their preachers told me they wanted the debate at the church they were Minister of, but as usual few of them tallied up. I met them once in their meeting house located on Hatcher street in Dallas, Texas, after I made my offer. We were scheduled to meet in another one of their meeting houses located on Saner Avenue in Dallas, Texas, and Mr. O'Dowd and I were there on the night the debate was scheduled to start, but the Saner Avenue Campbellites had called it off. I met Mr. O'Dowd once at Fort Worth, and none of the rest of the Campbellite churches there have called for a debate since between us.

When I offered to meet Mr. O'Dowd in every meeting house they have in Dallas I also stated that if any of their churches did not choose to have Mr. O'Dowd represent them in debate then I would meet the local minister of each of their churches on the same propositions that Mr. O'Dowd and I debated at Dallas, Texas. That offer still stands.

In this written debate Mr. O'Dowd as usual did about as he pleased. We signed a written agreement to make each of our speeches 1500 words or less. That was for the reason that our papers could not carry longer articles without leaving much material out of each issue. Mr. O'Dowd repeatedly broke the contract by writing more than 1500 words. During most of the debate I printed all he sent in, and took equal amount of space in my next speech to equalize the amount of material used. In his last two speeches he wrote much more than the agreement called for, and I did not publish it all in the paper, but I did set up all the type and all he wrote is included in this book. At the close of the debate I am printing an appendix in order that I might have equal amount of space with him.

Sincerely,

VERNON L. BARR.

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MR. O'DOWD AND READERS:

PROPOSITION TO BE PROVEN: Authentic history teaches that the church with which John O'Dowd stands identified, known to him and his brethren as the Church of Christ, was organized in the year 1827 by Alexander Campbell.

Friends, I am more than happy for this opportunity to discuss the above proposition with my friend, Mr. O'Dowd. I trust that all will read both sides of the proposition, and investigate for yourselves the proof advanced.

Definition of proposition: Authentic means something having a genuine origin or authority, as opposed to one that is false, fictitious or counterfeit. From Webster: "Being what it purports to be; genuine; real; as, an authentic paper or register; trustworthy; credible; true. Something based on fact." History means a narrative of events connected with a real or imaginary object, person, or career. A systematic written account of events.

Credible history teaches us that the church of my friend's identity, known to him and his brethren as the Church of Christ, was organized in 1827 by Alexander Campbell. History certainly teaches that Alexander Campbell led in the founding of the church variously termed Campbellite, Disciples of Christ, the Christian Church, Reformers, and the Church of Christ.

Surely in the face of credible history to be advanced Mr. O'Dowd will not deny that Alexander Campbell was identified with the religious group that he is identified with. To do so would be to show that he is either uninformed concerning history, or else he is ashamed of the leader and founder of the religious sect with which he stands identified.

The following quotations from authentic historians will prove to any that are unbiased that my proposition is true: The Encyclopedia Britannica (Ninth Edition, Vol. 4, Section of Revisions and Additions, p. 391), "Alexander Campbell in 1827 organized the church which is variously called 'Disciples of Christ', 'Christians,' 'Church of Christ', and 'Campbellites'."

The Universal Encyclopedia (Vol. 3, p. 456), "Disciples of Christ: A religious body often, in the southern and western U. S. called the 'Christian Church' or 'Church of Christ'; sometimes 'Campbellites', a name which is repudiated, however, as they are opposed to ail party or sectarian names . . . He (Campbell) threw himself heartily into the new movement, and by his ability, learning, and force of character soon became its recognized leader. It was not the inten-

tion of the Campbells at first to form a distinct religious body, but so to leaven the churches with the principles they advocated as gradually to effect the needed reforms. Failing however, to find hospitality or even tolerance for their plea within the fellowship of any of the denominations, they found themselves compelled, by the necessities of the case, to assume an independent position. Accordingly, the Brush Run Church was organized on May 11, 1811, being the first congregation formed by the new movement."

Illustrated Book of All Religions, Star Publishing Company, Illinois, p. 92, says: "The Church of Christ, popularly called the Disciples of Christ or Campbellites. The designation by which this body claims to be known is that of the Church of Christ, and the members are designated Disciples of Christ. They object to the title Campbellite Baptists, but admit their obligations to Alexander Campbell, who organized and gave a definite designated form to their now large connection."

Lincoln Library, 1931 Edition, p. 1752 says: "Campbell, Alexander, American theologian, was born at Shane's Castle, Ireland, 1788; attended Glasgow University; came to the United States; and served as pastor of a Presbyterian church in Washington County, Pa. He later became a Baptist. In 1810, he adopted the Bible as the sole recognized creed of his church, and in 1827, founded the Disciples of Christ, a sect that grew rapidly especially in Virginia, Tennessee, and Kentucky . . . His followers are known as Christians, Church of Christ, and Campbellites."

Appleton's Encyclopedia also says: "Disciples of Christ . . . called the 'Christian Church,' or 'Church of Christ,' sometimes 'Campbellites.' It originated in a movement ... led by Thomas Campbell and his son, Alexander."

Religious Denominations of The Word, p. 146: "As individuals, this people wear the name 'Disciples of Christ', or 'Christians'. In their organized capacity they are known as 'The Church of Christ', 'Church of God', or simply 'The Christian Church'."

The Source Book, Vol. 1, p. 465: "Alexander Campbell the founder of the denomination called Disciples of Christ, formerly Campbellites."

A visit to any public library, in any city, by the readers of this debate to investigate authentic historians will prove profitable. You will find that every encyclopedia and book of religious knowledge on the shelves of the library will teach that the church with which friend O'Dowd stands identified, known to him and his brethren as The Church of Christ, had its beginning with Alexander Campbell in the year 1827.

I visited the Dallas, Texas, public library located on the corner of Harwood and Commerce streets, and asked to look at all their encyclopedias, and books of religious knowledge. I found every one of them, that had anything to say about Alexander Campbell, teaching that he was the founder of the church friend O'Dowd stands identified with. God help the readers of this debate to refuse to take all

that any preacher says without investigating the facts for themselves.

I give you more quotations from other authentic historians: The Encyclopedia Americana, Vol. 5, p. 276: "Campbell, Alexander, known as the founder of the Disciples of Christ or Campbellites."

The World Book, Vol. 4, p. 1957: "Alexander Campbell (1788-1866), a religious leader, organizer of the Christian (Disciples) Church, . . . As the group had become immersionists, they were admitted into the Red Stone Baptist Association and continued their affiliation with that body until compelled to withdraw because of doctrinal differences. This separation took place throughout the country where Campbell's influence had gone, between the years 1827 and 1830, resulting in the religious body known today as the Disciples of Christ."

Encyclopedia Britannica, Vol. 4, p. 677: "Alexander Campbell— On adopting baptism by immersion in 1812, his father, mother, wife sister, and others following him, he became the leader of the new society called Disciples of Christ or Christians, sometimes nicknamed Campbellites."

The New Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge, Vol. 2, pp. 370, 371: "Campbell, Alexander: Founder of the Disciples of Christ ... In 1827 Baptist Associations began to declare non-fellowship with the brethren of "The Reformation" and from this time dates the rise of the people known as the Disciples of Christ."

If I am correct in my understanding, the church represented by Mr. O'Dowd, has no connection with the Word of God, and therefore, one is forced to go to history to find the church or people he represents. No matter how much Scripture he may quote, I accept all of it. I believe all the Bible, and I trust that my opponent will be mindful of the rules of honorable controversy, and make an attempt to answer the proof advanced.

In Hedge's Rules of Controversy, the negative speaker is to examine all proof presented with fairness and candor. I expect Mr. O'Dowd, and I am sure the readers do, to examine the proof presented. I will not be led off on side issues, but will stay with the proposition I agreed to affirm, and I expect him to deny as he signed that he would.

More Historical Proof: Everybody's Cyclopedia (Vol. 1): "Alexander Campbell, founder of the sect known as the Disciples of Christ ... By his discussions on public platforms, and his serial publications, as well as his assiduity in preaching tours and training young men for the ministry, Campbell gradually formed a large party of followers, who began about 1827 to form themselves into a sect under the designation of The Disciples of Christ'."

Benedict's History (p. 916): "I have in all my narratives, when this people are referred to, styled them Campbellites, or Reformers."

The University Encyclopedia, Vol. 2, p. 1172: "Alexander Campbell, founder of the sect known as the 'Disciples of Christ', or more commonly the Campbellites' Campbell gradually formed a large party of followers, who began about 1827 to form themselves

into a sect under the designation of 'The Disciples of Christ'."

Hitchcock's *New and Complete Analysis of the Holy Bible*, p. 1119: "Disciples of Christ . . . Commonly called Campbellites, from Alexander Campbell, founder of the sect, who seceded from the 'Secession' branch of the Presbyterian church in Western Pennsylvania in 1812."

Christianity did without O'Dowd's church for eighteen hundred years, and it was an imposition for Campbell to project his movement into the religious world. It had its beginning over eighteen hundred years too late to be the true church of Jesus Christ.

The church known by O'Dowd as the Church of Christ was not established by the Lord, but by Alexander Campbell in the year 1827, Surely my opponent can see that my affirmative proposition is proved by authentic history. In the face of the testimony of the scholars of the world, my friend will be as one butting his head against a wall, if he attempts to deny their findings.

O'Dowd's First Negative Reply

I am profoundly grateful to God for this opportunity and privilege. This discussion will create much interest published in *Sound Words* and *Rock of Ages* and finally in book form. May each of you read it with earnest, honest and enquiring hearts. The investigation of this question is an important one. I hope it will help every Baptist as well as all others to know the truth. It is not my purpose to win a personal victory over Mr. Barr, neither to gratify my own desires, but to answer the wicked and blasphemous charges that are made against the humble followers of the Lord. How regrettable it is that people will believe lies and perpetuate them against people who advocate and follow only the teaching of the Bible. There is no better way to settle our differences, or to determine who is in the wrong, than for us to discuss them. I shall deal fairly and honorably with this question in controversy, will not avoid any argument, or cover up, but will meet the issue fairly and squarely, that you may arrive at the knowledge of the truth. (John 8:32).

Now that you have read the proposition and speech of Mr. Barr, it is my duty to examine and point out the fallacies of his reasoning. In replying to the speech you have just read, Mr. Barr stands up like a man and tries to prove what he teaches. There are so many today that are cowards that they will not discuss it. I respect any man that will defend what he teaches. I welcome this discussion with my friend, Barr. I concur fully with him in wanting you to read both sides and take the truth. (Acts 17:11-12).

Definition of Proposition

Mr. Barr did not give us the full definition of "authentic" from Webster? The reason is obvious. He would have no semblance of argument had he done this. This fact alone indicates the feebleness of his contention. Will he tell us why? He wanted Webster to say something that would suit his effort to prove something that he knows no living man can prove. Mark this fact about

AUTHENTIC—"Coming from the REAL AUTHOR of ORIGINAL or FIRST HAND AUTHORITY—one who does anything with his own hand." Second definition "Having a genuine original or authority." There is nothing like that in any of the purported proof submitted. All Mr. Barr has for evidence is "an imaginary" idea that a fallible man founded the church of which I am a member.

There is not a line of credible history anywhere that Mr. Barr can produce that proves Campbell founded any kind of a church. If there is let him bring it forth. Then it would become necessary for him to prove I belonged to that kind of church. Just an "ASSERTION" that history teaches it from Mr. Barr is no proof.

I not only deny that Campbell founded the church I am identified with, but will abundantly prove it to the satisfaction of every unbiased person on earth. The AUTHENTIC HISTORY of the Church I am identified with is New Testament and Divine Word of God. God is the designer, Christ the Purchaser and the Holy Spirit the revealer of the Church that I am a member of and no proof can be brought to the contrary. (Matt. 17:5; Matt. 16:18; Acts 20:28; Rom. 16:16; 1 Pet. 4:11). Here is evidence that Campbell had nothing to do with it. Read these Scriptures. I belong to the church you read about in the Bible. Mr. Barr should be ashamed to slander the Lord's Church by trying to make Campbell the human head.

Now we invite your attention to his authorities. I shall examine them one by one.

1. The Encyclopedia Britannica. There is not a line in this that identifies me with such a church, even if it could be proven that Campbell started one. There is nothing authentic here from the Author. This is biased with current opinion.

2. The Universal Encyclopedia Vol. 3: "Disciples of Christ." I have no connection with them, any more than with the Baptists. I believe both of them wrong. Even if this did prove Campbell was the founder; I am not identified with it and nothing here says I am. Mr. Barr read this again, This witness is against you saying it was organized in 1827, for it reads "the first congregation May 11, 1811." Sixteen years out of agreement with your proposition. You should at least present witnesses that agree.

3. Illustrated Book of All Religions. False, unless you can prove that I admit any "obligations to Campbell." Which you know is not possible. Campbell organized nothing that I believe or belong to in any sense.

4. Lincoln Library. If Campbell accepted the Bible as his creed of his church, then I am not connected with him. I have no church, I belong to Christ's church. (Matt. 16:18). Christ, and not the Bible is "MY CREED". (Rom. 10:9-10; Acts 8:37). I accept the Bible only as a book of discipline and not a creed. (2 Tim. 3:15-17). No proof here. Try again.

5. Appleton's Encyclopedia. This witness says it originated with Thomas and Alexander, but Mr. Barr has affirmed to prove it was founded by Alexander Campbell. Even if this proved he found-

ed the Christian church, I am not a member of it, nor a follower of Campbell.

6. Source Book. This says Campbell founded the denomination. I belong to no denomination. This and Mr. Barr's denomination are only daughters of Roman Catholicism. I fight denominationalism and no man can truthfully identify me with one. (John 10:1).

7. The next two paragraphs tells of his visit to Texas public library. Everyone of these sources are uninspired. One uninspired man's word will count for as much as another when put to the test. If Mr. Barr read every book on the shelves of *u* all the libraries he will never be able to produce EVEN ONE that authentically says Campbell founded the church of which I am a member. I challenge him for the proof!

8. Encyclopedia Americana, founder of "Disciples of Christ or Campbellites." May I insist that I have no connections whatever with such a religious order.

10. World Book says "Disciples of Christ". No faith in and no connections with.

11. Encyclopedia Britannica. This date conflicts with the proposition. Doesn't Mr. Barr know what he is trying to prove. I repeat, I am not following Campbell.

12. Schaff-Herzog says "Disciples of Christ." But Mr. Barr, I am a member of the New Testament church. There is no proof to the contrary. If so, let the people have it.

13. Mr. Barr, even doubts the correctness of his position: "IF I AM CORRECT." Which no Baptist preacher is, opposing the Word of God. If he believed the Bible he would not be a Baptist. The fact he is a baptist shows clearly he DOES NOT BELIEVE THE BIBLE. Before he can fairly and honorably tie me up with Mr. Campbell, he MUST point out something I teach that Campbell ORIGINATED. There is not one thing I believe because Campbell taught it. I follow the Revelation of the Holy Spirit. I teach only that for which I have a "THUS SAITH THE LORD" and will never teach anything, but what I find in the Bible. I never have and do not now accept Campbell as authority on anything. Christ is the only FOUNDER of the Church I know, and His Authority I accept. (Matt. 7:29; Matt. 28:18-20). I challenge YOU TO NAME ONE THING I BELIEVE OR TEACH that Campbell is the author of or was not in the world before Campbell was born. Since, it will be impossible for him to do this, he owes every reader of this debate an apology. Will he correct and apologize? I endorse and teach only what is written in God's Book, the rest I reject. Mr. Barr, are you going to continue to make yourself ridiculous before the readers by continuing to say that believing, obeying and teaching the Bible only will make me a follower of Campbell? and a member of his "Imaginary Campbellite church." I deny every assertion and demand positive proof.

14. Everybody's Encyclopedia. I have no connections with the "Disciples of Christ."

15. Benedict is a prejudiced Baptist and opposed to the Lord's way. "I have styled them." That is about as authentic as a statement from Mr. Barr or any other baptist,

16. University Encyclopedia says: "About 1827!" but Mr. Barr affirms 1827. Authentic history would at least be definite. Granting it were definite, still that would not connect me with Campbell.

17. Hitchcock's Analysis is not authentic history. Just the opinion of one man. This date is fifteen years earlier than the one affirmed. Barr's chosen witnesses are not in agreement, yet he thinks they are authentic. I follow Christ, not Campbell. (1 Cor. 11:1).

18. O'Dowd has never had a church. Christianity has never been without the Lord's church. (Matt. 16:18). Jesus founded the church of which I am a member. It had the right founder, began at the right place and right time. Campbell or anyone who started a church would have to disregard Christ. Christ bought the church I am a member of and not Campbell. (Acts 20:28). Mr. Barr affirms I follow Campbell, IGNORANTLY OR MALICIOUSLY? Let him tell us which?

Let the real author of the original, first-hand information speak. This will abundantly answer every book introduced. This was written by Campbell, April 15, 1828. Published in Christian Baptist— pages 451-452. He was answering the question, "What is Campbell-ism?" saying, "It is a nickname of reproach INVENTED and adopted by those whose views, feelings and desires are all sectarian; who cannot conceive of CHRISTIANITY in any other light." This is authentic history and will stand untouched when this debate is finished. This stops the mouths of all his so-called historians. Which one gave this statement? Do authentic historians deal that unfairly with facts?

The church known by O'Dowd as the church of Christ, was established by the Lord, in fulfillment of prophecy, in Jerusalem on the first Pentecost after the resurrection. Before Alexander Campbell was born. The first affirmative goes begging for facts.

To charge that I follow Campbell is impudent falsehood. Barr has given us fallible, uninformed men. I have given authentic history, followed and answered every argument and show definitely that I do not follow Campbell or any other man. (1 John 5:9). There is not a single reference, statement or thing in all his speech that can be called AUTHENTIC HISTORY,

Second Affirmative

By Eld. Barr

MR. O'DOWD AND READERS:

My friend, Mr. O'Dowd seems to forget that he signed to deny that authentic history teaches that Alexander Campbell organized the church he is identified with in the year 1827. He seeks to destroy the testimony of the fifteen authentic historians quoted to prove my affirmative by objecting to the definition of "authentic". I did not quote all of Webster's definition of the word; neither did he. Should either of us have done so it would have taken a large part of our speech. I quoted enough of Web-

ster's definition to give the readers the meaning of the word. Mr. O'Dowd garbled the definition of Webster by giving words that Webster did not use to define the word. Please read Webster's definition of "authentic".

This debate becomes a contest between Mr. O'Dowd and the scholars of the world. He (Mr. O'Dowd) says, "There is not a line of credible history anywhere that Mr. Barr can produce that proves Campbell founded any kind of a church." Mr. Barr gave him the testimony of fifteen credible, authentic historians who testify to the fact that Campbell did organize the church of Mr. O'Dowd's membership. These historians quoted are recognized by the scholarship of the world as authentic historians. Their writings are on the shelves of the public libraries of the nation. Mr. O'Dowd, minister of a so-called Church of Christ in Houston, Texas, with a sweep of the pen, denies every historian quoted. The scholars of the world, he thinks, are all "biased with current opinion". What a debater! It is authentic history versus Mr. O'Dowd. No, just an "ASSERTION" that history does not teach it, from Mr. O'Dowd, is no proof. Just an "ASSERTION" that the historians Barr quoted from are not authentic historians is no proof. Such assertions by my friend, Mr. O'Dowd, will not be believed by the readers. They will demand proof.

My opponent, in his first negative, declares that the authentic history of the church he is identified with is New Testament and Divine Word of God. He also gives a number of scriptural references, claiming they refer to the church of his membership. Mr. O'Dowd says he belongs to the church you read about in the Bible. I have proved, In my first affirmative (and it has not been successfully denied; nor will it ever be) that Alexander Campbell, and not the Lord, organized the church of Friend O'Dowd's membership, known to him and his brethren as the church of Christ, in the year 1827. It is just a baby in swaddling clothes. I agree with Mr. O'Dowd that he doesn't have a church. It is just a man-made organization. He, or any other man, cannot prove that the Church of Christ, so-called, has any connection whatever with the Word of God. The Bible says absolutely nothing about the church of my friend's membership. To try to find the so-called Church of Christ in the Bible would be like searching for the needle in the hay stack when there was no needle in the hay stack. The scriptures my friend quotes have no reference whatever to the church of O'Dowd's membership. They refer to the Lord's true churches, and not the one Mr. Campbell founded, which is the one Mr. O'Dowd is a member of. Jesus organized the New Testament church—not Campbell. Every school boy in America knows that the church called by Mr. O'Dowd, the "Church of Christ" is identified with the Campbell movement.

Mr. O'Dowd seeks to evade testimonies given in my first affirmative by saying he has no connection with the Disciples of Christ. He very conveniently overlooks, in his attempted reply

to the historians, the phrase, "Church of Christ", as given by several of them.

A court trial was held in Waco, Texas in the year of 1898, in the January term of court. The Firm Foundation, (so-called) Church of Christ, group in the First Christian church of McGregor, Texas had taken over the property of the First Christian Church of McGregor, and had locked the doors of the meeting house. The court returned the property to its rightful owners, and the tuning forkers were forced to give up the property. Marshall Surratt, Judge 19th Judicial District of Texas, presided at the trial. Under the conclusions of Judge Surratt, from the pleadings and evidence, we find the judge saying that the following is a fact: "Within the past ten or twelve years, the Christian Church, or Disciples of Christ, in Texas HAVE BECOME DIVIDED INTO TWO FACTIONS. Those adhering to the principles, usages and customs above set forth are now designated as the 'Progressive' faction, and the other, the 'Firm Foundation' faction."—(Church On Trial)

This judge of a district court was not "biased with current opinion", but simply gave the facts. Of course the so-called "Church of Christ" has had identity with the "Disciples."

Mr. O'Dowd thinks my witnesses do not agree because one or two gives the date of the commencement of the modern Reformation as 1811, Not so at all. In the course of the debate it will be shown that Alexander Campbell, Thomas Campbell, Barton W. Stone, and others, led in the shaping of the movement, and different groups were meeting at different places, and that all of these resulted in the founding of the so-called Church of Christ as a separate and distinctive religious body in the year 1827 by Alexander Campbell. Campbell is certainly not the head of the Lord's church. It is the church of O'Dowd's membership that Campbell is the head of — not the Lord's church.

My opponent says that my brethren and myself are daughters of Rome; and he further says that Campbell is not the author of anything he teaches. There are no two churches in the world today more alike than Rome and the so-called Church of Christ. Campbell borrowed most of his teachings from Rome, and O'Dowd continues to teach them. Both have priests that the sinner must go through in order to get to Christ. It matters not to me which way they wear their collars. If it takes a preacher to get a lost sinner into Christ, then there is more than one mediator between the sinner and God. The Bible teaches differently (1 Tim. 2:5).

My friend, Mr. O'Dowd says that the historians I give are uninspired men. I certainly do not claim they are inspired, I signed to prove that authentic history, not inspired men, teaches that Campbell organized the church of my friend's membership.

Mr. O'Dowd can't stay with a proposition. His hatred of Baptists is such that he ceases denying the proposition to vilify Baptists. Baptists will be under fire when he goes in the affirmative. Let him bring up his objections to the Baptists then. The church he is

a member of, started by Campbell, is the one under fire now.

I DID NOT sign to affirm that Campbell is the author of what O'Dowd teaches. I DID sign to affirm that Campbell was the organizer of the church of Mr. O'Dowd's membership. This I have abundantly proved. Mr. O'Dowd does not believe the Book; for if he did he would leave the man-made organization of which he is a member.

Please note this quotation from Friend O'Dowd's first negative article: "Mr. Barr. are you going to continue to make yourself ridiculous before the readers BY CONTINUING TO SAY that believing, obeying, and teaching the Bible only will make me a follower of Campbell? and a member of his "Imaginary Campbellite church." The only thing wrong with Mr. O'Dowd's statement is Hain't so! I have never made any such statement. They are words that my friend seeks to put in my mouth. Such tactics in debate show the weakness of my opponent's position. Mr. O'Dowd did not speak the truth when he accused me of making such a statement. He does not know the first principle of teaching the Bible. He certainly does not know how to rightly divide the Word of Truth.

My friends quotation from the Christian Baptist does not prove that Campbell did not organize the church known by Mr. O'Dowd as the church of Christ. Campbell was denying the name Campbellite and that was all he was denying. Henry Clay, an eminent American statesman, presented Alexander Campbell with a letter of endorsement which he (Campbell) took with him on his trip to Europe. In the letter Mr. Clay says:

"Dr. Campbell is among the most eminent citizens of the United States, distinguished for his great learning and ability, for his successful devotion to the education of youth, for his piety and as the HEAD AND FOUNDER (caps mine) of one of the most important and respectable religious communities in the United States," (Mem. of Campbell, Vol. 2, p. 548). Richardson, who wrote the Memoirs of Campbell, was Alexander Campbell's son-in-law, and a member of the Campbell movement. So certainly he was not "biased with current opinion". Neither was Henry Clay, the great American statesman, "biased with current opinion", Mr. Clay was not an enemy of Campbell, but a friend; and he wrote the truth in his recommendation in order to be helpful to Mr. Campbell.

The Lord did not establish the church known by Mr. O'Dowd as the church of Christ on the first Pentecost after the resurrection; nor did He establish any other church at that time. There isn't a verse of scripture in the Bible that so states, and I believe Mr. O'Dowd knows it.

To deny that Alexander Campbell started the church of Mr. O'Dowd's membership is either ignorance or impudent falsehood. Certainly one must fly in the face of authentic historians, even Campbell's son-in-law, to so deny.

When this debate shall have come to a close the fifteen authentic historians I quoted in my first speech will still be unanswered, and their testimony will stand that Alexander Campbell organized

the so called Church of Christ in 1827.

All that read the proof given must come to the following conclusions.

1. That the church of Mr. O'Dowd's membership was formed by the wrong person, Alexander Campbell, — not Christ. 2. As in the case of Calvin, Luther, and others, Alexander Campbell was wholly without authority to start a new church.

Let all who read investigate the facts given, and they will find that the so-called Church of Christ has no connection whatever with the Word of God.

Second Negative Reply By Eld. O'Dowd

Since the authorities introduced by Mr. Barr, are at disagreement as to the date he quotes, that alone would discredit them as being AUTHENTIC HISTORIANS. And granting that they are authentic historians, Mr. Barr still has offered no proof from these historians that Campbell is the author of one thing that my brethren and I, or the church of which I am a member, teach or practice. So to prove his proposition, this is a burden of proof that is upon him. There is no human or biblical testimony available that can prove that The Church of Christ or the one of which I am a member was founded and organized by Campbell or any other man of his day.

If such information were available, surely he would have found it since he has searched the shelves of the Dallas Library.

And even if Mr. Barr could prove his proposition by the historians he has given, to me the most AUTHENTIC HISTORY is the Bible, itself; in fact, in religious matters, it is the ONLY COMPLETE AUTHENTIC HISTORY that I am willing to accept.

Mr. Barr says that I have said there is no place in credible history that proves that Campbell founded any kind of church, I emphatically repeat this statement and while he goes on to say that such writings are on the shelves of the public libraries ail over the country, still it is only an assertion that is not proven nor will it be proven. In order for a man to found a church, he would have to give laws and rules governing such church because surely Mr. Barr will agree that the church would necessarily have to be governed by laws and rules of some kind. So, now if Mr. Barr will kindly bring forth any such laws or practices that Mr. Campbell is the author of, and if he should be the founder of the Church of Christ, of which I am a member, he would necessarily have to be the author of the laws that govern us or the practices we abide by. And Mr. Barr, since you have failed thus far to show to these readers ONE thing, not a half dozen but ONE, that the Church of Christ teaches that Campbell was the author of, you have failed completely to prove your proposition.

He becomes almost blasphemous in saying that it is like trying to find a needle in the haystack when there is no needle there, as to try to find what he calls the 'so-called' Church of Christ, in the Bible, when it isn't there. But Mr. Barr, if you will please remove your Baptist glasses and look, for a moment, at THE MOST

AUTHENTIC BOOK OF HISTORY, you will find in Acts 20:28, "THE CHURCH OF THE LORD". Surely you will agree that Christ is the Lord. So, now, Mr. Barr, even if you aren't able to find a needle in the haystack, you can at least find that, if you want to. And that's the church I am identified with and it's the only organization I care to ever be connected with upon this earth.

He gives us a little story of a court trial, which proves absolutely nothing, as far as proving his proposition is concerned. This judge was rendering a decision according to testimony given. And the Disciples of Christ might at one time have been in The Lord's Church but when they started dividing into other factions and religious groups, and I will admit that this happens all too often, they cease to be pleasing in the eyes of God and are subjected to the same question that Paul asked to those of the house of Chloe, when he found that factions and different names had arisen among them; he asked, "Is Christ divided?" But this did not mean that the body of Christ, the church, was actually divided just because some were calling themselves by other names. And I care not how many groups may have sprung up from the Lord's church, they have sprung too far when they take upon themselves other names and practices, other than is given in the Bible.

Now, Mr. Barr and I almost reach perfect agreement in this discussion. He says that Campbell certainly is not the head of the Lord's Church, and how correct he is. That's exactly what I've been trying to get over in this writing. Of course he goes on to say that Campbell is the head of O'Dowd's religious group or rather the church that O'Dowd is identified with. But how can he say this, and be honest when I say again that to prove such a statement he must show ONE thing that the Church of Christ, of which I am a member, practices that Campbell was the author of. My authority for worship comes from Christ, Mr. Barr, and if I am practicing that which Christ is the author of and not Campbell, then how can you make such statement?

He says the Church of Christ, of which I am a member, is more like Rome than any one. That Campbell borrowed most of his teachings from Rome, and O'Dowd continues to teach them. Well, I don't know whether Campbell taught anything that came from Rome or not. I can't answer for Campbell. But I can answer for myself and will say if there is any similarity between the Catholics and the church that I belong to, I know they must have borrowed just that much from the Lord's church because we didn't borrow anything from them. We have only Bible authority for our practices. And it is true that Catholics use priests as mediators but preachers in the Church of Christ are not mediators. A preacher cannot get a sinner into Christ as Mr. Barr accuses; we are all priests, (1 Pet. 2:9). One person is as great as the other in the eyes of the Lord. And if the preacher were greater, as are the priests in the Catholic Church, he might get sinners into Christ, but he is nothing more than a servant; not a forgiver of sins.

Now. Mr. Barr says he did NOT sign to affirm that Campbell

is the author of what O'Dowd teaches but that he DID sign to affirm that Campbell was the organizer of the church O'Dowd is a member of. Well, Mr. Barr, if Campbell organized or founded the church that I belong to, surely he must have made some laws and rules to govern such a church. What is one that he made? One that is being practiced by the church that I belong to? Though you say you did not affirm that Campbell was the author of anything that my brethren and I teach, yet you must admit that if he was the one who began the church that we belong to, surely some practice in it would have come from him, would it not have? Surely if one has the power, the authority, the egotism, the dis-respect for God's word, to start a church of his own, would he fail to form laws of his own for such an organization? Surely you can point to some of the practices of the church that I'm a member of, and show that Campbell is the author, since you say he is the founder. Bring on your historians, Mr. Barr, because you're going to need a lot of history books to find' this.

He quotes from a writing of an eminent statesman, Clay, and shows that he quote Campbell as being the head and founder of a church. All I can say is that if Campbell did found a church, it has no connections with the Lord's church that I'm a member of because only Christ is our founder. Matt. 16:18, 1 Cor. 10:11. AUTHENTIC BIBLE HISTORY.

And as for such a letter even proving that Campbell even founded a church, it doesn't. It is easy to see how this man, as men do today could have made a statement of opinion, perhaps ignorantly, regarding this.

Third Affirmative By Elder Barr

MR. O'DOWD AND READERS:

PROPOSITION: "Authentic history teaches that the church with which John O'Dowd stands identified, known to him and his brethren as the church of Christ, was organized in the year 1827 by Alexander Campbell."

Vernon L. Barr Affirms

John O'Dowd Denies

I copy the proposition so that the readers may keep clearly in 'their minds what each of us signed as a proposition to debate.

Mr. O'Dowd still insists that I give him one thing that Campbell taught, as the author of such teaching, that the church of O'Dowd's membership teaches today. He further says that if Campbell organized the church of his membership he (Campbell) must have made some laws and rules to govern such a church. Mr. O'Dowd asks me what is one such rule. Campbell erroneously claimed, as does Friend O'Dowd, that the church of his membership taught the scriptures, and that it followed the law of the New Testament.

My opponent says, in his second negative, the following, ". . . to me the most AUTHENTIC HISTORY is the Bible, itself; in fact, in religious matters, it is the ONLY COMPLETE AUTHENTIC HISTORY that I am willing to accept." He shows by this statement that he gives up trying to deny the proposition. Don't play

"Cry Baby" and quit. He makes such a statement because he knows that history is against him. The church revealed in Acts 20:28 is the real New Testament church—not the one of O'Dowd's, membership.

My friend admits that 'Disciples of Christ' and 'Church of Christ' were one time one people.

Mr. O'Dowd just thinks that the church revealed in Matt. 16:18, and 1 Cor. 10:11 is the one of which he is a member. Authentic history teaches us that Campbell—not Christ—organized the church of his membership.

This gentleman from Houston says, of the statement of the great American statesman, Henry Clay, "It is easy to see how this man, as men do today could have made a statement of opinion, perhaps ignorantly, regarding this." Mr. Clay lived during Campbell's lifetime. He did not state an opinion in his letter introducing Mr. Campbell. He stated a fact that Mr. Campbell was the **HEAD AND FOUNDER** of a religious community in the United States. Mr. O'Dowd is wise, but Henry Clay was ignorant—so thinks Mr. O'Dowd. It is Henry Clay versus John O'Dowd.

I offer more of my proposition given by Mr. Richardson, son-in-law of Alexander Campbell, as given in the *Memoirs of Campbell*.

Becoming dissatisfied with the doctrine of sprinkling for baptism and other teachings of the Presbyterian church, of which he was a member, Campbell at first sought to reform this church, failing he launched an independent reformation movement which he designed to be influential in bringing all Christians into one body. He likely withdrew from the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, to prevent excision.

Thomas Campbell (Alexander's father) was obliged to withdraw from the Presbyterian church, and he launched a movement for so-called Christian union among all sects. To this end a general meeting was called, and it was at this time when Thomas Campbell sowed the germ thought of the current reformation in the terse saying: "Where the scriptures speak, we speak; and where the scriptures are silent, we are silent." (*Mem. of Camp. Vol. 1, p. 236*).

The society thus formed, composed of both professors and non-professors, was without name, rules and regulations. That this flaw might be remedied, Thomas Campbell was appointed, to write a constitution, and to the society he gave the name of "Christian Association, of Washington, Pennsylvania."

The society was by no means to consider itself a church, "Nor does it at all assume to itself the power peculiar to such a society; nor do the members, as such, consider themselves as standing connected in that relation." (*Mem. of Camp. Vol. 1, pp. 243-244*).

Thomas Campbell, seeing the utter folly of his efforts to put down "partyism", and to unite all under the banner of his "Christian Union", made application to have his society received into the Old School Presbyterian Church, but was rejected by the Synod. Dr. Richardson says:

"And further, for the above and many other important reasons,

it was resolved, that Mr. Campbell's request to be received into ministerial and Christian communion cannot be granted." (Mem. of Camp. Vol. 1, p. 327),

The Christian Association being rejected by the denominations, the Campbell's began to think seriously about organizing their Christian Association into a separate and independent church. Richardson says:

"They clearly anticipated the probability of being compelled on account of the refusal of the religious parties to accept their overture, to resolve the Christian Association INTO A DISTINCT CHURCH (caps mine) in order to carry out for themselves the duties and obligations enjoined on them in the scriptures" (Mem. of Camp. Vol. 1, p. 348).

The new society or Christian Association met on Saturday, May 4, 1811, to resolve itself into a separate and independent community. Dr. Richardson says of Thomas Campbell:

"The reformation urged by Thomas Campbell was no exception to the general rule. It commenced in a community claiming to the purest portion of the church, and, when proposed to its hierarchy, was rejected and denounced. Now, as before, the light shone in darkness, but the darkness comprehended it not. Hence, a separation became inevitable, and this separation appeared not less grievous to the human feelings and sympathies of Thomas Campbell, than similar ones had done to those other reformers. 'He would have liked', as D'Aubigne says of Calvin, 'to see all the church transformed, rather than SET HIMSELF APART AND BUILD UP A NEW ONE (caps mine). Having found it impossible, however, to effect this transformation, he felt it to be his duty TO ORGANIZE AN INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY," (caps mine). (Mem. of Camp. Vol. 1, p. 366).

At the next meeting of the Association, accordingly, the matter was duly considered and agreed to, as the attitude which the religious parties had assumed left no other alternative.

Dr. Richardson says: "At this meeting, Thomas Campbell was appointed elder, and Alexander was licensed to preach the gospel. Four deacons were also chosen, Viz.: John Dawson, George Sharp, William Gilchrist and James Foster; and amidst the prayers and solemn services of the day, they united in singing psalm CXVIII, from the thirteenth to the twenty-ninth verses, in the old metrical version, which, as Seceders, they had been in the habit of using "On the following day, being the Lord's day, the church held IT'S FIRST COMMUNION SERVICE (caps mine). Alexander preached from John 6:48 Afterward, his father delivered a discourse from Rom. 8:32 Thus there was formally established a distinct religious community, based solely upon the Bible, and destined in its future history, to exhibit the entire sufficiency of the basis thus chosen." (Mem, of Camp. Vol. 1, pp. 366-369).

CONCLUSIONS:

1. If Martin Luther could have reformed the Catholic church, there would never have been the Lutheran church. If Campbell could

have reformed the Presbyterian church, there never would have been the so-called church of Christ. Mr. O'Dowd's church is an accident.

2. Luther had as much authority to start the Lutheran church as Campbell had to start a new church. Neither had scriptural authority to start such.

3. Campbell's Christian Association, being rejected, resulted in a new church. So friend O'Dowd's church came into being by reject on.

4. The Campbell's acknowledged that a church good enough to be members of already existed when they asked for admittance of their society into the Presbyterian church. Being rejected they started a new one. Please remember in my first affirmative that I proved by fifteen credible historians that Alexander Campbell organized the church variously termed Campbellite, Disciples of Christ, The Christian Church, Reformers, and THE CHURCH OF CHRIST.

5. The church the Campbell's started (the one Mr. O'Dowd belongs to) was, at first, without baptism, and it was composed of both professors and non-professed Christians.

6. Mr. O'Dowd's church was organized about 1800 years too late to be the true church of Christ.

7. The church of my friend's membership was founded in the wrong place to be the New Testament church—at Brush Run, Penn. instead of Palestine.

8. It was started by the wrong persons to be the true church— the Campbells; not the Son of God.

9. The church of my friend's membership held its first "communion service" May 5, 1811, being about 1800 years too late to be the church first taking the Lord's Supper.

10. The first deacons set in Mr. O'Dowd's church had different names than the ones set in the New Testament church (see Acts 6:5, 6). There were seven set in the Apostolic church, and only four in Mr. O'Dowd's church.

11. In the New Testament church Christ preached the first sermon. Campbell preached the first sermon to the church of O'Dowd's membership.

It seems to me that every student of history should be able ta see that Campbell started a church, and that history teaches that the church known by Mr. O'Dowd as 'The Church of Christ' is the church Campbell organized. If it is not the one I will appreciate Mr. O'Dowd telling the readers which church in the world today is connected with the Campbell movement.

Third Negative Reply to Mr. Barr:

Mr. Barr and Friends:

Thank you, Mr. Barr for re-copying the proposition. From this speech, apparently, Mr. Barr is playing "CRY-BABY" and "QUIT", Ten paragraphs were devoted to Alexander's father, Thomas Campbell. Now, Mr. Barr, who are you trying to prove organized the mythical church that bigoted Baptists say is Campbell's? These blasphemous charges were born in the mind of corrupt men, who

refused to follow the Lord's way as revealed in the New Testament.

Campbell is not the author of ONE THING I teach or practice. Mr. Barr must beg the question when confronted with giving a law that Campbell supplied for even the imaginary "Campbellite church," which nowhere exists in the earth. If so, Mr. Barr, give us the name and address of such a church? Get down to business and prove what you affirmed to do. The readers are disgusted with your futile effort thus far.

I knew Baptists did not like the New Testament, but did not think they would dare deny it being AUTHENTIC HISTORY. One statement from the Holy Spirit outweighs all that is called authentic that has been introduced in this discussion. The church I am a member of refuses all human inventions and refuses everything that is without divine warrant.

Mr. Barr has given us what he calls "Authentic history" which are nothing but "old ecclesiastical words" with the erroneous ideas of men attached, which have been accepted by ignorant people, who place their faith in men instead of God's revelation.

There is not a crumb of evidence in anything thus far introduced that proves:

First, that Campbell, organized any kind of church.

Second, that he made laws, rules and regulations to govern any church..

Third, that I believe, teach or practice anything Campbell is the author of.

Produce some authentic history covering this and you will be getting somewhere. The affirmation of this proposition proves that any man is very poorly informed, for it is just as far from the truth as daylight is from dark.

The real, genuine, Authentic history affirms, establishes and proves conclusively that the church I am a member of is REVEALED IN Acts 20:28 and Mr. Barr says: "THAT IS THE REAL NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH." IT IS THE ONLY ONE I HAVE EVER BELONGED TO AND THE ONLY ONE I WILL BE A MEMBER OF. Matthew 16:13-19 clearly presents the history.

Christ had not yet established HIS church, but appointed Peter as the one who should use the keys of the kingdom or church, which was fully established at Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost. This church will stand forever; that the gates of hell should not prevail against it. This church has been in existence from the date of beginning, and will continue to exist until Christ delivers it to God. (1 Cor. 15:24-29).

When the church of Christ was established on the day of Pentecost, three thousand Jews abandoned the religion of their fathers, and immediately became Christians. (That is what I did, abandoned the religions of my father and mother and became just a Christian, not a follower of Campbell) Within a short time the number was increased to five thousand. By the close *rf* the century, Volney tells us there were six million members. I belong to the Primitive

church and teach and practice primitive Christianity, Mr. Barr has made a mistake of following a man and wants to prove everyone else does. When he sees his mistake and accepts no creed but Christ, no book but the Authentic history of the Bible, and no name but the one that honors Christ, the HEAD OF THE CHURCH, nob Campbell. He will be a Christian, not a Baptist. Then we can unite in building up the Church of Christ instead of those designed and controlled by men.

With the Bible only, as my rule of faith and practice, wearing no name but that of Christian and fighting for Christian Unity, we are opposed by every sect of man, and He cries "Campbellite" while out of his own mouth condemns himself, for there is no such thing in the earth, or anywhere else as a Campbellite or Campbellite church. I am married to Christ and insist on wearing His name, instead of wearing the Cousin's name or a Greek name as Barr does.

I stand solidly upon the apostolic teaching and practice as the only ground upon which people can be united as the people of God and spread Christianity in the earth.

Now friends, this which Baptists style "CAMPBELLISM" is Pure, New Testament and Primitive Christianity. Let us examine these points and see if they originated with Campbell or whether they did not originate with Christ and the Apostles. If with Christ and His apostles, it can not, is not and never has been "Campbellism."

1. The Bible is the only rule of faith and practice I accept. 2 Tim. 3:16-17.
2. All sectarians names are wholly unscriptural and divide God's people. 1 Cor. 1:10-13. I am not of Paul, Peter, Apollos or Campbell, but of Christ. Campbell was not crucified for me, neither can it be proven that I have been baptized into the name of Campbell.
3. All followers of Christ should be united. John 17:20-22.
4. The Bible contains everything essential to our growth and development in the spiritual life. 2 Pet. 1:3; 1 Pet. 2:2.

That which Mr. Barr terms Campbellism and has failed miserably to prove is nothing more or less than the revelation of the New Testament and teaching and practice of the Primitive church, as set forth by Christ and the Apostles.

Henry Clay, knew more than Mr. Barr as he imposes on your intelligence, for Clay dared not say Campbell was the HEAD AND FOUNDER OF THE LORD'S CHURCH, but said plainly, a "RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY". Doesn't my opponent know the difference between the church of the New Testament and the community of Campbell? Where is the proof of your proposition? Listen to Barr's witnesses again: "The society was by no means to consider itself a church." That is exactly thp truth, why don't you accept it? CONCLUSIONS: Answering Mr. Barr's Assertions without proof.

1. The church of Christ existed before Luther, Catholicism or Campbell and the Presbyterian church. If I had a church, it would certainly be an accident, but it is slandering Christ to say His Church is an accident. Shame on you, Barr.

2. Christ is the one that had authority to build the Church God approved of and I belong to Christ's Church. (Eph. 1:20-23.) (1 Cor. 3:11).

3. The Church I belong to came into existence according to Prophecy, Plan and Purpose of God, not through the rejection of anything Campbell said or did.

4. If it could be proven Campbell rejected Christianity and started a church, it could not be proven I am a member of anything started by Campbell. With the truth of God on my side I can accept nothing more or less than the Lord's church.

5. Another assertion that I belong to Campbell's church. Christ requires Baptism and I submitted to the Lord. Gal. 3:26-27. Only Christians are added to the Lord's church. Acts 2:47.

6. If O'Dowd had a church it would be more than eighteen hundred years too late. I have no church, but am a member of the Church you read about in the New Testament.

7. The Church I belong to was founded in JERUSALEM, not Brush Run, Penn. or Palestine.

8. Campbells had nothing to do with the church I was added to. Christ is the author of my salvation. Heb. 5:9.

9. The Church of Christ held its first communion service on the First Lord's Day of the establishment of the church. Acts 2:42.

10. Barr makes another assertion, let him prove that those in Acts 6:5-6 were the first deacons in the church. These men in Acts 6:5-6 were selected to deal with one question—Grecian widows. The New Testament does not specify the number of deacons.

11 In the New Testament church, The Holy Spirit through the Apostles preached the first sermon Acts 2. Wrong again, Mr. Barr.

Fourth Affirmative

By Elder Barr

MR. O'DOWD AND READERS:

Mr. O'Dowd thinks that only "blotted Baptists" teach that Campbell organized the church of his membership. The world's scholars from whom I have quoted were not "bigoted Baptists" as my friend insinuates. Henry Clay was not a "bigoted Baptist". Mr. Richardson was Campbell's son-in-law and a member of the same church friend O'Dowd is a member of.

Baptists do not deny that the New Testament is authentic history, but Baptists do know that the New Testament has nothing whatever to say about the so-called Church of Christ of which Mr. O'Dowd is a member. To find such a church one must go to other authentic history because the New Testament is silent on such.

Mr. O'Dowd wanted the name and address of a Campbellite church The church calling itself 'The Church of Christ,' located at Wayside and Sherman, in Houston, Texas, is one, and Mr. O'Dowd is its minister.

Mr. O'Dowd says, "There is no such thing in the earth, or anywhere else, as a Campbellite or Campbellite church." CAMPBELLITE

is a good English word. Macmillan's Modern Dictionary, revised edition, published by the Macmillan Company of New York (page 128) says: "CAMPBELLITE—member of the Disciples of Christ, FOUNDED BY ALEXANDER CAMPBELL; commonly now called Christians." The above is not from the mouth of a "bigoted Baptist", but comes from a dictionary used in all the leading colleges and universities of our land.

If hating Baptists and ability to bemean them proved that Campbell did not found the Church of Mr. O'Dowd's membership, he would do a better job of denying the proposition.

In his last negative, friend O'Dowd says he abandoned the religions of his father and mother. In an oral debate with him, he admitted that his mother was a Baptist. He took the position in the debate that all Baptists were liars, and of course he included his Baptist mother. He also took the position that his own mother would go to hell with all Baptists if she remained a Baptist. Such is sectarianism of the worst type. I would be ashamed to espouse such preachments,

My friends assertions "that he is a member of the New Testament church" and that he and the church of his membership teaches nothing but the Bible are nothing but assertions. His statements contain no truth.

The church of his membership wears a name not found in the Bible, and he himself wears a name never mentioned by the Lord. Nowhere is there a scripture saying the church was organized on Pentecost, and O'Dowd knows it. If such a scripture were in the Bible, it would do O'Dowd no good because the church of his membership was organized by Campbell several hundred years after Pentecost.

How Thomas Campbell administered baptism in the Brush Run church is told by Richardson, as' follows:

"He consented, therefore, to perform the ceremony, which took place on the 4th day of July in a deep pool in Buffalo Creek, about two miles above the mouth of Brush Run, and on the farm of David Bryant. The pool was narrow and so deep that the water came up to the shoulders of the candidates when they entered it. Thomas Campbell, then, without going into the water, stood on a root that projected over the edge of the pool, and bent down their heads until they were buried in the liquid grave, repeating at the same time, in each case, the baptismal formula. James Foster, who was present, did not altogether approve the manner of the baptism, neither did he think it congruous that one who had not himself been immersed, should immerse others. It so happened, however, that Thomas Campbell, who had been the first to introduce the reformatory movement, became thus, on this occasion, the first to introduce immersion—a practice which subsequently became a distinguishing feature in the progress of the reformation." (Mem. of Camp. Vol. 1, pp. 372, 373)

So friends, you see that the church of friend O'Dowd's membership, at first, received baptism from an unimmersed person. Accord-

ing to their doctrine he was lost and was a child of the devil. So the devil started the thing, according to O'Dowd's teaching. They don't have Christian baptism, but you can see from above that they had "root" baptism.

Alexander Campbell, becoming dissatisfied with sprinkling, decided he wanted to receive scriptural baptism, so he sought it at the hands of a Baptist preacher, Matthias Luse. Of his actions in this line, Dr. Richardson says:

"Having formed some acquaintance with a Matthias Luse, a Baptist preacher, who lived above Washington, he concluded to make application to him to perform the rite, and, on his way to visit him, called to see his father and the family, who were then living on a little farm between Washington and Mount Pleasant . . . Wednesday, the 12th of June, 1812, having been selected, Elder Luse, in company with Elder Henry Speers, called at Thomas Campbells on their way to the place chosen for the immersion, which was the deep pool in Buffalo Creek, where three members of the Association had formerly been baptized . . . Alexander Campbell and his wife, his father and mother, and his sisters ... all seven persons." (Mem. of Camp. Vol. 1, pp. 395-398),

So dear friends you can see that the only baptism that the head of Mr. O'Dowd's church had was Baptist baptism. (Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist.)

Soon after Campbell was immersed by Luse, he was ordained one of the elders of the Brush Run church.

Now the scene changes. When Thomas Campbell decided to follow his son in baptism, he turned over to him the guidance of the reformation movement. Richardson says:

"From the moment that Thomas Campbell concluded to follow the example of his son in relation to baptism, he conceded to him in effect the guidance of the whole religious movement." (Mem. of Camp. Vol. 1, p. 401).

Following Campbell's immersion by Luse, the Brush Run church was received into the Redstone Baptist Association, and Campbell presented a written document containing a declaration of his faith. Says Richardson:

"As, in uniting originally with the Baptists, Mr. Campbell had made no secret of his religious principles, but had distinctly avowed them in the written communication of the Brush Run church to the Redstone Association, so, in his intercourse with them as a people, and in his public discourses, he failed not on all proper occasions to urge upon them his views of the reformation." (Mem. of Camp. Vol. 1, p. 467).

Alexander Campbell escaped being expelled, with his church, from the Redstone Baptist Association by forming and uniting with a church at Wellsburg and going into the Mahoning Association. The Redstone Association met in August of 1823. It was in 1823 that Alexander Campbell "discovered" the design of baptism. Mr. Richardson said:

"Thus, in 1823, the design of baptism was fully understood and

publicly asserted. It was, however, reserved for Walter Scott, a few years later, to make a direct and practical application of the doctrine, and to secure for it the conspicuousness it has since occupied among the chief points urged in the reformation." (Mem. of Camp. Vol. 2, p. 84).

Mr. Campbell himself says of the origin of the new doctrine, in his debate with Dr. Rice in 1844:

"Some twenty years ago, when preparing for a debate with Mr. McCalla, I put myself under the special instruction of four Evangelists, and one Paul, of distinguished apostolic rank and dignity. I had for some time before that discussion, been often impressed with such passages as Acts 2:38; and that providential to discuss the subject with Mr. McCalla, compelled me to decide the matter to my entire satisfaction. Believe me, sir, then I had forgotten my earlier readings upon the subject; and upon the simple testimony of the Book itself, I came to the conclusion alleged in that debate, and proved only by the Bible, which now appears, from a thousand sources, to have been the catholic and truly common wealth that this doctrine was first publicly promulged in modern times; and, sir, it has spread over this continent, and with singular success, is now returning to Europe, and the land of our fathers." (The Camp-bell-Rice Debate, p. 472).

Mr. O'Dowd said in his last negative speech these words about those who claim Campbell organized the so-called Church of Christ: "These blasphemous charges were born in the minds of corrupt men, who refused to follow the Lord's way as revealed in the New Testament." According to the above statement by O'Dowd, Richardson, Campbells son-in-law, the writers of most all the Encyclopedias, histories, world books, and dictionaries, including one of the newest and best ones, (Macmillan's Modern Dictionary), and the great American statesman, Henry Clay are men of corrupt minds. The fact of the matter is that my poor, deluded friend thinks that all peoples of the world, with the exception of his little bunch, are of corrupt minds. Certainly every informed person knows that Campbell (and not Christ) is the founder of the so-called church of Christ.

Fourth Negative Reply to Mr. Barr

Mr. Barr and Respected Readers:

I could most heartily wish, though I have nothing to do with suggesting methods for the affirmative, that my opponent would follow some line of thought. He repeats matters over and over. He is like the preacher who was preaching, and a little boy heard him repeating and spoke right out and said, "You said that before." He is much like that. Why doesn't he bring some proof that Campbell founded the church I am a member of. Mr. Barr has been bloated by the Baptists until he thinks he is an authority. That his assertions, prove what he affirmed.

There would not be any debate if Baptists accepted the New Testament as authentic. That is all I take, it SPEAKS OF LORD'S CHURCH and ITS HEAD AND FOUNDER IS REVEALED in the

Scriptures. It is not as Mr. Barr, slanderously says: "So-Called", it is the Called of God and His choice. (Matt. 17:5; Rom. 16:16; Matt. 16:18). He says the New Testament is silent, read these Scriptures and you will be convinced.

Mr. Barr wickedly, maliciously and blasphemously states contrary to every truth and fact known, when he says, the church meeting at Wayside and Sherman is a "Campbellite church." There is no sign to that effect, the deed shows differently and the things we practice are authorized by the Scriptures. Mr. Barr, you should apologize for violating. (Rev. 21:8). Will you be man enough to do it? If so, you will be the first Baptist preacher that ever did for slandering the people of God. (Jas. 2:7.)

He then introduces Macmillian dictionary, to show there is a campbellite church. But it is lacking in proof. Just another assertion like Barr's. Did he give the name, location and place where such a name appears on any meeting house or in any deed? No, he never will. I am not connected with the disciples church anymore than I am with the Baptists. The editor of that dictionary was either ignorant, a Baptist or mean as the devil in writing such. For it is not the truth.

Here is the truth about the matter. Let him deny it, if he dare. "Campbellites: A term sometimes applied to Disciples of Christ: a. Whimsically, by themselves; b. ignorantly, by the non-church public; c. viciously, as well as IGNORANTLY, by the less enlightened members of the less enlightened sects. Obsolescent with the; general advance of religious intelligence and interdenominational courtesy."—Encyclopedia of Religion, Edited by Fern and published 1945, Page 116.

I do not hate Baptists as individuals, neither am I bemeaning them as charged by him, but I do hate their false doctrines of the devil and substitutes for Christianity. Mr. Barr can do a better job discussing my mother and trying to prejudice you against the truth than he can proving his proposition. I will take care of the Baptists when we get on the next proposition. Such tactics reflects no honor upon his ability as a debater. I simply point men to Christ and the New Testament, and that is the right person and place to go. He is only quibbling.

Every statement I gave with reference to the church I belong to is backed by the Scriptures.

The church I belong to is revealed in the Scriptures, is a divine church, with a Divine founder, with men divinely inspired to set it up and it was built upon a Divine foundation on the first pentecost after the resurrection. Here are the Scriptures and they will never be disturbed. (Matt. 16:18; 1 Pet, 2:4-8; 1 Cor. 3:11; Eph. 2:20; Eph. 1:20-23; Acts 2:1-47; Eph. 5:25-27; Acts 20:28). "The church of the Lord, which He purchased with His blood." Campbell was not even born when this church was established.

Again, Mr. Barr, fails on the proposition. He argues for Thomas Campbell again. What does "how" Thomas Campbell baptized have to do with the church I am member of since you are to prove

that Alexander Campbell was its founder. The debate shows he is dissatisfied with the proposition. He does not understand what he is debating, there is no reliance to be placed upon what he says. Brush-run baptism proves nothing. We are not discussing baptism, or the establishment of the church on the first Pentecost. Will you please re-read the proposition?

Only mis-informed people would dare speak such falsehoods as to intimate that Campbell was the head of the Lord's church. Only ignorant, deceived, prejudiced or wicked people would charge those who follow the Bible, nothing more, nothing less and nothing else, as being headed by any earthly man. We are satisfied with God's Plan, Christ's church and the Gospel as the only power of God unto salvation. There are no improvements that can be made upon this way of living and teaching.

I am not dodging. I am fair, frank and openhearted and desire the truth. That is what the readers want. I invite your attention to this matter that is incontrovertible. It is contrary to the fact and perverting truth and mis-stating all authentic history to say Campbell founded or headed the "Campbellite church" or any other church. He did no such thing, and Mr. Barr and those with him contradict all the facts of TRUTHFUL HISTORY, Campbell founded no new sect or denomination. Let the man speak in His own defense. He has been misrepresented and maligned enough by .enemies. Mr. Campbell said: in the Christian Baptist of 1826: "I have no idea of adding to the catalogue of new sects. I labor to see SECTARIANISM ABOLISHED AND ALL CHRISTIANS OF EVERY NAME united upon the ONE FOUNDATION upon which the Apostolic Church was founded. To bring Baptists and Pedobaptists to this is my supreme end." This statement shows why Baptists hate Campbell, because he wanted them to give up their sectarianism and be New Testament Christians, taking the New Testament as their only, complete and sufficient guide. To let the Lord add them to the church of the New Testament as the only church which is authorized by the Word of God.

The Bible teaching is standing the test in this discussion. Christ founded but one Church, not many sects, and HE IS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH I AM A MEMBER OF PERSONALLY. Every human church will be "rooted up" (Matt. 15:13), those who are Christians and members of the Lord's Body being faithful to death will be blessed. "UPON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH AND THE GATES OF HELL SHALL NOT PREVAIL AGAINST IT." (Matt. 16:18), Stands untouched. It was spoken by Jesus Christ THE DIVINE HEAD OF THE CHURCH that I belong to. Thank God!

Jesus Christ, THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH, not only legislates, but also executes His commands,

THIS SAME JESUS CHRIST, THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH REVEALED IN THE SCRIPTURES, is still caring for His Body on earth, THE CHURCH.

The scriptures tell us that in the end of these days, He has spoken unto us in His Son. Heb. 1:1-3.

NOW, it is JESUS CHRIST, THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH IN

ALL LEGISLATION. HE SPEAKS. WE LOVE. WE FOLLOW. WE OBEY. WE SERVE. In following Him we have all truth. (John 14:6).

Where there is no love for the Lord's Church, there is no love for the Master—THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH. Loving Christ, we cannot, dare not and would not follow any man, Campbell, Luther, Knox, Calvin or even Smyth. (1 Cor, 1:10-17).

Would to God, that all Baptists, men and women, might know the importance of this truth, it is a fact, the church is not headed by a man or group of politicians in a religious racket, but the CHURCH, which is THE BODY OF CHRIST, is HEADED BY CHRIST JESUS THE LORD. His Spirit is the power that gives life to each member of the body.

As a Christian, our relationship to Christ is shown, and our likeness to His Character is required by the Scriptures. "CHRIST (THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH) also loved the church, and gave Himself up for it; that He might sanctify it, and having cleansed it by the washing of water with the word, that He might sanctify it, and having cleansed it by the washing of water with the word, that He might present the church to Himself a GLORIOUS CHURCH, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing' but that it should be holy and without blemish." (Eph. 5:25-27). Jesus proved His love by His life of humiliation and sacrifice, bearing the reproaches of men. He proved His love at Calvary. He bought us with a price—HIS PRECIOUS BLOOD. How we ought to honor, reverence and praise Him, therefore, with our BODY, SOUL and SPIRIT, FOR THEY ARE HIS. He is the HEAD and we are the BODY. Friends, follow Christ!

Fifth Affirmative By Elder Barr

Mr. O'Dowd and Readers:

"If so, you will be the first Baptist preacher that ever did for slandering the people of God."

"The editor of that dictionary was either ignorant, A BAPTIST (caps mine) or mean as the devil in writing such."

The statements above are quotations from Mr. O'Dowd's fourth negative speech. He thinks the Baptist preacher sent from God whose name was John along with all Baptists are worse than criminals. O'Dowd's hatred for the true people of God causes him to class all Baptists with the ignorant or those who are as mean as the Devil. I have never read after a man who shows such a bitter, devil inspired hatred of God's people as my friend. .

O'Dowd cannot find the term 'Church of Christ' in the Bible and he knows it. Every scripture that he quotes is against him. All of them speak of the true New Testament Church, and not the one O'Dowd is a member of. He could look until his eye balls jump out of his head, and he would never find "Church of Christ" in the Bible.

Q. 1, Are the Lords churches given a specific name in the New Testament? If so, what is it?

Q. 2. Is the title "Church of the Lord", "Church of God", as good a title as "Church of Christ"? No evasions please.

May it be distinctly understood by the readers that all scripture quoted by my friend in his last negative concerning the New Testament church, its perpetuity and so forth, I heartily and happily accept. They certainly do not refer to, or even hint at the church started by Campbell, and of which O'Dowd is a member. The church of O'Dowd's membership is the one that claims through their spokesman that all Baptists are liars, (including O'Dowd's Baptist mother) and that all Baptists are going to hell including his Christian mother. Such is hellish doctrine, not Christian doctrine.

The first one baptized "in order to" obtain the remission of sins was ROBERT AMEND, on November 18, 1827, by Walter Scott. It was 15 years, 5 months and 6 days after Campbell was baptized by Luse, not in order to obtain the remission of his sins, and still Campbell was never afterwards baptized again, Richardson says:

"Thus encouraged, Mr. Scott determined to make the experiment; but fearing to give cause of offense to the churches who had employed him, he sent an appointment outside of the Association ground, and with considerable trepidation, but in an earnest and interesting manner, laid before the audience his analysis of the gospel, and at the close gave a formal invitation to any so disposed to come forward and be baptized for his remission of sins. No one, however, came. The effort was a failure." (Mem. of Camp. Vol. 2, p. 209).

Here we have one of O'Dowd's kind experimenting with human souls. Mr. Campbell laid the egg of the new doctrine of the design of baptism and Walter Scott hatched it. Scott later tried his EXPERIMENT within the Association that had employed him. Richardson tells the results:

"Just as he was about closing his long discourse, and while he was exhorting the people to trust in the Word of God in preference to all human systems of religion, a stranger entered the assembly, and when, a few moments afterwards, the speaker closed by again quoting Peter's words and inviting any present to come forward and be baptized for the remission of sins, this stranger, to the surprise of all, at once stepped forward and presented himself. Here was a singular circumstance. This person had not been enlightened and convinced by the preacher, for he had heard only his few closing remarks; Yet he came forward with all the firmness of an assured purpose, and all the tokens of intelligent apprehension, to request baptism for the remission of sins. Mr. Scott knew not what to think of it ... The people were filled with bewilderment at the strange truths brought to their ears, and now exemplified before their eyes in the baptism of a penitent for a purpose which now, on the 18th of November, 1827, FOR THE FIRST TIME since the primitive ages was fully and practically realized." (Mem. of Camp. Vol. 2, pp. 211-212)

1, Think of men after more than 1700 years since the apostolic days "Experimenting" with immortal souls.

2. The first time the "experiment" worked, a poor man walked up to submit to baptism in order to obtain remission of sins when he did not even hear the sermon preached by Scott. It worked on a deluded man, and since preachers like O'Dowd and others that turn their collars backwards have deluded multiplied thousands.

3. I would like to know, and I am sure the readers would, based on the above concession, how people were saved this side of the "primitive ages"? This excludes Campbell himself because he was not baptized in order to obtain the remission of sins.

Because of the heresies taught by Campbell and his followers, the Baptists began to declare non-fellowship for them, and the separation took place in a concise and definite form in the year 1827. This marks the beginning, or origin, of the Campbellite church as a separate and independent denomination. It came about by the Baptists excluding the followers of Campbell from their churches and associations.

Of course every one knows (except O'Dowd and his little bunch) that the Campbellite church and "Church of Christ" are one and the same thing.

Mr. Campbell says:

"The Baptists had, in the year 1827, declared non-fellowship with the brethren of the Reformation. Thus by constraint, not by choice they were obliged to form societies out of those communities that split upon the ground of adherence to the apostles' doctrine." (Ency. of Relig. Knowledge, p. 463).

Alexander Campbell says:

"Remission of sins cannot be enjoyed by any person before immersion . . . Without knowing and believing this, immersion is a blasted nut—the shell is there, but the kernel is wanting." (Christian Baptism, p. 53)

The above statement sounds like the preaching of Mr. O'Dowd and his brethren. It certainly does not correspond with Bible teaching.

Again Mr. Campbell says:

"Now, if our baptism is for any other end or purpose than was that to which Paul submitted, it is another baptism, as much as bathing for health is different from a Jewish ablution for legal uncleanness or impurity. The action has a meaning and design, else it is another baptism." (Campbell-Rice Debate, p. 439).

Mr. Campbell still further says, in "Christian Baptist", Vol. 5, p. 401:

"In my debate with Mr. McCalla, in Kentucky, 1823, on this topic, I contended that it was a divine institution designed for putting the legitimate subject of it in actual possession of the remission of his sins; that to every believing subject it did formally and in fact convey to him the forgiveness of sins. It was with much hesitation I presented this view of the subject at that time, because of its PERFECT NOVELTY. I was then assured of its truth, and, I think, presented sufficient evidence of its certainty. But having thought still more closely upon the subject, and having been neces-

arily called to consider it more fully as an essential part of the Christian religion, I am still better prepared to develop its import, and to establish its utility and value in the Christian religion. I beg leave to call the attention of the reader to it under the idea of the BATH OF REGENERATION." (The Wilkes-Ditler Debate, p 224).

Writing in Millennial Harbinger, New Series, Vol. 2, p. 86 Mr. Campbell says:

"I received a letter from Mason County, Kentucky, from one of my earliest friends and acquaintances in that State, a gentleman who heard with extraordinary attention my whole debate on baptism in 1823, when its true meaning and design were FOR THE FIRST TIME PROMULGATED IN AMERICA."

In Memoirs of Campbell, Vol. 2, p. 217, Campbell is quoted:

"We can sympathize with those who have this doctrine in their own creeds unregarded and unheeded in its import and utility; for we exhibited it fully in our debate with Mr. McCalla in 1823, without feeling its great importance and without beginning to practice upon its tendencies for some time afterward."

Were it not so serious it would be laughable how Mr. O'Dowd continues to deny any identification with the Campbell movement. Such knowledge is so general that many people in Houston know that there is a Campbellite church located at Wayside and Sherman in Houston, Texas.

Mr. O'Dowd and the church he is a member of is in a plight. His church can't be found in the Bible, and my friend boldly and audaciously denies all facts as given by historians. He arrays himself against the scholars of the world in denying that Campbell started the church of his membership.

Fifth Negative By Elder O'Dowd

Mr. Barr and Friends:

Mr. Barr, like all baptist preachers, when they cannot overthrow the word of God, they resort to sophistry, and appeals to the prejudices of people to blind their eyes against the truth. What I think about Baptists does not prove they are right or wrong. Baptists are far from the true people of God. I do not hate Baptists, but I do hate their false teaching. I want my opponent to stop quibbling and pleading for sympathy to state wherein I am wrong. Prove that I teach anything originated by Campbell or any other man. He will not stick to his proposition, I have driven him from any attempts to defend it. No man in America hates the truth as revealed in the Bible and more ardently and continually than my friend Barr. With all due courtesy to my opponent, after having read five futile attempts to establish his proposition, I confidently and fearlessly announce that I shall continue to make him look foolish and show how weak he is that even his own Baptists brethren will hereafter be ashamed of him. Before this debate is over, Vernon Barr, the self esteemed hero of baptists will feel like a fourth rate piano player in a Western music hall, over whose head the manage-

ment felt obliged to place a sign reading, "BOYS, DON'T SHOOT THE CUSS; HE'S DOING THE BEST HE KNOWS HOW."

From his argument it is plain that Elder Barr either doesn't read the Bible or does not believe it. I cannot answer for him, He can tell us which it is. Now he comes and says I cannot find "Church of Christ" in the Bible. No Scripture in the Bible is against what I contend for from the Bible. Among the uneducated there are many who labor under the delusion that the Lord's Church is not in the Bible. Let me see, have my "eyeballs jumped out." These Scriptures will show how hopelessly dull of comprehension Mr. Barr is.

"I Will build MY CHURCH." (Matt. 16:18). Christ said this. Isn't it Christ's church.

"The Church of the Lord." (Matt. 16:18). Purchased with the BLOOD OF CHRIST. God never had any blood to shed. Now to the exact wording that Elder Barr says can't be found.

"So it is with the CHURCH OF CHRIST." (1 Cor. 12:12). Weymouth Translation of the New Testament, third edition. Will we have a frank admission from him now! Poor Barr doesn't see it. But every reader knows it is the truth. Nobody on earth would deny it but a Baptist!

Q. 1. Given above. Read it and believe the truth. Q. 2. I accept everything! the N. T. says about the church of the Lord. Do you? I am glad that Mr. Barr is learning that the Scriptures I used in the last speech do not "refer to, or even hint at the church started by Campbell." It would be much better for him to prove I am a member of Campbell's church than make a bare assertion. We are not debating now where Baptists are going I will take care of that when we get on that proposition. Debate this proposition Elder Barr. I hate to tell it, but it is really a shame to expose a Baptist preacher like this—but he is limited to a floating phantoms in his own head of Campbellism instead of any proof at all. I like Barr, but his brain is sadly balled up on religion, he appears after all to have a tender heart. Even the most deluded mossback ought to realize that there is a difference between what he invents as Campbellism and the teaching of God's Word. Every reader is confronted with two, only two, possible propositions, to wit: Either the New Testament is reliable authentic history, teaching the way of God through Christ, conducted for the good of all humanity, or the phantoms floating in his head shall become the standard which will damn those who follow Barr, Campbell, Wesley, Luther or Knox. It is a shame that the mind of my opponent is blank regarding all New Testament history. There are thousands reading this page who will take their Bible and check the truth. If Mr. Barr really wants to know something about the Lord's church of which I am positively a member, I recommend that he read the New Testament. There he will find the divinely ordained institution of which I am a member and Christ rules supremely. (Eph. 1:20-23).

Mr. Barr in, referring to the first one being baptized for the remission of sins misses again. Before Robert Amend's time in 1827, the Apostles gave the command in Acts 2:38 as they were moved by

the Holy Spirit. Doesn't he ever read the Bible. Scott would not have had to experiment, if he had been faithful to the Lord's Word. He wishes to infer now that those who teach the Bible truth experiment with souls. As an authority on what the Church of the Lord is not, Barr hold the belt. If he had any conception of what New Testament Christianity really is, he doubtless would have shot his wad at some other point than on the remission of sins. It is too plain for you to be misled on. As it is, he is but another sad but humorous example of the old saw that says: "Fools rush in where angels fear to tread." He is trying to put words in the mouths of men that they never said: Nothing in all he produced says "They experimented with souls." But rather gave them the truth as required in (Acts 2:38). This is real New Testament teaching, not experimentation, the Baptists should all obey the Lord, and fight with the Lord instead of against him. (Acts 19:1-6).

1. We do not experiment on souls when we urge them to just "Do as the Bible teaches." Doing Bible things in Bible ways and Calling Bible things by Bible names is all I am pleading for men to do.

2. The people on Pentecost were not "deluded men". They submitted to the Lord, not to man. Baptists are the deluded ones of the earth, believing a lie. (2 These. 2:10-12). All Catholic-Baptist theology can work on is deluded men and women and children. Those who read and think turn to the Lord's testimony, not man's. (Psa. 119:59).

3. We are not making the "above concession", but will say all people that have ever been saved, have Heard, Believed and obeyed the Gospel of Christ. There is no other way. I do not follow the heresies of Campbell or any other man, but the plain revelation of the New Testament. That is much better than "denominationalizing" as Catholic, Baptists and others do. Priest and preachers know the Bible believed and followed would 'bust' up their religion. Campbell was never with the Baptists to be excluded by them. Mr. Barr doesn't know the difference between "EXCLUDE" and "WITHDRAW."

Barr, is frightened at his own distorted notion of Campbellism, tries to make everything he reads prove his proposition. As to date not one line of proof has been presented that shows I belong to anything Campbell formed or had anything to do with.

In the last part of this debate he leaves the question of the debate and tries his hand at baptism. Read the proposition again, there is nothing about baptism in it. This kind of debating is the "Howls and rages and anguish" when he knows he has failed to show what he affirmed. Well, Mr. Barr, as far back as Bible teaching of the Lord goes—away back to Pentecost, we have the truth that Jesus established the Church of which I am a member. It has been slandered, blasphemed, denounced and robbed of its glory by Baptists since their beginning. No it is not the Christ you are really fighting, his people have never to this day known anything but the Lord's Revelation; It is your own conscience—the group you represent—the non-biblical class—the Bible-rejecting group, who live on experiences, trad-

itions and baptist superstition. You are simply fearing the expose you have coming through the pages of your paper. That's what you fear and you want everyone else to belong to human system.

Mr. Barr gets foolish. The foolishness he puts forth about the people in Houston knowing there is a "Campbellite church located at Wayside and Sherman" Houston. He knows as much about this as about what he is trying to prove in this discussion, NOTHING. There is no church meeting at Wayside and Sherman now. Mr. Barr why not try telling the true facts for a change.

The Church I am a member of is definitely revealed in the Scriptures. The Bible is the only place it can be found. No historian has ever dared lift his voice against) these facts as given last month. We want to state these immoveable truths for you.

Human powers did not:

Purpose the church of the Lord. (Eph. 3:10-11)

Build the Church. (Matt. 16:18)

Purchase the Church. (Acts 20:28)

Supply the Doctrine for the Church. (Gal., 1:8-12)

Add to the Church. (Acts 2:47)

CHRIST DID THE FOLLOWING FOR THE CHURCH I BELONG TO:

Purchased the Church with His Blood. (Acts 20:28)

Died for the Church. (Eph. 5:25)

Loved the Church (Eph. 5:25)

Provided the wholesome teaching. (2 John 9-11; 1 Tim. 6:3)

Leaving you to determine in view of your responsibility to God, on which side of this question the truth is found. The Bible is right. The only infallible rule of right. Go to the "Blessed Book" the fountain of truth I strive to follow. But my opponent, though bold in his assertions, has NOT FOUND ONE SOUND SCHOLAR TO SUSTAIN WHAT HE TRIES TO PROVE. You have read the arguments and have observed how closely from the very beginning of this debate he has shunned the Bible as deeply conscious it would condemn what he was advocating. I have given you the Bible, not my assertions. The truth is God's and God's unseen power is in it,

Sixth Affirmative by Elder Barr

MR. O'DOWD AND READERS

Mr. O'Dowd plainly evaded answering question No. 2 in my last affirmative. He gives a wild-cat translation and cites to 1 Corinthians 12:12 (Weymouth) in order to find "Church of Christ" in the Bible. Every honest person knows that such an expression cannot be found in the Bible. I hereby challenge my opponent to say that the word which is translated "church" is found in 1 Corinthians 12:

12. He will make himself a laughing stock to say so. Not a scholar among his brethren will make such a statement.

My opponent believes in a universal "Church of Christ" composed of all the saved. No such church can be found in the Bible— neither in fact nor in name. The New Testament churches were local bodies, composed of baptized believers. So are New Testament churches that are in the world today. The only argument my friend has made throughout this entire debate is on the name of the church. If he believes that "Church of God" is as good a title as "Church of Christ," then the "Church of God" holy' rollers have just as much right to claim to compose New Testament churches (according to Mr. O'Dowd's logic) as his little bunch has. The man-made thing is just a baby.

No place in the Bible will we find Christ giving his church a name in the sense churches are named today. My friend and his people place great emphasis on the name, and many people have been misled by them. Jesus referred to His church as "My Church." Certainly every New Testament church is a church of Christ in the sense that they belong to Him.

Please note the comparison of these two Scriptures: Romans 16: 16—"The churches of Christ salute you." 1 Corinthians 16: 19—"The churches of Asia salute you." If Romans 16:16 signifies a name, as O'Dowd would have you believe, then I insist that 1 Corinthians 16:19 is also a name. I submit that it is just as Scriptural to call the church, "The Church of Asia" as it is to call it, "The Church of Christ." Romans 16:16 is in the possessive case, signifying that the churches belong to Christ—just as I might say, "The mules of John Smith;" that's possessive case. I would not mean that the mules were named John Smith, but that they belonged to John Smith. Friend O'Dowd's contention for a place among the Lord's true churches reminds me of the Negro porter who came through the train crying, "Hot pork sandwiches! Hot pork sandwiches!" After several had bought sandwiches, one of the customers called the Negro back and said angrily, "Boy, these things are as cold as a wedge; I thought you said they were hot." But the porter replied, "No, suh, I didn't say dey wast hot—dat's just de name of 'em. That is the way it is with the church of O'Dowd's membership.

Here is what some of Mr. O'Dowd's brethren say about the name: Mr. E. M. Borden, a well known Campbellite preacher and debater, in his book "Jacob's Ladder," on page 65 says, "TO TELL THE TRUTH ABOUT THE MATTER, I HAVE NOT FOUND WHERE THE CHURCH, .AS A BODY, HAS BEEN NAMED, UNLESS YOU WOULD CALL SUCH EXPRESSIONS AS "CHURCH OF THE FIRST BORN," "CHURCH OF GOD," "CHURCHES OF CHRIST" NAMES, AND THEN IT WOULD HAVE SEVERAL NAMES. IF THERE WAS A SPECIAL NAME GIVEN TO THE CHURCH AS A BODY, WE COULD SURELY FIND IT." (Caps, mine). Why doesn't Mr. O'Dowd tell the truth like Mr. Borden, and admit that his church name is unscriptural. Mr. J. L. Hines, Campbellite preacher and debater of Dallas, Texas, says, in the "Norris-Hines De-

bate," on page 160, "Only people baptized INTO CHRIST—Galatians 3:27, are saved. There should be no such thing as a "Church of Christ," as you put it, Baptist) church or any other denomination; but simply "THE CHURCH" which includes all the redeemed." Does Mr. O'Dowd accept what his friend, Hines says about the name? Mr. Hines came to his rescue in the oral debate at Dallas. Perhaps the brethren do not dwell together in unity as they should. I urge the readers who know the Lord to pray for my poor deluded and blind friend that he may be saved. If he should come to know the Lord, then he would see that his tuning fork bunch has no connection whatever with the Word of God. Barr is not afraid of the Bible, as O'Dowd claims, but Barr signed to debate a historical proposition. Of course my friend would like for me to quit using historians to show that Campbell started the so-called "Church of Christ," of which O'Dowd is a member. Mr. C. M. Stubblefield, a preacher of O'Dowd's faith, in his booklet, "The Churches of Christ How They Began and Grew in America," has this to say, on page 5, "Now, if we will keep these facts in mind, we can understand what is meant by the term, The Restoration movement, a term found so often in the books and papers circulated among the members of the churches of Christ today. It refers to a movement inaugurated by Stone, the Campbells and others, designed to restore Christ's church to the world precisely as it was in it's beginning." If O'Dowd was honest like his brother, Stubblefield seems to be, he would admit that the religious movement of which he is a member was and is identified with the Campbell movement.

Mr. O'Dowd didn't like for me to show that his teaching on baptism in order to obtain remission of sins was started by the Campbells and others instead of Christ. Mr. T. R. Burnett (Campbellite), in his debate with Wilmeth—p. 31, says: "We ask you to point out a body of people on earth that baptized persons, 'for the remission of sins' in the sense of your proposition at the same time Alexander Campbell was born—You forget that Alexander Campbell was not born in the sixteenth century! His reformatory work did not begin 'til 1812, so you have a gap of some two hundred years between the Waldenses and Brush Run, Pa.! How do you bridge the gap? How do you 'clasp hands over the bloody chasm?' Yes, here is the bloody chasm in which the whole rebaptism fraternity is engulfed forever. You have to admit that during a long period the church was composed of persons who were not baptized 'for the remission of sins' as you understand it, or you have to admit that the church failed during that period."

Mr. Campbell says: "How will they (the Baptists) answer to the Lord for casting out of His church on earth (as they call the Dover Association) these whom they have every reason to think are esteemed as much the children of God as themselves?" —(Mill. Harb. Vol. 3, p. 573). Again Campbell says: "A few individuals, about the commencement of the present century, began to reflect upon ways and means to restore primitive Christianity." —(Christianity Restored, p. 6). He also says: "The rise of this society, if we

only look back to the drawing of the lines of debarkation between it and other professors, is of recent origin." —(Relig, Ency. p. 462).

Mr. Burnett said: "Within the last forty-five years, a community has grown from zero to half a million." —(Living Pulpit, p. 343).

Certainly all can see that Brush Run, Pa. is the place that O'Dowd's group started.

Charles V. Segar said: "Alexander Campbell soon became chiefly and prominently known as the recognized head of a new movement, the purpose of which is to restore primitive Christianity in all its simplicity and beauty. Out of this movement has grown a people who choose to call themselves Christians, or Disciples, now numbering not less than five hundred thousand members in the United States."—(Life of A, Campbell, p. 25).

I trust that many will come to know from this debate that it is Jesus Christ that saves the soul of every penitent sinner that comes by faith to Him for salvation. Then may many of you find one of the Lord's true churches and become a member of it. Since the New Testament church, as all reasonably candid and learned men agree, cannot be traced by any definite name, one must resort to its characteristics. The doctrine of the true church places salvation in Jesus and him alone. Baptism, ordinances, and church membership do not save, but Jesus does.

Barr does not claim to be a great debater, like my friend seeks to make you believe. I am a sinner saved by the grace of God and called of God to preach His gospel. Almost, any one could meet O'Dowd in debate. If he could be bought for what he is actually worth, and sold for what he thinks he is worth, one would become a millionaire over night.

Sixth Negative By Elder O'Dowd

Mr. Barr and Friends:

Mr. Barr is still complaining, begging for sympathy and certainly a man on the side of error must plead something besides TRUTH, I have no fear in contending for the Lord's Truth. When we give him what he asks for, he replies by saying: "A WILD-CAT TRANSLATION." The man at least should be able to READ, doesn't he know the difference between a "wildcat and Weymouth?" Just because they start with a "W" is no reason for saying such things, but Mr. Barr is confused, hard-pressed and bewildered in the futile attempt to prove what he set out to do. It's not the man, but Baptist prejudice and Satanic blindness that cause him to hate the truth and love error.

Mr. Barr thinks a man is the laughing stock that simply believes the Bible. I answer his challenge, by submitting the Word of God again. You read and decide.

"For as the BODY IS ONE, and hath many members, and all the members of the body, being many are ONE BODY; so also is Christ." (1 Cor. 12:12).

"And He is the head of the Body, the church: who is the beginning, the first born from the dead; that he might have the pre-

eminence . . . Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and fill up on my part that which is lacking of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for HIS BODY'S SAKE, which is the CHURCH." (Col. 1:18 and 24).

Will the gentleman of the Baptists slander this part of God's word by designating it as "wildcat?" This is Scripture, not the scholarship of men, Mr. Barr. We prefer to speak as the oracles of God. (1 Pet. 4:11). It is clear that the Bible contains a full and complete presentation of the truths and facts essential to sound, religious teaching. The very admission that they were given by "inspiration of God," and that salvation depends upon their being accepted by us, is sufficient of itself to place the point under argument beyond the reach of cavil. Therefore, upon Mr. Barr's admission that God prepared the church through Christ and that there are New Testament churches in the world today, the conclusion is irresistible, that the Church of which I am a member is the NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH, that Christ, not Campbell, is it's head and heart and life, and needs not the aid of Councils, Synods, Conferences, Baptist Manuals, creeds or confessions of men to do the work. Indeed this is affirmed in the Scriptures cited in this discussion. My faith rests in the WORD OF INSPIRATION, and not in the wisdom of men. Barr and all Baptists might believe in Christ and His Church, and turn from the unscriptural Baptist way.

Mr. Barr would further slander the Word of God by claiming that the "Holy Rollers" have just as much right to claim to be New Testament churches as O'Dowd. This man-made thing is just a baby." It may be just a baby, but it is the Lord's baby. All denominational appellations, whether framed of the Bible or human terms by men are wrong, they do not abide in the doctrine of Christ. (2 John 9-11). The name alone does not make men's churches scriptural. (Rom. 16:16-18).

Mr. Barr should read the Bible and debate less: Hear him: "No place in the Bible will we find Christ giving his church a name in the sense churches are named today." God has committed to us as a people, distinguished from Catholics, Baptists and Jews, a special, precious and glorious plea. It is the restoration of primitive Christianity, in letter and spirit, in faith and practice. It is my province in this discussion to point out the Word of God against the word of men.

1. That the church of the New Testament originated with, was founded and is owned by, the Lord Jesus Christ. As to her origin. I observed that she originated with the Lord Jesus Christ. This is clear from these facts: Mr. Barr dare not deny them.

a. Christ purchased her with HIS OWN BLOOD. "Feed the CHURCH OF THE LORD which He purchased with His own blood," (Acts 20:28 R. V.).

b. "Christ loved the church and gave himself for it, that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water, by the word, that He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not

having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish." (Eph. 5:25-27).

c. Christ founded her upon] the rock. "Upon this rock I will build MY CHURCH, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (Matt. 16:18).

d. Christ sent the promised Comforter, or endued the Church with power from on high. (John 16:5-7; Luke 24:49).

e. Christ prospered the efforts in the building. This was done amid the most violent opposition. But the Lord was with His Church. It was His House.

2. AS TO HER OWNERSHIP: I have proven that she is the LORD'S. Christ calls her "MY CHURCH". She is the Lord's.

a. BY SOVEREIGN CHOICE. "Chosen in HIM before the foundation of the world." (Eph. 1:4).

b. BY COVENANT AGREEMENT: Given the Lord by the Father.

c. BY RIGHT OF ESTABLISHMENT: "Upon this rock I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH." (Matt. 16:18).

d. BY ACTUAL PURCHASE. (Acts 20:28; Eph. 5:25-27).

e. By selecting builders for His building, and prospering and approving of their labors.

3. AS TO HER FOUNDATION. I have proven it is Christ. He is her founder. This is clear.

a. "Behold I lay in Zion for a FOUNDATION, a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation." (Isa. 28:16). "That Rock (or stone) was Christ." (1 Cor. 10:4).

b. "This is the STONE which was set at naught of you builders, which is become the head of the corner." (Acts 4:11; 1 Pet. 2:5-6).

c. "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is JESUS CHRIST." (1 Cor. 3:11)

d. "Are built upon the foundation of the Apostles and prophets, JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF being the chief CORNER-STONE, in whom all the building fitly framed together, groweth into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom ye are builded together for a habitation of God through the Spirit." (Eph. 2:20-22). The incontestable fact of Christ's being the ORIGIN, OWNER, FOUNDER of the church is proven by these Scriptures and facts. Therefore, Alexander Campbell or any other frail man cannot be her founder, as Mr. Barr supposes. Such supposition is unwarranted by the teaching of sacred oracles, and the course of opposition and the attempt of Mr. Barr to fight against God is attended by ridicule, assertions, complaints, and blasphemy against the Bible.

This debate will help restore the God-given thought, that the Lord is the glorious and illustrious FOUNDER of the Church of the New Testament Scriptures. The right of establishing any other kind we deny. Jesus our Lord established HIS CHURCH, and we are seeking to build up the same according to the Divine Pattern Given. The God-given church name is: "Church of Christ," (Matt.

16:18) "Churches of Christ," (Rom. 16:16) or "Church of the Lord." (Acts 20:28).

Our proposition is successfully established: We adopt Scriptural words and phrases, as given in the Word of God, in the declaration of Scriptural ideas. That is: "BIBLE THINGS ARE CALLED BY BIBLE NAMES." Who has the right to change God-given names? By what authority do men call the people of God by such unwarranted nick-names? Mr. Barr should tell us, and then apologize for so doing!

On the comparison my friend Barr tries to draw on Romans 16:16 and 1 Cor. 16-19, exposes his ignorance of the English language, as well as lack of information on authentic history, when he says Romans 16:16 is in the possessive case. There is no indication of the possessive case except in the mind of a Baptist preacher. Give us the proof this is possessive. "The Churches of Asia" simply meant the churches of Christ of Romans 16:16 that dwelt in the territory of Asia. Anyone knows this that reads the Bible. His little quibble on "The mules of John Smith" is beside the point. Jesus calls "My Church" the "Churches of Christ." Then the little joke he tried to pull is not analogous with the Revelation of the Lord, for the Lord's church is named by heaven and is the only name under heaven given among men where we must be saved. (Acts 4:12).

Mr. Barr seems to forget that he is debating with O'Dowd, not Borden, Hines, or someone else. These brethren will be glad to meet him in discussion. In fact, Brother J. L. Hines tried to offer him some propositions for a discussion and Mr. Barr threatened to hit him. Brother Hines was not trying to rescue anyone in the debate, just simply trying to get a Baptist preacher to live up to a challenge he made. Mr. Barr have you signed up with Brother Hines for the Debate? Will you? Brother Hines is right the Church of Christ as a denomination would be just as wrong as denominationalism or Catholicism, but as revealed in the Bible, it is Scriptural, authorized and headed by the Lord. Stubblefield, Burnet, Hines, Campbell, O'Dowd, Campbell and Stone were fallible men subject to mistakes, but the Word of God is not mistaken.

Now Mr. Barr wants to know where anyone was baptized for the remission of sins before these men and the sixteenth century. We recommend that he read and believe (Acts 2:38). These people were baptized for the remission of sins before Campbell and we obey the same Lord and same teaching today.

Mr. Barr does not know the difference between Brush Run, Pa. and Jerusalem. The Church of the Lord began on Pentecost. I preach the same message, believe the same facts and obey the same commands as Peter, not Campbell, preached. Christ is the head of the church. (Eph. 1:20-23).

The Lord instituted His own (and but one) church for the happiness of His children. He instituted His church, He purchased her, He established her upon the rock. He name her, "My Church" "Church of the Lord" and "Churches of Christ". From the teach-

ings of Christ and His Apostles we learn this is the Lord's church and can be traced in every land where their words have been believed and obeyed. The Bible record is clear. Mr. Barr teaches otherwise. He claims divisions are authorized of God, and many churches, with different names are a wise arrangement, so that all people can unite with any church to suit their own pleasure.

I agree heartily with Mr. Barr, that the church cannot be traced by any human name. In the Bible, the Church is, by metaphor, compared to a natural family; and inasmuch as earthly parents have an undoubted right to name their own children, then God has the undisputed right to name His church, which is made up of His children; and having named her "The Church of the Lord" "My Church" "Churches of Christ" or the "Church of God," we, the children of God, should beware of nicknaming her, as Mr. Barr would do, or denying that she has been definitely named by the Lord!

O'Dowd does not boast of being great in any sense. The language of the Bible describes my standing among brethren and the Lord, "Unto to me, who am less than the least of all saints, was this grace given (to expose the Baptist's errors) to preach unto the Gentiles (Baptists) the unsearchable riches of Christ." (Eph. 3:8). I do not have to be bought and sold to become a millionaire, Mr. Barr, I am God's millionaire in the richness and fullness of New Testament revelation.

Seventh Affirmative by Elder Barr Thank God for the noble confession of Mr. O'Dowd. He virtually admits that there is no one specific name given to the New Testament church by citing us to several different names. Away goes his pet claim that the church he is a member of is named 'The Church of Christ.'

Please look in your Bibles to 1 Cor. 12:12 and you will see that the word church is not there. Yet O'Dowd claims it is. Does he not think people can read for themselves? It is just another of the man's perversions.

All of the scriptures that my friend gives showing that the church belongs to Jesus, and that He purchased it with His own blood, etc. I heartily accept. This does not help his cause any as the scriptures referred to are speaking of the New Testament churches, and not the one Mr. Campbell started. That is the one my friend is identified with.

Mr. O'Dowd renounces his brethren, Hines, Borden and others as not being reputable historians.

My opponent accuses me of claiming that God authorizes divisions. That is about as near as he ever? gets to telling the truth. I have never made such acclaim. God's Word certainly does not authorize divisions. Men who thus misrepresent an opponent are not men that are safe to believe concerning anything, especially, when they claim to represent God. I do not teach and neither does the Bible that people are to unite with any church to suit their own pleasure.

Surely Mr. O'Dowd should be honest enough to not deliberately misrepresent his opponent.

Here are more reputable historians testifying to the fact that Campbell and not Christ is the head of the church of my friend's membership: Richardson (Campbell's son-in-law):

'Thus it was through various instrumentalities that principles advocated were widely diffused abroad everywhere more or less opposed, but everywhere developing the power of truth and modifying the state of religious society; Mr. Campbell found himself to be the center of a constantly widening circle of influence, and, under Divine Providence, AN ACKNOWLEDGED GUIDE to a large and intelligent community zealously engaged in the work of the reformation," (M. of Camp. Vol. 2, P. 295).

Again Mr. Richardson says:

"Like a balance-wheel, he (Campbell) regulated 'the entire movement of the reformation, and, on repeated occasions, preserved it from disasters which were impending from the ambitions or the rashness of its friends." (M. of C. Vol. 2, p. 669). Campbell was the preserver and not Jesus Christ. Read Matt. 16:18. In "Campbell-Rice Debate," p. 506 Campbell says:

"It is Mr. President, our honor to have given to the world THE FIRST EXAMPLE in modern times, of a great community made up of accessions from all communities, meeting on the Bible alone; and while aiming at one faith (for there is but one true faith), bearing with each other's opinions and views, and still making out to 'maintain unity of spirit in the bonds of peace.

The NAME of Campbell's followers has been used variously, "The Reformers," "The Christian Church," "Disciples of Christ," "The Church of Christ," "Campbellites," etc. These all originated with the movement under the Campbells. Mr. John F. Rowe says in "Apostolic Church Restored," p. 137:

"Simultaneous with the movement of the Campbells in Washington county, Pa. there was a similar movement in Kentucky, led by a man of pronounced abilities, Barton W. Stone, whose movement for reform was subsequently absorbed in the stronger movement of the Campbells.

The movement under Stone was called "The Christian Church" and the one under Campbell "Reformers," The union effected between the two movements in Kentucky, Feb. 26, 1832, took the name of "THE CHURCH OF CHRIST," the name being suggested first by Thomas M. AN en, and not by Jesus Christ. Dr. Richardson says:

Thomas M. Alien coming to Lexington, induced them to complete the union and to transfer to the new congregation, thus formed under the title of 'The Church of Christ,' the comfortable meeting house which they had previously held under the designation of 'The Christian Church.' This wise measure secured entire unanimity, and was especially gratifying to the Reformers, who had been meeting in a rented building," (M. of C. Vol. 2, p. 384).

"They (Disciples of Barton W. Stone) took the name "Christian" and adopted the Bible as their only creed.

"The Campbells began a similar work just a little later in the western part of Pennsylvania and the eastern part of Virginia. This movement began to grow and extend itself into the surrounding states. It soon reached Kentucky, where it took deep root and grew rapidly. It came to pass that there were congregations of Campbell's disciples scattered about over the middle part of the state just as there were of the disciples of Stone. It was as if two stones were cast into the pond at the same time. A series of concentric waves would begin from the point where each struck the water and would continue to spread until they overlapped each other."

Ziegler, in "History of Religious Denominations," says:

"The Christian or Campbellite church was founded by Alexander Campbell, of Virginia, in the year 1827."

International Reference Work, Vol. 2, p. 449 date 1926:

"Alexander Campbell, eminent divine, born at Shane's Castle, Ireland, Sept. 12, 1788; died in Bethany, W. Va. March 4, 1866."

"Becoming dissatisfied with Calvinism, he and his father, also a noted minister, organized a church at Brush Run, Pa. in 1827 he organized the denomination now called Disciples of Christ, or Christians, though formerly called Campbellites."

From a book published by the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the census—Religious Bodies 1936, Vol. 2, Part 1, p. 469:

"Churches of Christ," History, Doctrine, Organization. In their early history the churches which gathered under the leadership of Thomas and Alexander Campbell, Water Scott, and Barton W. Stone emphasized the distinctively apostolic character of the individual church, not merely as a worshipping congregation and a working force, but as an autonomous ecclesiastical body. As set forth in the Declaration and Address by Thomas Campbell, they deplored human creeds and systems and protested against considering anything as a matter of faith and duty for which there could not be produced a "Thus saith the Lord," either in expressed terms, approved example, or necessary inference.

As the churches increased in membership and wealth, however, there arose what seemed to some to be a desire for popularity and for such, human inventions as had been deplored in the beginning of the movement.

The question as to the use of instrumental music in the services of the church became an issue as early as 1859, when a melodeon was placed in the church at Midway, Ky.

It was inevitable that such divergences of opinion should result in the formation of opposing parties, and these parties were variously called "Conservatives" and "Progressives," or Antis and Digressives. Actual division however, came slowly.

In the census report for 1890 both parties were reported together under the title, "Disciples of Christ," In the report for 1906 the conservatives were reported separately as "Churches of Christ," but the results were not altogether satisfactory, as it was difficult to draw the line between them and the Disciples of Christ. There is

now a clear distinction between the two groups ..."

I suppose friend O'Dowd will pursue his usual course and say that the United States government is uninformed, ignorant, biased with current opinion, or is a Baptist.

I thank God for the continued privilege of showing the people who read our papers the truth about the beginning of the so-called Church of Christ of O'Dowd's membership. It cannot be found in the Bible, but profane history speaks abundantly of it.

My friend contends in his last negative that the expression, "Churches of Christ," as found in Rom. 16:16 is not in the possessive case. Has he never studied grammar. Please look at the scripture for yourselves, and see that it is in the possessive case.

Mr. O'Dowd would have you believe that Acts 2:38 says be baptized in order to obtain remission of sins. The scripture says no such thing. Nor does any other scripture in the Bible say that one is baptized in order to obtain remission of sins. It is another one of Mr. O'Dowd's additions to the Word of God. Read Rev. 22:18, 19.

Webster's New International Dictionary:

"Campbellite, n. A member of the denomination called the Disciples of Christ;—so-called from Alexander Campbell (1788-1866) of Virginia, the founder of the sect, which, however repudiates the nick-name."

So you see friends that Mr. Webster speaks the truth concerning my friend's people. My opponent will no doubt say that Mr. Webster is biased with current opinion, that he is unlearned, ignorant, as mean as the devil, or a Baptist.

I plead with all that read to investigate the facts as given, and be not deceived by the numerous false prophets that are abroad in the land, representing man-made cults. They of course all claim to be the New Testament church. Read Matt. 24:5; Matt. 24:11. One might claim that a sun-flower is a rose, or that a skunk is a house kitty, but their claim will not make it true.

Seventh Negative by Elder O'Dowd

Mr. Barr and Respected Readers:

Mr. Barr says "He virtually admits." Is it possible that he is too prejudiced to see or read what I write. I have identified Christ's Church. "Upon this rock I will build MY CHURCH." (Matt. 16:18). We are taught by JESUS that He would build but ONE CHURCH. This Christ denominates "MY CHURCH." It follows with conclusive-ness of demonstrations, that the New Testament refers to one and the same church. That all churches built after this pattern are churches of Christ. Rom. 16:16). I gave what WEYMOUTH SAID CONCERNING 1 COR. 12:12, yet Mr. Barr wants to ascribe that to me. "SO IS THE CHURCH OF CHRIST." I perverted nothing, just quoted this translation!

I have a clear view of the Church Jesus built, am a member of it, running up the stream of time nineteen centuries and visit Jerusalem on that eventful Pentecost which first occurred after the coronation of JESUS, KING OF SAINTS. With an unbiased mind we accept and

believe the teaching of the Holy Spirit with reference to the church Jesus built. He speaks infallibly—He made no mistakes. This is the beginning of the beautiful spiritual temple that rises under heaven, directed by the Master Builders—the Apostles of Jesus. No improvement can be made upon this church which is the production of Him in whom dwelt all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Christ built His church by the Spirit, through the Apostles; and divinely named it and propounded the terms of admission into it.

The Apostles preached under divine commission. Their preaching could neither transcend or fall short of this commission: "Go ye into the world, and preach the gospel to every creature; he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved: he that believeth not shall be damned. (Mark 16:16). The Apostles conformed in their teaching, to the commission, and the converts to the preaching of the apostles. The terms of remission into the church, complied with, the gospel was magnified, sinners were saved, and the King Immortal honored! This identifies Christ's Church, by pointing out the terms of admission into equal, is Christ's Church. I believe no teaching, but the Apostles doctrine. Follow no creed, but the Christ. I am a member of Christ's, not Campbell's Church.

What panic these truths have created in Mr. Barr. What complaints! What groans. What murmur of discordant voices. "Heartily accepting the Scriptures, yet trying to overthrow it by Hines, Borden, Richardson and others. Whatever, you may think, you know that I have with boldness and to the point of Scripture, have declared plainly that I am a member of no man-made church in the world, and because I am acceptable with Christ's revelation, Mr. Barr, baptist fashion, when they cannot meet arguments, vulgarly cry "Follower of CAMPBELL." The testimony of the Scripture is all I need to sustain my allegation.

If Mr. Barr could not discuss this proposition, why did he issue the challenge? I accept his proposition and have disproved every charge he has slanderously made against the LORD'S CHURCH. I have constantly adhered to the Infallible rule, and would act much like an idiot should I measure by a fallible one through Campbell as Mr. Barr asserts without foundation.

Jesus is the grand master builder. He gave all the rules of spiritual architecture, in accordance with the superb temple, the church, which I belong to through obedience to Divine truth. I am a member of the "House of the Living God" and not a denominational shanty founded by Campbell or any other man. I am not severe. I must use plainness of speech. I am a member of the Church of Christ itself, as it existed in the days of the apostles, it is here today in its original simplicity and glory, following the Divine revelation. March right up to the line of these truths, now, be Honest. This must be Christ church because of the universal opposition that it receives from the sects. Can Mr. Barr be a member of Christ's Church and at the same time oppose Christ's Church?

We have shown that we follow after the ideal pattern of the church, we are regulated and founded according to the doctrine and discipline

laid down in the New Testament, especially the Book of Acts of the Apostles, such an aggregate body is justly, scripturally and properly called the LORD'S CHURCH. Will Mr. Barr say AMEN to this? Will he reduce it to practice? Will he build after this divine pattern? Will they drop their party Baptist name? I am mightily pleased to be a member of the ideal congregation as presented in the Book of Acts. I exhort you Baptists, to read over and over again, the book of Acts, with a view of ascertaining the things believed and done under the ministry of the apostles in order to enter the apostolic church.

Mr. Barr is divided from Christ's Church, in a church the Bible does not even name. Not so with the church which I am identified with. The names appropriated, are ALL BIBLE NAMES, All the terms or conditions of admission are in apostolic sermons: and in the "perfect law of liberty," all the Christian duties and privileges. I defy my opponent to show one condition which we either require or omit, in order to admission into Christ's Church, which the apostles did not require or omit, just as I do.

The church of Jesus, built upon the rock, is a DIVINE INSTITUTION, to the principles of which all men to whom the gospel should be preached, would be under obligations and divine and eternal to submit. It admits of no competitor, it allows no substitute. It is but one BODY, having one HEAD, as Jesus was one head, having but one body. It had but one gospel, one perfect law of liberty. And it opened its mouth, and by the authority of heaven, uttered a damning denunciation against every man and angel who should preach any other gospel. (Gal. 1:8-9). I submit to all things taught by the Apostles. I do not do my own will, but the will of God. I deny myself. Jesus is my ALL IN ALL.

The references introduced again by Mr. Barr, Richardson, Webster, government, etc. They do not in any sense, prove I am a member of the church Campbell established. It would be one thing to prove Campbell started a church, which has not been done. It will be altogether a different thing to prove I belong to it. If we read all of these carefully, and given them all the force which by fair examination they are supposed to possess, they prove nothing more than that some human beings have expressed some opinions without any concrete evidence. Not a witness thus far introduced has proven Campbell heads anything I am a member of. Let Mr. Barr, bring forth proof naming JUST ONE THING, not a THOUSAND, that I teach, believe or practice that CAMPBELL is the AUTHOR OF. I have challenged him repeatedly for this information. There is certainly a great difference in saying Campbell is the head and proving it. We have examined the strongest that can be produced by Mr. Barr, those that he thinks established his proposition. I have shown that not one of them prove it, but disprove what he asserts. Study these things. It is unreasonable and anti-scriptural for me to follow Christ and Campbell at the same time? I have proven I honor Christ. Obey Him. Only those who condemn truths to which they cannot reply, and which none can refute, can believe that O'Dowd follows any man. Mr. Barr is against the Bible because it is against him. The extreme folly of

these so-called historians is manifest to all men. If Mr. Barr will tell us how the primitive church managed to get along without Campbell, I am sure he will scatter to the four winds, his own miserable sophistries against the Lord's Church as expressed and taught in Bible Words. I know of no man in the world, that believes that Campbell founded the Church of Christ, among those who believe and follow the Bible. We are freed-men of the Lord. Those who are servile enough to bow down to Campbell, Luther, Knox, John the Baptist, or others may do so. ONE IS OUR MASTER, EVEN CHRIST, and to Him we stand or fall as members of the CHURCH JESUS BUILT. WE RECEIVE BIBLE WORDS, not human words.

I still insist that we have the proof, not assertion that Roman 16:16 is in the POSSESSIVE CASE. There is no sign of the possessive. Give us the grammar, Mr. Barr!

How can Mr. Webster speak the truth, when I am not a member of any SECT? Try again, Mr. Barr.

Mr. Barr may sneer at the Bible and its teaching concerning Christ's church. In spite of all sneers and scoffs we shall continue to use our utmost efforts build our lives and establish New Testament congregations after the LORD'S DIVINE PATTERN, Jesus gave His Bride, no other name, "My Church" "Lamb's wife" and no other rule for governing than the Word of God. You are spell-bound by sectarianism, and are simply trying to ridicule the church of the Lord that I am a member of and there is no other name. (Acts 4:12).

Eighth Affirmative by Elder Barr

Mr. O'Dowd and Readers:

My friend claims to be identified with the "My Church," of Matt. 16:18 when every school boy in America knows that the so-called church of Christ is identified with the Campbell movement. If Mr. O'Dowd can run up the stream for nineteen centuries then let him give us the name of one church and its location that called itself 'The church of Christ', and taught the same things the church he is identified with teaches that existed in the year 1500. Let him give the name of a preacher that preached for such a church. There were no such churches as his, or preachers like him in the entire world in 1500, and he knows it.

Note that my opponent says, "THE EXTREME FOLLY OF THESE SO-CALLED HISTORIANS IS MANIFEST TO ALL MEN." Mr, O'Dowd discredits every one as a historian but himself. How can an honest man deny the findings of all the great and good men cited in this debate. They, without a dissenting voice, teach us that Campbell organized the church known in the world today as The Church of Christ.'

The church my friend is a member of goes by a name not found in the Bible. The name "The Church of Christ" cannot be found in God's Book.

Please note this statement in Rom. 16:16, "The churches of Christ salute you." Ask any student of grammar, and they will tell you that "Churches of Christ" is in the possessive case.

The Debater from Houston, Texas, charges Webster, who wrote the greatest of all dictionaries, as being a liar in his last negative.

Mr. Barr does not sneer or scoff at the Bible or its teachings, and I certainly do not oppose the true churches of the living God, I am certainly in opposition to the man-made church of my friends identity that is set up in opposition to Bible churches.

Mr. O'Dowd said this in his last negative, "JESUS GAVE HIS BRIDE NO OTHER NAME, "MY CHURCH" "LAMB'S WIFE." Thank God! for such a noble confession from the pen of my history denying friend. I have both the Bible and Mr. O'Dowd to witness that Jesus did not give His bride the name The Church of Christ." I have failed to find the name "My church" or the name "Lamb's Wife," tacked upon any of the churches of my friends identity. According to his own reasoning he is lost, and on his road to hell, as he is a member of a church that uses a name that Jesus never gave.

More historical proof that Campbell started my friend's church:

The New Standard Encyclopedia, Vol. 2:

"Alexander Campbell, founder of the sect known as the 'Disciples of Christ,' or more commonly the 'Campbellites'."

Croswell said in Ency. of Religious Knowledge, p. 462:

"The Campbellites are named from Alexander Campbell."

Haggenback's Historical Dictionary, Vol. 2, p. 224:

"Disciples of Christ (Campbellite Baptist). The body owes its origin to the labors of Messrs. Thomas and Alexander Campbell" The Popular and Critical Bible Encyclopedia: Speaking of the movement known as the "Disciples of Christ," this encyclopedia says:

"This movement began in the early part of the nineteenth century in different parts of the country." (Vol. 1, p. 528).

Biblical, Theological and Ecclesiastical Encyclopedia, Vol. 2. p. 57.

"Alexander Campbell, founder of the Campbellites, or Disciples of Christ, was born in the country of Antrim, Ireland, about the year 1788 . . . Being excluded from the fellowship of the Baptist churches in 1827, his followers began to organize into a separate body, which has since spread in all parts of the United States."

NEW CHURCH: "J. M. Kidwell said in 1889 that they were only sixty or seventy years old.

"David Lipscomb said in the Gospel Advocate, October 29, 1891, that they were only seventy-five years old in Tennessee. This was indorsed heartily by E. G. Sewell, J. C. McQuiddy, W. H. Timmons, J. W. Grant, J. E. Scoby, F. W. Smith, F. W. Anderson, H. Zellner, James H. Davis, J. L. Bryant, T. A. Smith and F. B.; Srygley, J. H. Grime in 'Grime-Alien Debate, p. 40).

The church of my friend's membership is a false claimant—it is about 1800 years too young to be the true Church of Christ.

Christianity did without Campbellism for eighteen hundred years, and it was an imposition for Campbell to start his movement in the religious world. It is still an imposition for O'Dowd to continue to seek and force his Campbell movement on the world.

Mr. T. R. Burnett, one of the leading debaters of the Campbellite church, and editor of the Christian Messenger, says: "Christ founded

His church upon a rock, and it has been there ever since. In the days of Alexander Campbell it was wearing the name 'Baptist Church.' With Alexander Campbell we say, the kingdom was with the Baptists before he and his coadjutors started the Reformation." (What and Where Is The Church, p. 73). To one of his brethren, Mr. Burnett says.

"If the Baptists do not reach to the apostles, he should march right up to the difficulty and show us where the church was seventy-five years ago." (Christian Messenger, March 9, 1887).

In debate with Mr. J. R. Wilmeth, one of his brethren, on the question of the Campbellites rebaptising people coming to them from other churches, Mr. Burnett in denial of the rebaptism" doctrine, says:

"It requires us to believe that a new church was established at Brush Run, Pa. in 1813, and that the old church of Christ failed before the birth of Alexander Campbell! If Brother Wilmeth says he does not hold this point of the doctrine, we challenge him to tell us where the church was when Alexander Campbell was born! The scriptures say it should 'Stand forever,' and, 'have no end,' and 'never destroyed,' and if the Scriptures tell the truth this rebaptism doctrine is false. Not one of the old pioneers fathers believed his proposition, when baptized, and hence did not receive valid baptism; and if they constituted the church of Christ, there was not a man in it that had valid baptism; Tell us, Brother Wilmeth, if the Lord authorized sinners to reestablish His church? Did he go into the devil's kingdom and commission Alexander Campbell and Walter Scott and John Smith and Jacob Creath to administer Baptism, and initiate people into the kingdom of God?" (Wilmeth-Burnett Debate, pp. 16).

Mr. Burnett in the same debate, p. 24 said:

"And by all means tell us where the church was when Campbell was born! We have called upon the rebaptists of Texas many times for an answer to this question, but they have never answered. You are a scholar and a historian, Brother Wilmeth, and we demand an answer at your hands. If you know where the church was when Alexander Campbell was born, tell us at once. If you think it was utterly destroyed as your doctrine requires, and that an unbaptised sinner set it up and re-established it, we wish to measure arms with you on that part of the field."

George Park Fisher, D.D. LL.D.

In his Church History (Charles Scribner's Sons, N. Y. Publishers) says:

"Alexander Campbell, now the leader of the movement, was excluded, in 1827, from the fellowship of the Baptists on account of some differences of opinion. He formed a separate organization, which grew to be vëry numerous, especially in the Western and Southwestern States . . . The 'Campbellites,' as they were sometimes called, styled themselves simply 'Disciples' or 'Christians.' (p. 565).

Zell's Condensed Encyclopedia, p. 290:

"In 1827, having been cut off altogether from fellowship with the Baptist church, they organized themselves' into an independent body."

Ency. Britannica, Vol. 4, Ninth Edition, Sect, of Revs, and Addt. p. 391:

"Alexander Campbell in 1827 organized the church which is variously called 'Disciples of Christ,' 'Christians,' 'Church of Christ,' and 'Campbellites'.

My friend and his brethren are sectarians to the core in spite of his claims to the contrary. Here is Webster's definition of sectarian, "One of a sect; a member or adherent of a; special school, or religious or philosophical party; one of a party in religion which has separated itself from an established church.'

Mr. O'Dowd thinks all of the numerous historians given to be vulgar because they tell the truth about the origin of Campbellism.

It doesn't matter what Weymouth said about 1 Cor. 12:12. The fact is that O'Dowd tried to find his pet expression, "Church of Christ' in the scripture when he knows that the word translated church is not in the verse. Why did he thus seek to mishandle the Word of God?

Every scripture referring to the New Testament church cited by my friend is an indictment against the church he is a member of. The one he is a member of is not mentioned in the Bible.

Eighth Negative by Elder O'Dowd

Mr. Barr and Respected Readers:

All that Mr. Barr says is begging the question, with reference to there being a church founded by Campbell. HE MUST PROVE WHAT HE SO OFTEN ASSERTS, that I am identified with the Campbell movement. I am identified with the people of God. "Whosoever shall do the will of My Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother." (Matt. 12:50). There is no such thing as "Campbell movement" or denominational names in the New Testament, be cause there are no denominations there. "For we are members of one another." (Eph. 4:25), not members of "Campbell movement." "There is one body and one Spirit, even as ye are called in hope of your calling." (Eph. 4:4)* "Head over all things to the church, which is His body." (Eph. 1:22). "Even as Christ is the head of the church: and the savior of the body." (Eph. 5:23). "For we are members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones-" (Eph. 5:30). "He that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit." (1 Cor. 6:17). "Your bodies are members of Christ." (1 Cor. 6:15). These teach I am in the BODY of Christ, and that BODY IS HIS Church, not Campbells. There is not a school-boy in America that can find a church named after Campbell. This is Mr. Barr's assertion against facts!

There is no HISTORIAN that is honest that can produce one CHURCH IN THE WORLD wearing CAMPBELL'S NAME! They have accepted ignorance, prejudice and tradition. Tell us which authentic Historian has named the church and place where it is located that Claims Campbell as it's founder? Mr. Barr knows as well as you do, that there is no fact for supporting this assumption. He knows that I do not do anything in the NAME OF CAMPBELL!

Campbell as the founder of the church I belong to is absurd, there is nothing further from the truth than that. Campbell warned men against following men in religion, against belonging to churches founded by men. I am following Christ, not Campbell. I do not believe in anything in religion except that which I can read from the Bible. I ask none to do anything, but what I can show from the Bible. I stand on the solid Rock, the Bible. I can give Scripture for what I teach and practice. I hold no doctrine, nor practice anything as God's servant that was not known in the world before Campbell was born. We have put Mr. Barr to the test, not one thing has he named that Campbell is the author of, that I believe or practice. He cannot prove the charge, now he should be man enough to withdraw it as false. He has had eight speeches in which to find one doctrine or practice of Campbell's that I follow. We know the charge is false and founded on prejudice and hatred for the Word of God Discreetly he has avoided presenting even one thing. Mr. Barr is the only one who can appreciate the voice of the authorities that he has introduced, the evidence is so small that none, but himself has been able to discover it. He keeps telling us they say it, but the evidence is weighed and wanting. Where is the historian that gives the facts of Campbell's Church?

I leave you to judge whether the name is found in the Bible. "MY (CHRIST) Church." (Matt. 16:18). "Church of the LORD." (Acts 20:28 R. V.)-

Where is the proof that this is possessive? Just another assertion! "Churches of Christ." There had to be the singular before there could be the plural. Think for a moment. There was a man, before men, woman before women, Church of Christ, before the "Churches of Christ." (Rom. 16:16).

Webster certainly did not tell the truth if he states that Campbell founded the church that I am a member of. Will Mr. Barr accept Webster on Baptism, which says it is sprinkling?

We smile at the puerile attempt to discredit Christ's Church, which Jesus said is true. "MY CHURCH" most assuredly is the Church of Christ. The scriptures introduced says the church is the body of Christ. I belong to the church you read about in God's book, I do not have to slander, reject, or ridicule any part of it. There is not a so-called historian that gives the true facts of the Lord's church, for they believe in Catholicism, Judiasm and heathenism. Their statements are pitiable and insufferable arrogance of fallible, uninformed men.

The Church of Christ is Apostolic. This can be proven from three distinct points. First, Apostolic origin; second, Apostolic Authority; third, Apostolic Doctrine.

Apostolic origin, before the days of Campbell, therefore, he could not be the mythical founder. The time and place of commencing this work is particularly designated in their commission. (Luke 24:44-49). Soon after receiving this the Apostles obtained the promised power and began to preach repentance and remission of sins in the name of Christ, On the Day of Pentecost, in the City of Jeru-

saalem, the kingdom of heaven was opened and the church of Christ began to exist on earth. It was planted by the inspired Twelve, not Campbell, according to the command of Christ. (Eph. 2:20).

Apostolic Authority of the Church. (Matt. 16:13-20). The Church of Christ is not built upon Campbell, but upon the Apostles and Prophets, Christ the chief corner stone. They had the authority to bind and loose. The authority of the Apostles in all matters was made absolute and unconditionally. They were the Lord's Ambassadors. (Matt. 10:40; Luke 10:16.)

Note carefully that the authority of the Apostles was not vested in their persons but in the doctrine of Christ. (2 John 9:11). This doctrine was entrusted to all the apostles alike. No one of them received different doctrines. They are all in the church and all were there as fountains of authority. "God has set some in the church; first apostles." (1 Cor. 12:28). This was before Camp-bell's Day.

Apostolicity of the Doctrine of Christ's Church. The Church of Christ is founded on the doctrine of the Apostles. (Eph. 2:19-20). The foundation laid by them is the doctrine which they proclaimed, the gospel of Christ (1 Cor. 3:10-11).

These distinguish the Lord's Church of which I am a member from all the sects and human organizations that ever assumed, or may ever assume to be the Lord's way. The application of these tests will infallibly discover the true church, and expose the impositions of historians so-called, of every pretending sect, and every system of cunning imposture.

The Church of which Christ is the head was founded by Him. It is over 1900 years old. It was first planted in Jerusalem. It is apostolic in faith, practice and doctrine. I reverently recognize the supreme authority of Christ and the inspired apostles. They are the legislators of the church and from their decision respecting matters of faith and practice there is no appeal. I refuse all legislation by Campbell or any other man; reject all enacted creeds of men or articles of faith. I am still a member of the Lord's church in spite of all the daring attempts of rash and wicked men to discredit the fact, and will continue to "follow the Lord" abiding in the doctrine of Christ always. This church is apostolic in doctrine. "It is built upon the foundation of the apostles," the foundation laid by them. "As a wise masterbuilder," so says one of them, "I have laid the foundation." Completing the expression by saying, "other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." Does that sound like Campbell is the founder?

The original records of the Apostolic doctrine are the Sacred Books of the New Testament. All other books, whether they be those of the wise or unwise, they are of no authority to the Lord's Church. The faith of the church does not "stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God." (1 Cor. 2:5). And we follow the doctrine, "not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Spirit teacheth." (1 Cor. 2:13). This doctrine of the apostles is the doctrine of God, an inspired and infallible revelation from heaven.

"I certify you that the gospel which was preached by me is not after man; for I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by revelation of Jesus Christ." (Gal. 1:11-12). In connection with this he says: "Though we or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." (Gal. 1:8). Therefore, If I followed Campbell, I would be accursed of God.

I follow the ancient doctrine of the Apostles which is the doctrine of the Church of Christ. All later founders, inventions, whether of Campbell, Calvin, Wesley and all modern denominations, are unauthorized and spurious.

Mr. Barr is wrong again on Webster's definition of sect. I never separated from the established church of Rome. I am a member of the Lord's Church which was every where spoken against in the days of the Apostles and is still opposed and spoken against today. (Acts 28:22).

No historian introduced has spoken the truth concerning the church I am in. Not one of them has pointed out a fact establishing undeniable proof that Campbell founded a church. Campbell says he did not, Mr. Barr says he did! Then tries to establish the impossible.

I just gave the translation of Weymouth. There is no mishandling at all. Get any copy of Weymouth from the first edition through the third ant! read it yourself.

I preach and live in the calm assurance of God's Word; a member of the Lord's Church Praying that you who read in sectarianism, will forsake your factitious denominations and come to Christ, the common center. Pleading for the unity of the faith. Be a member of Christ's church, selected above men's ways, "The Church of , the Firstborn, whose names are written in heaven."

1. The life of Christians in Christ. (Col. 3:1-4),
2. All Christians are in Christ. (Gal. 3:26-27; 2 Cor. 5:17).
3. In Christ, all are in one body. (1 Cor. 12:13-18).

Ninth Affirmative By Elder Barr

Mr. O'Dowd and Readers:

Please bear in mind that I signed to affirm that authentic history teaches that Alexander Campbell organized the church of my friend's membership. I did not sign to affirm the many things that my friend seeks to make me affirm.

In his last negative Mr. O'Dowd makes the following statement about all historians except himself: "There is not a so-called historian that gives the true facts of the Lord's church,—Their statements are pitiable and insufferable arrogance of fallible, uninformed men." Readers, if you want a picture of a man who makes a pitiable and insufferable statement of arrogance then read the above from the pen of Elder O'Dowd. Surely he does not claim infallibility as does the head of the church from which he sprung.

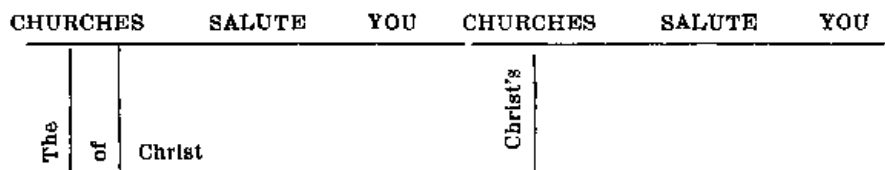
All of the scriptures used by the Elder in his last negative, I as always, heartily accept. None of them have anything to do with the religious movement he is identified with.

The name they go under cannot be found in the Bible, and O'Dowd knows it. They go under the name, 'Church of Christ,' I asked a school teacher, one who has spent much time in teaching English, to diagram the phrase found in Rom. 16:16, and to tell me if the statement as found from a grammatical standpoint gave the name under which the churches went. Here is his reply: ROMANS 16:16 "THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST SALUTE YOU."

"English scholars recognize ideas of possession and ownership in two forms with identical meanings. 1. The possessive case in most singular nouns is formed by adding the apostrophe and s; and, in most plural nouns, by adding the apostrophe after the s. 2. Possession and ownership are also indicated by the preposition "of" after the name of the owner and before the thing possessed or owned, or between the owner or possessor and the thing owned or possessed."

"Thus in the closing sentence of Romans 16:16—"The churches of Christ salute you"—possession or ownership are indicated by the preposition OF. The same truth could be just as clearly expressed—"Christ's churches salute you."

"Those expressions are identical in meaning, and are in perfect harmony with Paul's other teachings on this point. For example, he says in Eph. 5:25, "Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it." Church here means any church whose origin, doctrine, and practices conform to the Jerusalem Church, which our Lord established.



English scholars will tell you that these two diagrams convey identical meanings; and, that neither one of them has any relation to the names of any of the churches for which Paul spoke, which included all the churches that Paul established; and they all followed the pattern of our Lord's church in Jerusalem in doctrine, practices, and ordinances.

Paul wrote Romans while in Corinth; and there was a church of Christ (in the sense that it belonged to Christ) in Corinth. Yet you will not find where the Lord's church at Corinth was named, 'Church of Christ.'

Of course there must be a singular before there can be a plural. All can see that there never was a single church in the New Testament named, 'Church of Christ.' History tells us that Campbell started the church named, 'Church of Christ.'

Now for more history showing where the false church of Mr. O'Dowd's membership had its beginning: Hear Mr. E. M. Borden, Campbellite preacher, "The plea for unity is the thought that is in the heart of every Christian. It was the plea of the Campbells, but

the Campbells did not restore whole congregations, many individuals saw the real truth as revealed in the Word of God, laid aside the Calvinistic doctrines, and became defenders of the faith." (A Plea for Unity, p. 4).

"I decided that the church has been here ever since it was founded on the day of Pentecost—I do believe in church perpetuity. When such expressions as: 'The God of heaven shall set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed' (Dan. 2:44). 'The gates of hell shall not prevail against it.' (Matt. 16:18). 'Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end.' (Eph. 3:21.) I cannot believe that the church of Christ disappeared from the earth. It is not necessary to find historical traces of the church in every century in order to believe that the church of Christ has existed from the days of the apostles to our time.' (The Crimson Trail, p. 5).

A Concise Cyclopaedia of Religious Knowledge, p. 144: "Campbell, Alexander, founder of the Disciples of Christ—They were, in 1827, excluded from the fellowship of the Baptist churches." Appleton's New Practical Cyclopaedia, Vol. 1, p. 396: "Alexander Campbell—with his father, Thomas Campbell also a minister, originated the movement which led to the rise of the Disciples of Christ."

Ency. Britannica, Vol. 7, p. 419, Fourteenth Edition: "Disciples of Christ or Christians, an AMERICAN PROTESTANT DENOMINATION, founded by Thomas Campbell, his son Alexander Campbell and Barton Warren Stone—The Campbellite doctrines differed widely from hyper-Calvinism of the Baptists whom they had joined in 1813, especially on the points on which Stone had quarreled with the Presbyterians; and after various local breaks in 1825-1830 the Reformers were practically all ruled out of Baptist communion."

Compton's Pictured Encyclopedia, Vol. 10, p. 4116: "Alexander Campbell (1788-1866), Irish-American theologian; FOUNDER with his father, Thomas (1763-1854) of Disciples of Christ (Campbellites)." Alexander Campbell says:

"The Baptists had, in the year 1827, declared non-fellowship with the brethren of the Reformation. Thus by constraint, not of choice, they were obligated to form societies out of those communities that split upon the ground of adherence to the apostles doctrine." (Ency. of Relig. Knowledge, p. 453).

The New International Encyclopedia, Vol. 4, p. 398: "Campbell, Alexander—an American clergyman, THE CHIEF FOUNDER of the Disciples of Christ—at first he associated with the Baptists, but about 1827 HE ORGANIZED the society now known as the Disciples of Christ."

Dictionary of American Biography, Vol. 3, p. 447-448, Year 1929: "Alexander Campbell—one of the FOUNDERS of the Disciples of Christ—This attitude (Campbell's criticisms) aroused the Red-stone Association to oust the Campbellites. Forecasting this action, Campbell himself withdrew with some of his followers and ORGAN-

IZED A NEW CHURCH which was admitted into the Mahoning Association. After 1826 the Baptist Associations adopted the practice of cutting off churches of Disciples so that they became a SEPARATE DENOMINATION."

Times Encyclopedia and Gazetter:

"Alexander Campbell, FOUNDER of the sect known as 'Disciples of Christ'.—Though at first a Presbyterian, in 1812 he formed a connection with the Baptists, and for some time labored as an itinerant preacher—Through his public discussions and writing, he gradually attracted many followers, who in 1827, formed a sect, 'The Disciples of Christ.'"

Religious Denominations of the World, p. 149:

"But in his (Campbell's) Christian Baptist, which began July 4, 1823, his views of the need of reformation were more fully exposed; and as these gained ground by the pleading of various ministers of the Baptist denomination, a party in opposition began to exert itself, and to oppose the spread of what they pleased to call heterodoxy. But not 'till after great numbers began to act upon these principles, was there any attempt towards separation. After the Mahoning Association appointed Walter Scott an evangelist, in 1827, and when great numbers began to be immersed into Christ under his labors, and new churches began to be erected by him and other laborers in the field, did the Baptist Associations begin to declare non-fellowship with the brethren of the Reformation."

Pray earnestly for this poor deluded man who denies all historians as being authentic. All are uninformed but himself he thinks. The government, Webster, Henry Clay, and hundreds of others. May many be turned from the darkness of Mr, O'Dowd's man-made church. Jesus Christ is the Savior of all who repent, and believe on Him, Acts 16:31. Elder O'Dowd and his followers seek to steal glory from Christ when they make their church a Savior instead of Jesus Christ.

Ninth Reply **By Evangelist John O'Dowd**

Mr. Barr is complaining because he has not been able to prove by authentic history as he terms it, that Campbell organized the church I am a member of nor can he name one thing I teach, believe or practice that CAMPBELL IS THE AUTHOR. Does the truth of God as revealed in the Bible need that bunch of old books with the opinions and corruptions of men. I do not claim infallibility, but I do meet with Campbell's own statement a square denial that he founded a church. Either Campbell lied or the so-called authentic historians are lying! This is the statement of what he has said: Campbellism is—"A NICKNAME OF REPROACH INVENTED AND ADOPTED BY THOSE WHOSE VIEWS AND FEELINGS, AND DESIRES ARE ALL SECTARIAN; WHO CANNOT CONCEIVE OF CHRISTIANITY IN ANY OTHER LIGHT THAN AN ISM." — "BUT FOR OURSELVES WE PROTEST AGAINST THE NAME, THE PRECEPTS, THE FEELINGS OF ANY SECT OR SCHISM IN CHRISTENDOM" Christian Baptist pages 451-452. Which of Mr. Barr's references from AUTHENTIC HISTORIANS GIVE THIS TRUTH? TELL US MR.

BARR! He does not even want you to give heed to what Campbell says. The main purpose of elder Barr is to keep you from God's history. Let him correct this if it is wrong. You see how these things revolve back on the man.

Mr. Barr is the most contradictory debater I have ever met. Listen to the poor, confused fellow: "The name they go under cannot be found in the Bible and O'Dowd knows it." The school teacher he asked tells the truth: "Christ's Churches." Before there could be a plurality of the Lord's churches, there had to be the singular, "CHURCH OF CHRIST." It is a definite fact, there cannot be a plural without a singular. This was the church in existence at the conclusion of the apostolic ministry, and is confessedly the church instituted by Christ. The church in which Paul, John and the other apostles of Jesus lived and died, was the Church of Christ. Mr. Barr dare not deny it. This church was the Church of Christ, and was right in all respects.

Christ's church came direct from the hands of the living God, by the authority of The Holy Spirit. Now that that church was the same which Christ established, none can question. This church was always a unit. Christ established one, and only one church in the earth. When spoken of in the Bible, under whatever figure, it is always in the singular number, except where a number of congregations are spoken of, as when we read of the churches of Christ. It is a house, kingdom, body, temple, field, etc. I occupy a position with reference to the Scriptures to which no man can find a Scriptural objection. He has many misconceptions. Correct them, and we can stand together on the Scriptures.

The school teacher asserts, what needs to be proven. Here is rule 1, corresponding with Murray's Grammar, Smith's English Grammar Page 148. "The preposition of, joined to a substantive, is not always equivalent to the possessive case. It is only so, when the expression can be converted into the regular form of the possessive case. We can say, "the reward of virtue," and "virtue's reward;" but though it is proper to say, "a crown of gold," we cannot convert the expression into the possessive case, and say, "gold's crown."

The same thing is true with reference to the "churches of Christ." We cannot convert the expression and say, "Christ's churches," because the Lord purchased only one CHURCH. (Acts 20:28). The diagrams presented are not identical in meaning. They can never be in harmony with the Lord's teaching. (Eph. 5:25) states clearly, "Christ loved the CHURCH and gave Himself for it." For Mr. Barr's school teacher to be right, he must find where Christ loved the churches and gave Himself for them. Then and only then would they have an identical case.

English scholars may tell us many things, even to evolution, but the WORD OF THE LORD, names only one Church, the churches of Romans 16 were congregations in the province of the range covered in Paul's writing. Each of them separately, were Church of Christ.

The church in Corinth was patterned after the Lord's church in Jerusalem. This was the Church of Christ. (Matt. 16:18). Jesus

never purchased any other kind. Men's spurious, so-called history may say that Campbell did, but the Holy Spirit says definitely that Jesus built it. Mr. Campbell denies establishing it. He should know what he started. Paul's epistle to the Corinthians says: "Ye are the body of Christ." Not ye parties and organizations, for organizations of Campbell or Baptists had no existence then; but "Ye Christians (in the aggregate) are the body of Christ and members in particular." Christ is the head, they are the body. It will not do to say Christ is the body, for Christ is the head. You see the difficulty Mr. Barr and his school teacher involve themselves in, by their assumption. If Campbell had never been born and all that he did was swept from the earth today; and the human baptist institution with him, the Church of Christ would still remain. But banish from the earth today the truth that "Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, and not one Christian will be left on earth. The Church of Christ is the only apostolic basis, and upon that alone can we have safety. Then we are that CHURCH for upon this foundation we build the church, and the Holy Spirit says: "Other foundations can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." — (1 Cor. 3:11).

The Apostolic Church was called the Church of Christ. Does the church of my friend fill the bill? It is not exclusive or arrogant to say the Church I belong to is the Church of Christ. Christ Himself founded it, and built it, why should we not call it after Him? It is not Campbells church, nor any one else, and it would be the height of folly, arrogance and ignorance to call it by any other name. The Church I belong to is DIVINE, follows a DIVINE BOOK, honors a DIVINE FOUNDER, and exalts a DIVINE NAME.

All the writings he may introduce cannot destroy the force of these truths. I am by Divine AUTHORITY, a Christian, in no sense a Campbellite, as Mr. Barr slanderously says it. "Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf." (1 Pet. 4:16). I am a Christian, a follower of Christ. That is the distinctive name I wear. Does the name Baptist fill the bill in the light of this characteristic? Mr. Barr calls us Campbellites, but cannot prove it. No intelligent Bible reading person among us accepts such appellations; we simply call ourselves Christians. It is better for us to wear this name and offend Baptists than God. We are simply Christians, and nothing else. Of course Mr. Barr thinks this is selfish and arrogant. Such is not true. Would you say it is selfish for the bride to call herself after her husband's name? It would be sinful and selfish for her to do otherwise, refusing to be called by her husband's name. Jesus Christ is the great Bridegroom, the Church is the Bride. It would be exceedingly unchaste, unchristian and ungodly to call the church by any other name. It is then, the Church of Christ. We base the fact that it is Christ's church, simply upon the Saviour's own words: "upon this ROCK I will build My Church." This is Christ's Church, because Christ built it and said: "It is MY CHURCH." That ends the question.

Mr. Barr has discovered the Church back in the days of the

apostles. This is a candid and full admission, and we thank him and the school teacher for proving that we are the Church of Christ.

Mr. Barr again says we were excluded from the Baptists. We were never excluded from the Baptist church. If he is referring to Campbell WITHDRAWING from the Baptists, that has nothing to do with the Church of which I am a member. Mr. Barr had better post himself correctly before he tries to debate this question. The truth is: The North district association of Baptists were to have met at Spencer church, Montgomery County, in 1829. The Baptist wing held a preliminary meeting at Lulbegrud, in the spring of '29, and refused to meet the association at Spencer Creek, but, withdrawing, met in August at Goshen. He is about as correct on this, as he is that history teaches Campbell started the Church of Christ. Poor deluded, blind Baptist prejudiced lost soul! The things he writes about Campbell are false. They are libel on the name of a dead man.

Poor deluded Mr. Barr, cannot even get (Acts 16:31) correct. He says it says, "repent and believe on Him." The word repent is not in (Acts 16:31). Now we ask you again to repent of your blasphemies against Christ and His Book and cease being a Baptist and become a Member of the Lord's Church.

"The foundation of God standeth sure. The Lord knows them that are His." "I know in whom I have believed." Christ and His Church, the world knows no better combination! (1 Cor. 3:11).

Tenth Affirmative by Elder Barr

Mr. O'Dowd and Readers:

The English Teacher, who diagramed Romans 16:16, has this to say about Mr. O'Dowd's reference to his diagram:

"The only consolation that you have in debating with Mr. O'DOWD is that you have intelligent readers.

He denies authentic history and scripture, and now he denies grammar.

All that I said about Romans 16:16 in connection with my diagram is still true, just like the history and scriptures you give him are true, but he denies all.

Jesus established one church, and His Apostles established many; but they followed the pattern, which Jesus showed them in the Mount, which Campbell and O'Dowd refused to do. All churches which have been established since, which follow that pattern, belong to Christ; and Ephesians 5:25 applies to each of them. Jesus loved each of them, and gave Himself for each of them.

Mr. O'Dowd's claim that churches of Christ cannot be changed to Christ's churches is just another of his many denials of truth.

His closing sentence in his reference to my diagram is really interesting. He says that the churches of Romans 16:16 were congregations in the province in the range of Paul's writings; and then he adds: "each of them separately, were "Church of Christ." If each church was a church of Christ, why were not all of them churches of Christ? And why were they not Christ's churches?

Paul established them; and he followed the pattern, which Campbell and O'Dowd refused to follow.

Now look at those expressions in both the singular and plural numbers: Plural: Churches of Christ. Christ's churches. Singular. Church of Christ. Christ's church.

These expressions relate to possession and ownership, and not to name of a church or churches."

My opponent would like very much to leave the impression in the minds of the readers of this debate that I do not believe that Jesus is the owner of New Testament churches. All New Testament churches are churches of Christ, in the sense that they belong to Him. I certainly deny that the young sprout of a church that Mr. Campbell started less than two hundred years ago belongs to Christ.

Mr. O'Dowd is the champion denier of all times. He calls the historians of the world liars, prejudiced, ignorant, uninformed and bigoted. That even included the United States government.

In seeking to offset the testimony of the scholars of the world THE MAN WHO WILL DENY ANYTHING EVEN IN THE FACE OF FACTS quotes a statement from Mr. Campbell from the CHRISTIAN BAPTIST wherein Mr. Campbell repudiates the nick-name Campbellite, but does not deny that he established a church. The fact is, he carried a letter of endorsement from the great statesman, Henry Clay, where Mr. Clay stated that Mr. Campbell was the HEAD AND FOUNDER of a religious community in the United States.

Not only is the church of Mr. O'Dowd's membership not found in the Bible by the Name they wear. There being no such name in the Bible; but it is not found in fact in the Bible. Be it understood that the Church that Jesus referred to as "My Church" was certainly the church of Christ, in the sense that it belonged to Him, but in no place in God's Book is it called by the name, "Church of Christ."

My friend takes the position that the Lord's church is composed of all the saved in the aggregate. He quotes the scripture from Corinthians which says, "Ye are the body of Christ," and seeks to make it teach a big universal church. Corinthians was written to a local church located in Corinth. It had no reference whatever to a universal body. The Bible is as silent as the tomb on any such teaching. Every New Testament church is a body of Christ. Jesus is the Head of each of them. He has nothing whatever to do with Mr. O'Dowd's man-made organization. The poor fellow actually became so confused in his last negative that he seemed to think that Jesus didn't love all His churches, and that He didn't purchase all of them. I am dead sure that He didn't die for the church my friend seeks to defend.

Campbell, and not Christ is the author of the teaching that the salvation by baptism of a sinner introduces him into the spiritual, invisible, universal church of Christ.

There is but one sort of a church in the New Testament; and that is a local and visible church. Here are some Scriptures to show the existence of local, visible churches: 2 Cor. 11:8, I robbed other churches. Acts 9:31, Then had the churches rest. 1 Cor. 14:22, As in all the churches; vs. 34, Keep silence in the churches. Acts 15:41 Comforting the churches. 1 Thes. 2:14, Churches of God. Acts 16:5,

Churches established. Rev. 1:4, Seven churches, vs. 20, Angels of the churches: the candlesticks are the Seven churches. Rev. 2:7, What the Spirit saith to the churches. Anybody can see that the above references are to visible assemblies of people. The word "church" means an assembly. There is not a passage in the entire Word of God where the word "church" is so used as to embrace all the saved, in their divided, scattered, uncollected dispersion. When all the saved are included they are considered as assembled together. When they are scattered they are never spoken of as a church. Mr. Campbell is the author of such teachings, and Mr. O'Dowd blindly follows the teachings of men.

Jesus Christ, the founder of New Testament churches, never gave us such an imaginary, invisible, universal body, and no inspired writer ever makes mention of such a church. There are not two sorts of churches of Christ—one big, invisible church, and the other little, visible churches. If so, then a man would belong to two churches at once.

The scholars of the world refer to my friend's people as Campbellites. The Lutheran's are not ashamed of the name "Lutheran." They are honest enough to admit that Martin Luther organized the Lutheran church. Should they deny that Luther organized it, it would still be true that he did. My friend and his people are quick to quote historians (the same historians that I have quoted in this debate) to prove that Martin Luther organized the Lutheran church. They however refuse to accept the findings of the same historians concerning their origin. Why not be consistent at least?

I simply quoted historians who tell the truth about Baptist churches withdrawing fellowship from churches of the Campbell movement. Mr. O'Dowd seeks to make me say it. Why can't this man stay with the truth, and not misquote one in debate?

The disciples were first called Christians at Antioch. Several years after Pentecost.

They were just as much Christians before they were called Christians as after they were called Christians at Antioch. Baptists fill the bill in every respect when it comes to following the Apostles doctrine. His hatred for Baptists won't let him stay with the proposition. He must take time off to harp on Baptists.

The thing that Mr. Barr thinks is selfish and arrogant about Mr. O'Dowd and the doctrine he teaches is that he thinks he and his people are the only Christians in the world. He believes all but his little crowd are going to hell, including his own Baptist mother of whom he once said in public discussion that she was a liar, and going to hell. That is, he said that all Baptists were liars, and that all were going to hell, and of course that included his own mother who is a member of a baptist church.

I did not say in my last negative that the word repent is in Acts 16:31 as Mr. O'Dowd falsely accuses. I did not put in quotation marks the statement made before Acts 16:31. One cannot believe, that does not repent, Matt. 21:32. Jesus said, "Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish." But poor Mr. O'Dowd knows nothing about

the Bible as he puts in quotation marks these words, "I know in whom I have believed." There is no such statement in the Bible. He will find that it reads, "I know whom I have believed," 2 Tim. 1:12, not "IN whom," Mr. O'Dowd has never believed Christ, if he had he would trust Christ for salvation, and not baptism and church members-hip.

I am sure that Mr. O'Dowd would deny that George Washington was the first president of the United States; that there was a civil war; that there was a revolutionary war, and all other history. He has to take history on that or else deny it. To be consistent he ought to deny it.

More history for the champion denier:

The New International Ency. Second Edition, Volume 4, p. 398— "Alexander Campbell An American clergyman, the chief FOUNDER of the disciples of Christ At first he associated with the Baptists, but about 1827 he organized the society now known as the Disciples of Christ."

Collier's New Ency. Volume 2, pg. 309: "Alexander Campbell, FOUNDER of the sect known as the 'Disciples of Christ,' or more commonly the 'Campbellites' . . . Though at first a Presbyterian, in 1812 he formed a connection with the Baptists . . . Campbell gradually formed a large party of followers, who began about 1827 to form themselves into a sect under the designation of 'Disciples of Christ.' "

There should be nothing but pity for a poor deluded, blinded man who denies all facts, and the Bible included. Pray for him.

Tenth Reply **By Evangelist John O'Dowd**

Mr. Barr and friends:

Mr. Barr is an expert on human testimony. But when it comes to Divine Truth, it is strange doctrine to his ears. The reply to the cited quotation with reference to the diagram from his school-teacher helper, is simply an empty jargon of meaningless words. The rule of Grammar still remained untouched by either of these great (?) Baptists. Baptist assertion are void and empty, proving nothing in this discussion. The teacher-parrot-like says Campbell heads the Lord's church of which I am definitely a member. They oppose this way, because they hate the Lord's church. I am a member of the body of Christ which embraces all Christians on earth and is God's family on earth. The Baptists are not in this family, because God does not have any children out of His family—which is the Lord's Church. (Acts 20:28 A.S.) (I Tim. 3:15). To show the ignorance of this school teacher, we take one statement, and this should stop Mr. Barr from talking about the ignorance of his opponent, "Paul established them; and he followed the pattern, which Campbell and O'Dowd refuse to follow." My New Testament says Paul PLANTED. (1 Cor. 3:6;. Jesus established the church. But these poor, deluded Baptists are so accustomed to men establishing their religion that they think everyone else has a human religion. No, thank you, we prefer the Lord's way to Campbell, Baptists or Lutherans. I am exceptionally happy that we have intelligent readers. Check everything you read by the Bible and don't follow any preacher, (John 3:34) (Acts 17:11-12),

It is blasphemy every time they say I follow Campbell. There is no need for all this writing, all Mr. Barr is asked to do is to submit:

1. JUST ONE THING WE TEACH, PRACTICE OR BELIEVE THAT ALEXANDER CAMPBELL IS THE AUTHOR OF.

2. What have I done in becoming a member of the Church of the New Testament that I cannot read from the NEW TESTAMENT?

This debate will close and these questions will still be begging for the answer that any honest man would give if he could. We shall see if you continue to ignore them, Mr. Barr. Tell the readers that you do or don't know. They want an answer.

There is no question about Mr. Burr's unbelief in Jesus as the owner of the Church of the New Testament. IF HE BELIEVED THAT JESUS WAS THE HEAD, he certainly would not belong to a non-essential Baptist church demanding non-essential water baptism, that you can be saved without either. There is not one spiritual blessing in this salvationless Baptist church he belongs to. If I followed Campbell, Smith or Luther, I too, would belong to a "sprout", but since I wholly follow Christ and contend earnestly for the faith, I belong to the NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH OF CHRIST. (Eph. 1:20-23) (Acts 4:12),

I have not called authentic historians "liars, prejudiced, ignorant, uniformed and bigoted," but I have asked why these historians do not give the facts, instead of assertions. Not a one he has introduced gave Campbell's quotation. They are certainly lacking in authenticity. Mr. Barr has to rely on questionable authority and doubtful references to even try to make out a case against the truth I practice. He has done as well as any Baptist could do. The man doesn't live and his mother is not yet born that could prove Campbell founded the Church that I am identified with, unless it can be shown that he is the author of the New Testament.

Facts are the things I have been asking for in this debate. I accept facts, but I am filtering Mr. Barr's assertions. Focusing the searchlight of God's Word on them and they will not stand. Where is one thing I teach or practice that Campbell originated? Why is the Nick-name, "Campbellites" used, if there is no Campbellite church? Thank you, Mr. Barr, certainly Campbell denied the name as well as the church belonging to him. You are getting your eyes opened. Mr. Clay does not say, "Mr. Campbell was the HEAD AND FOUNDER of the LORD'S CHURCH." The religious community, perhaps, that Clay referred to was Bethany, W, Va. Mr. Barr, don't you know the difference between a community and the Lord's Church?

This man blows hot and cold with the same breath. Baptists can't even write a sentence without contradicting themselves. Hear this: "There being no such name in the Bible; but it is not found in fact in the Bible. Be it understood that the church that Jesus referred to as 'MY CHURCH' was certainly the church of Christ." But then says it is not in the Book. Let us examine the Book. It is one thing to say it and another to prove it. In the Lord's unquestioned history of the Church, the Holy Spirit called the people of the Lord "Churches of Christ" and "the Church of the Lord." (Christ). (Rom. 16:16; Acts

20:28). There had to be a singular Church of Christ before there could be the plural. Mr. Barr has not touched this and never will! I am a Christian, follower of Christ, and a member of the Lord's Church." Bring forth proof instead of assertions that I am doing anything Campbell commanded. That will at least be trying to prove what you agreed to do in your proposition. The history of the Holy Spirit as contained in the Bible bears the stamp of authenticity. Better believe and follow that, friend Barr! Why do you deny and admit the Divine name in the same breath. I would just as soon follow the Devil as Campbell, neither of them can offer salvation, it is through the Lord's Church, (Eph. 5:23). The body is the Church. (Col. 1:18, 24). Christ is the Saviour. We honor, obey and follow Christ.

I never said anything about a "big universal church." Neither do I believe in the denominational "visible and invisible church," for there is nothing like that in the Bible. I follow the Bible. Christ has ONE CHURCH over which He is the supreme head, it is made up of all congregations of the Churches of Christ saluting Baptists in every community where men call upon the name of the Lord. (Matt. 16:18; Rom. 16:16). My body has just one head, yet many members Christ is the head and the members of the different congregations are all members of the body, worshipping God in different places. I dare you to deny this and say that Christ heads only one local congregation. Jesus is head of ONE CHURCH, not all the different denominational branches, with their sectarian names as Mr. Barr tries to make you believe. Mr. Barr says: "I am dead sure—I knew that, but glad you admit it) that Christ didn't die for the church of my friend.' Let the Word of God settle this question: "Take heed unto yourselves, and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit hath made you bishops to feed the church of the Lord which He purchased with His OWN BLOOD." (Acts 20:28). That is the church I am a member of and Jesus, not Campbell, died for it. Name JUST ONE THING I TEACH OR PRACTICE THAT ORIGINATED WITH ALEXANDER CAMPBELL! That will be proof conclusive that I follow Campbell? You have been trying for ten speeches and have failed thus far. The readers are waiting for this proof. Don't disappoint them.

I never have taught that baptism of a sinner saved and introduced him into the spiritual, invisible, universal church of Christ. That sounds more like baptist's non-essential baptism for putting a man into a non-essential baptist church. Aren't you a little confused again, Mr. Barr? Let me give you teaching of the Bible that I practice. A man must hear the Gospel and faith in that Gospel changes his heart, (Rom. 10:17; Acts J 5:7-9); Repentance required of the Lord, which changes the will, (Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30-31); Confession, changing his allegiance, (Rom. 10:9-10); and BAPTISM, which changes the state from death to life, Satan to Christ, which puts a man in Christ. (Rom. 6:3; Gal. 3:27; Mark 16:15-16), after which he must grow. (2 Pet. 3:18). Just quote us correctly and no one will be blinded by Baptist philosophy.

More Bible for this champion Bible-Baptist-Blunderer. He says,

"There is but one sort of a church in the New Testament; and that is a "LOCAL and VISIBLE church." The word local and visible does not occur in a single passage introduced, that is another Baptist figment. What a pity that a man will deliberately mishandle the Lord's Word. *Now* to give him the passage of Scripture from the word of God where part of God's family is on earth and part in heaven, Mr. Barr will not deny the church being the family of God surely. "For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named." (Eph. 3:14-15). Further with reference to this thought. We are baptized into Christ. (Gal. 3:27) and are added to the Lord's church on earth. (Acts 2:47). When we die in the Lord, we rest with the family of God in heaven. (Rev, 14:13;. The word church means "called out," Mr. Barr. Wrong again. Now, where did you learn that the church ceased to exist when it was scattered? The Bible teaches that where two or three gather in the Lord's name, He is in their midst. (Matt. 18:20). Who is following the teaching of men, Mr. Barr?

Suppose an individual—the apostle Paul if you please—were to write a letter, and address it to the "Church of Christ," at Dallas, Texas, who in that city would claim it? There is only one church that could claim it, that would be the Churches of Christ. The other wear sectarian names and could not appropriate it without complaint from rival denominations. This identifies the church of Christ, and shows the falseness of hydra-headed sectarianism. No apostle or prophet, since the world began, has ever addressed a letter to Baptist, Methodist, Catholic or Episcopalian church. The whole Bible knows nothing of such churches—has not for them a local habitation or name. Among all the documents of the Lord's Blood sealed Testament, no charter for such organizations have ever been found! No one has the right to annex Christ to any of these churches, until he can show where Jesus said: "Upon this rock I will build my churches." Where does the Bible say it, friend Barr? The names we appropriate are Bible names. All the terms or conditions of admission, are in the apostolic sermons; and in the "perfect law of liberty" all the Christian demands and privileges. I defy Mr. Barr to show ONE CONDITION which we either require or omit, in order to admission in Christ's church, which the Apostles did not require or omit, just as we do today. You scream, uncharitable, but never mind our uncharitableness: it is probable, that we are more charitable or just as charitable as you. Our uncharitableness is not what we are discussing. We contend the church of Christ is incorporated under a divine charter from heaven; and the Baptist church is not; and that in this way, we have proven from the Scripture and by the admission of Mr. Barr, that the way we follow is scripturally Christ's church. It is but one body, having but one head, as Jesus was one head, having one body. It had one gospel, one perfect law of liberty. And it opened its mouth, and by the authority of heaven uttered a damning denunciation against every man and angel who should preach any other doctrine. Requiring men to submit to all things taught by the apostles and commanded by the Lord. Jesus is our ALL and in ALL.

What does my mother have to do with proving the proposition? NOTHING! Why did Mr. Barr use her, simply to prejudice you against the Lord's way.

I'll stand corrected on the "In" I misquoted it. That does not change the meaning, however. I accept all authentic history. We heed, preach and practice the Bible.

Give us proof, not pity, friend Barr. I am not so blind, I will be able to see the things you write that Campbell is the author of, that you accuse me of doing.

There is none so blind, but those who think all denominations are Christ's churches. They are not only without divine authority, but against divine authority. Submit to the Gospel and the Lord's church, and turn from the churches of men's inventions.

Eleventh Affirmative By Elder Barr

Mr. O'Dowd and Readers:

Of course Jesus established the Church that was located in Jerusalem, but all know that He used men to plant churches like the one He organized while He was here on earth in person.

None of the New Testament churches were named 'Church of Christ', all of them were churches of Christ in the sense that they belonged to Him.

Mr. O'Dowd once said of the "Vindicator," a paper published by a Campbellite in Fort Worth, Texas, "It is the best paper published among us." Notice what Mr. Fuqua, the editor of "The Vindicator" has to say about the name. "WHAT ABOUT THE NAME? I am asked if the church of the New Testament has a name. This is disturbing some here of late. The church DOES NOT HAVE "A NAME." It has several names. IT IS NOT SCRIPTURAL TO CALL IT BY ANY ONE NAME; although that particular name be found in the New Testament. God called the church by several names; such as "church of God," "body of Christ." "church of Christ," "House of God," "church of the saints," .etc.; each being a descriptive name used to show us what the church is. IT CANNOT BE CALLED BY ANY ONE OF THOSE NAMES, BECAUSE GOD DID NOT SO DESIGNATE IT!" Thank God for this noble confession.

Mr. O'Dowd says in his last negative these words, "Christ has ONE CHURCH over which He is the supreme head, it is made up of all congregations of the churches of Christ saluting Baptists in every community where men call upon the name of the Lord." Why will this man keep making assertions, and denying every known fact? Let him give scripture that teaches that the Lord's church is made up of all local congregations. The scriptures teach no such thing. It is a figment of his imagination. Jesus Christ heads every local New Testament congregation. Each one is a body of Christ. If Jesus does not head the local congregations then let Mr. O'Dowd tell us who does.

Friend O'Dowd keeps asserting that he belongs to the church of Acts 20:28. That is not so, and if he is not too slow of comprehension he will see that his statement is false. Paul called the Elders of the church at Ephesus, Acts 20:17, and it was to the Elders of the Ephesus church that Paul spake in Acts 20:28. O'Dowd is not a member

of the Ephesus church. The members of that church are all dead (physically.) The Ephesus church is no longer in the world. Many churches that have been planted after the pattern of the Ephesus church are here, but it is no longer in the earth.

Barr has not sought to prove that Jesus is head of all the "different denominational branches, with their sectarian names" as Mr. O'Dowd would have you believe. O'Dowd knows that I believe no such thing. He has an unchristian habit of seeking to make his opponent say something that he did not say. Jesus is the Head of every New Testament church in the world today. They must be patterned after the church the Son of God organized himself if they lay claim to being a New Testament church.

Mr. O'Dowd challenges me to deny that the family of God and the church is one and the same thing. I accept the challenge, and dare him to prove from the Bible that they are the same. One is born into the family of God. One is added to the Lord's church after he is saved, Acts 2:47,

Mr. O'Dowd is so confused trying to defend false doctrines that he doesn't seem to know what church he is debating about, or where it is located. Just where is it located Mr. O'Dowd? Heaven, hell, or on the earth? Please tell us if BABIES ARE IN THE LORD'S FAMILY? No evasions please. If you evade the readers will know why.

I gave many scriptures in my last affirmative showing that the Lord's churches were local bodies. My opponent saw fit to ignore them and make a quibble on the word local and visible not being in the scriptures given. Will he deny that they were visible churches? Will he deny that they were local churches? He probably will, as he denies all historians, and all Bible.

He makes a play on a letter being addressed to 'Church of Christ' at Dallas, Texas, and asks who would receive it. It might go to Lisbon, a suburb of Dallas. There on a sign in front of the Campbellite meeting house are these words, "THE CHURCH OF CHRIST MEET HERE." If then sign is correct then all are going to hell but the members of the church at Lisbon. They advertise as being IT.

A number of years ago I lived in Healdton, Oklahoma, and at that time there were three churches in Healdton that had the sign, 'Church of Christ' tacked over their doors. Neither church fellowshipped the others. It would have been hard to tell which of the three would have received a letter addressed to 'Church of Christ.' It would not have mattered as neither of them filled the bill from a scriptural standpoint. That was just the name of them. No Apostle or Prophet since the world began, has ever addressed a letter to 'Church of Christ,' if so give us chapter and verse. There is no such thing in the Bible as the church my opponent seeks to defend. His church is located no where. New Testament churches had a location and have a location.

Mr. O'Dowd's contention that all the local congregations make up the Lord's church is another of the many things that Mr. Campbell and Mr. O'Dowd teach that the Bible is silent on.

I am under no obligation to prove anything other than what I

signed to prove, and yet I am inclined to want to oblige my friend on other things he calls for. I have already proved that authentic history gives Alexander Campbell as the organizer of the church of my friends identity, and now I give some reasons why the church of O'Dowd's membership is not of God, and hence not scriptural.

1. It seeks to supplant the bride of Christ, and carry away her honors.
2. Her boasted claim to be the true church of Christ is contrary to the Bible, history and common honesty.
3. It is Pharisaical in both attitude and claims; it preaches all religionists into hell except its own cult.
4. There is no historical account of any religious groups claiming the name 'Church of Christ,' holding the doctrines and practice of this so-called church of Christ prior to 1832. I can find them in history from 1832 until now. Why are all historians silent on such a "group before this time?
5. It teaches the Romish doctrine of church salvation. O'Dowd and his bunch deifies the church of their membership.
6. It teaches the doctrine (Romish) of baptismal regeneration.
7. It places salvation and all like blessings in literal water. Romish doctrine.
8. It teaches the Romish doctrine of apostasy of the child of God.
9. It teaches the Romish doctrine of salvation by works. 10. It teaches the Romish doctrine of the Priest praying for the one who has become lost.
11. It teaches that no one can have saving faith until he reaches the water.
12. It teaches that one does not reach the blood until he gets in the water.
13. It teaches that no one has remission of sins until he gets into the water.
14. It teaches that one cannot have life until he gets into the water.
15. It teaches that one cannot be born again until he gets into the water.
16. It teaches that one cannot have a pure heart until he gets into the water.
17. It teaches that none can have a pardon until he gets into the water.
18. It teaches that no one's name is written in heaven until he gets into the water.
19. It teaches that none can be a child of God until he gets into the water,
20. It teaches that one cannot be justified until he gets into the water.
21. It teaches that none can have an inheritance until he gets into the water.
22. It teaches that none can have fellowship with the Father and the Son until he gets into the water.
23. It teaches that none has salvation until added to the church by water baptism.

24. It perverts and reverses the divine order of repentance and faith.

25. It perverts the scriptures, and places Christ on David's throne at His ascension.

26. This so-called church of Christ teaches that the old covenant was taken away when Jesus died on the cross, and that the new covenant did not begin until 50 days later on Pentecost. Thus making a period of 50 days that the world was without a law to condemn sin, or a covenant to save the sinner.

27. It teaches that the gospel did not begin until Pentecost, They care not apparently what the Bible teaches.

28. It teaches that if one does not take the Lord's supper every Lord's day he will be lost in hell.

29. This so-called church of Christ teaches that one may live a Christian life right up to the last minute of the last day of his life, and commits one of the tiniest sins that it is possible for one to commit, and does not ask forgiveness he will spend eternity in hell.

30. It teaches salvation by the obedience of the sinner.

31. This so-called church of Christ lays claim by their preacher to have been founded in Jerusalem over 1900 years ago, when the truth is they were born here in the United States in the early part of the last century.

32: It teaches that the church was organized on the day of Pentecost. Not a verse in the Bible that so states.

33. It teaches through Mr. O'Dowd that Matthew, Mark, Luke and John are not a part of the New Testament, and hence not the rule of faith and practice for the children of God today.

34. The so-called church of Christ makes a hypocritical cry for union. They want union like the snake proposed to the frog.

35. The so-called church of Christ denies heart-felt salvation.

36. It teaches that you must get the consent of another man be-for you can be saved, according to their teachings.

37. It teaches that the Word is the Spirit.

33. It denies the doctrine that there is only one mediator between a sinner and God

39. The so-called church of Christ teaches against God's people shouting.

40. It teaches that God has changed his plan of salvation. Can't find it in the Bible.

41. It teaches that God has more than one plan of salvation in operation at the same time.

42. It teaches that the Lord's church is one big body composed of all the local congregations. Located no where.

43. It teaches that none has the Spirit before baptism.

44. The so-called church of Christ teaches that Kingdom and church mean one and the same thing.

45. It teaches that the Lord's church on earth died. If so who started it again?

46. Their church does not wear the name of Jesus as they falsely claim. The word Christ is from the Greek word "Cristos" and means

"Anointed." Christ was not the name of the Lord. If your church was named after the Lord it would be "The Jesus Church."

The many things I have given above are things that Campbell and O'Dowd and other uninspired men are the authors of. God almighty is certainly not the author of them.

Mr. O'Dowd's questions:

1. Just one thing we teach, practice or believe that Alexander Campbell is the author of. Look at all the 46 things named above and you will see just a few of them.

2. What have I done in becoming a member of the church of the New Testament that I cannot read from the NEW TESTAMENT? You are not a member of the church of the New Testament. You are a member of an imaginary church created in the mind of Alexander Campbell.

Eleventh Reply By Evangelist John O'Dowd.

Mr. Barr and Friends:

Mr. Barr admits again, but still refuses to be a member of the church Jesus established, that the church was established in Jerusalem. It was definitely not a Baptist church.

Every congregation in the New Testament was called "Church of Christ" but never one time called Baptist.

Mr. Barr comes before you readers with that prejudiced, diabolical spirit of his father (John 8:44) and calls Brother Fuqua a "Campbellite" and at the same time wants to use him for proof on his side. What kind of a debater is this man Barr? Mr. Barr and Baptists are the only "Campbellites" I know teaching water salvation. He keeps off the proof of this proposition and seeks human testimony because he knows no living man can prove Campbell organized the Church Jesus died for and purchased with His own blood. (Acts 20:28).

Brother Fuqua agrees with what I contend for as taught by the Revelation of God. Brother Fuqua writes in the Fuqua-Ballard Debate, page 73: ". . . There is) no one name for the New Testament Church exclusive of other names given. We answer to every appellation found applied in the New Testament to the Church, but never to any one of them exclusively. Hence the "Church of God", and "the Body of Christ," the "Church of the Lord," and all other titles found in that Book, for these are all Divinely applied to the same church or Body of Christ. But Baptists are compelled to do business under ONE NAME EXCLUSIVELY, and that name found nowhere in the New Testament." Thank God for this noble reply to Mr. Barr's misrepresentation.

Mr. Barr makes assertions, I give Bible proof. Christ has one church. (Eph. 4:4). Christ is the Head over it. (Eph. 1:22). They In every community salute Baptists. (Pom. 16:16). There is Scripture Mr. Barr. I dare you deny it! Christ walks in the midst of His people. (Rev. 2:1) (Matt. 18:20). Mr. B|arr says, each one is a body of Christ." The Bible says "THERE IS ONE BODY." But this Baptist figment of Barr's imagination will not permit him to accept the Word of the Lord. You Baptists had better give up this

infidelic teaching of Baptists that cannot be found in the Bible. You will be judged by the word of God, not the imaginary figments of Baptist foolishness. (John 12:48).

I have proven unquestionably that I am a member of the Lord's Church that was purchased by the Lord's Blood. Read Acts 20:28 and see who is "slow of comprehension." This does not say: "He purchased the church of Ephesus exclusively with His own blood." The Brethren at Ephesus were members of the Lord's One Church, which was the Church of the Lord, meeting in Ephesus. I am a member of the Lord's Church in Houston. The Lord's Church was established in Jerusalem and continues to exist today.

Mr. Barr must believe that Jesus heads all denominational churches, because they all wear a name NOT KNOWN IN THE BIBLE and none of them teach the Word of God as the whole counsel of God. The only point he has in trying to make Jesus head every individual church is to establish denominations as branches. In public debates with him he has plead for sympathy on the ground, and does in this speech, that we preach everyone into hell that does not belong to the Lord's Church. What do you believe, Mr. Barr? I know you won't believe the word of God. (2 John 9-11).

Here is proof that the Church of the Lord and Family of God are the same. (Eph. 3:15) ; (Heb. 3:4-6) ; (Heb., 12:23-24). What a distorted mind Baptists have to think you are born through one process and added to the church through another. This is another devil-designed teaching of Baptists to keep people out of Christ. The New Testament teaches we are "born again of incorruptible seed," the Word of God. (1 Pet. 1:22-23; and added to the Church (Acts 2:47) through obedience. (Heb. 5:8-9).

There is no confusion when you teach the word of God instead of the word of men. The Church of the New Testament is on earth and in heaven. (Eph. 3:15). Babies have never been lost and depraved by the Adamac sin as you Baptist teach and Rome originated. Babies are SAFE, *they* do not need to be saved. Give us the Scripture that says they are LOST. No evasion Please! The Readers know why you evade the Lord's teaching.

I do not deny anything the Bible teaches. Just give me the reference where they are visible, local and invisible. This is purely Baptist figment of the imagination charged with gross ignorance of the Lord's teaching. (Eph. 4:18). I accept all genuine authentic historians and believe every Word of God's revelation. Mr. Barr gives us neither.

There is no "Campbellite Meeting House" in Lisbon. I challenge you to show where any meeting house in the world uses the title "Campbellite". Just one! Stop making these assertions and give us proof. We know you hate the Lord's people, but tell these readers the TRUTH.

I do not try to defend any congregation that does not follow the Scriptures. The Church in Ephesus was the Lord's. (Eph. 1:20-23) (Acts 20:28) (Matt. 16:18). That should be Scripture enough to cause you to leave the unscriptural Baptist organization. The Lord',

church is in heaven and on earth. (Eph. 3:15; Revelation chapter 2 & 3). Campbell certainly did not write the Book of Revelation, That is giving Mr. Campbell too much honor. Mr. Barr should prove by giving you facts of anything that I am teaching which Mr. Campbell originated. That has not been done and this discussion will close without the requested proof. Every doctrine I teach, practice and obey can be found in the New Testament.

Mr. Barr is certainly under obligation to prove that I teach, believe and practice what Campbell originated. He agreed to do that, now he says I am not under obligation. Then asserts: "I have already proved that authentic history gives Alexander Campbell as the organizer of the church of my friends identity." I have countered every supposed history and Mr. Barr has admitted that the New Testament Church was not organized by Campbell. Therefore, the Church I am a member of is revealed in the New Testament, being established by Jesus and continued to be planted in the world by faithful men. (2 Tim. 2:2; 1 Cor. 3:9-11).

I shall now answer the 46 falsehoods Mr. Barr submits in this discussion as Charged against the Lord's teaching. He knows we do not teach a thing he has said. I shall take them one by one and give the Lord's true teaching and what we teach is what the Lord requires, not Campbell.

1. We give all honor to the Bride of Christ. Wear his name as a bride should. (Rom. 7:4; Rev. 19:7-8; Col. 3:17).

2. We are in Christ. (Gal. 3:27; 2 Cor. 5:17). Member of His Church. (Acts 2:47).

3. We are Christlike in teaching. (2 John 9-11; John 10:1; Eph. 5:23).

4. The Bible history is far from silent. (Matt. 16:18; Rom. 16:16; Acts 20:28).

5. We do no such thing. (Acts 2:47). Lord adds to the church. No saved people out of His church in New Testament Times. Salvation is in Christ. (2 Tim. 2:10).

6. We teach Bible regeneration. (Rom, 6:3-5; Tit. 3:5; Gal. 3:27).

7. We place all blessings in Christ. (Eph. 1:3). Not one spiritual blessing out of Christ. Baptists put all blessings in water, for you can go to heaven without it but it is impossible to get into the Baptist church without water.

8. We follow the Bible with reference to disobedience. (2 These. 1:7-9; Tim. 4:1).

9. Salvation is through obedience to Christ. (Acts 4:12; Heb. 5:8-9; Mark 16:16).

10. We follow the Bible on praying, (Jas. 5:16; 1 John 1:6-7; Acts 8:24).

11. Just the opposite. (Acts 15:7-9; Rom. 10:17; Gal. 5:6).

12. False and wicked charge against the Lord's people. Tho Blood cleanses those who are baptized into the death of Christ. (John 19:34; Rom. 6:3-6). Baptism in water is the Lord's command. (Acts 8:35-39). Why do you misrepresent us, Mr. Barr?

13. Forgiveness of sin takes place in the MIND OF GOD in heaven, when we obey Christ. (Heb., 5:9; 1 Cor. 6:10-11).

14. Does not have life until gets into Christ. (John 10:10; 1 Tim. 4:8; Gal. 3:27).
15. God made Baptism a condition of salvation. When this is obeyed, God forgives, justifies and adds to His family (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:47).
16. Can't you tell the truth just once, Mr. Barr. Acts 15:7-9; 1 Pet. 1:22).
17. We teach, preach and practice the Edible. (Acts 2:38;) (1 Cor. 6:10-11).
18. The Scripture teaches names of those in Christ enrolled in heaven. (Heb. 12:23).
19. The Scriptures teach those obey are children of God. (1 John 2:3-6).
20. The Scriptures teach those follow Word of God have inheritance. (Acts 20:32).
21. The Scriptures teach justified in name of Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor. 6:11).
22. The Scriptures teach have fellowship when walk in light. (1 John 1; 5-8).
23. The Scriptures teach that the Lord adds to the Church. (Acts 2:47),
24. The Scriptures teach "Repentance-Baptism-Remission-Gift of Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:38). Baptists teach Repentance-Gift of Holy Spirit-Remission and Baptism. It is impossible for Barr and Baptists to believe the Bible and be Baptists.
25. The Scriptures teach that Christ was on David's throne at ascension. (Acts 2:32-36).
26. The Scriptures teach that Jesus took the Law away. (Col. 2:14-16) (Heb. 9:15-17).
27. The Scriptures teach, that Christ had to die and rise from the dead before the Gospel in fact could be preached. (Cor. 15:1-4; 1 Cor. 2:2; Acts 2:1).
28. The Scriptures teach they met on the first day of the week. (Acts 20:7; Heb. 10:25).
29. The Scriptures teach that men may die in sin. (John 8:21; Heb. 3:12-14).
30. The Scriptures teach "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." (Mark 16:16). Mr. Barr and his figment of imagination teaches "He that believeth and is NOT baptized shall be saved." Baptist follow Satan instead of God.
31. The Scriptures teach that it was to begin in Jerusalem. (Luke 24:47; 1 Cor. 3:11).
32. The Scriptures teach that people were first added to the Church at Pentecost. (Acts 2:47),
33. The Scriptures teach the New Testament was sealed by the blood of Christ, and the New Testament proper begins with Acts. (Heb. 9:15-17; Rom. 8:1-2).
34. The Scriptures teach that we should be one in Christ, (1 Cor. 1:10-11; Rom. 16:16-17).
35. The Scriptures teach guidance is needed. (Acts 8:32) (Acts 17:11-12).

36. The Scriptures teach that the Word of God is the sword of the Spirit. (Eph. 6:17).
37. The Scriptures teach we obey from the heart. (Rom.6:16-17; Acts 2:37).
38. The Scriptures teach there is only one mediator, which we teach. (Tim. 2:5).
39. The Scriptures teach that Christian's joy is unspeakable. (1 Pet. 1:8). Baptist figment of the imagination must be shouted. (Prov. 14:12).
40. The Scriptures teach that the change was necessary. (Heb. 8:12).
41. The Scriptures teach that there is only one name under heaven given. (Acts 4:12).
42. The Scriptures teach that there is ONE BODY, with ONE HEAD, located in Heaven and on earth. (Eph. 4:4; Eph. 1:20-23; Eph. 3:14).
43. The Scriptures teach that God gives the Spirit to those obey. (Acts 5:32; Gal. 4:6).
44. The Scriptures teach that the Church and Kingdom are the same thing. (Acts 2:47; Col. 1:13).
45. The Scriptures teach that the Lord's church never dies. (Dan. 2:44; Dan. 7:13-14; Matt. 16:18; 1 Cor. 15:24).
46. The Scriptures teach that we must wear the name Jesus. (1 Pet. 4:14-17). Mr. Barr and all Baptists blaspheme that worthy name by which we are called. (Jas. 2:7).

If Campbell is, as Mr. Barr claims, the author of the things in his 46 questions. Then the answers to them afford conclusive proof, that my denial of his proposition is fully established and must concede the victory to God's truth. I have believed, obeyed and practice what God is the Author of and follow His revelation, not Campbells.

There is not one thing in the 46 that I believe, teach or practice. May I still insist that Mr. Barr, stop quibbling and just give us ONE, not 46, ONLY ONE thing we teach, practice or believe that Alexander Campbell is the author of.

What have I done in becoming a member of the church of the New Testament that I cannot read from the New Testament? Your assertion is not proof. I have given you a "THUS SAITH THE LORD." Have spoken as the "ORACLES OF GOD." What fault do you find with what I follow?

I agree with you that the church you called "Campbellite" is an imaginary church created in the minds of apostate Baptists instead of Campbell. Now why don't you cease from being an unscriptural, God-Hating, Christ opposing Baptist and become a Christian after the Divine Pattern?

Twelfth Affirmative by Elder Barr

Mr. O'Dowd and Readers:

A man making a defense of a false religion will show himself dishonest and afraid. That is exactly what Mr. O'Dowd does. He will not find where I said the church was established in Jerusalem.

It was located in Jerusalem, but it was not established there (or organized there). There is not one place in the Bible where any congregation was called "Church of Christ", and O'Dowd knows it. His bitter sectarian spirit makes him constantly leave the proposition and cast his venom on Baptists. Every New Testament church was a Baptist church in faith and practice.

Every one knows that Campbell never organized the church Jesus died for, and purchased with His own blood, but all honest people that have made an investigation of the matter know that Campbell did organize the church O'Dowd is a member of.

The poor deluded history denier from Houston mis-handles the scriptures more recklessly than any one I have ever known. In seeking to prove his invisible church which is located nowhere, he cites Eph. 1:22 and Eph. 4:4. Does he not know that these scriptures refer to *the* local body of our Lord located at Ephesus? He also gives Rev. 2:1. A simpleton can see that Jesus walks in the midst of all seven of the golden candlesticks (seven churches). Mr, "Fact Denier", says in his last negative this, "This does not say:" He purchased the church of Ephesus exclusively with His own blood." "The brethren at Ephesus were members of the Lord's one church, WHICH WAS THE CHURCH OF THE LORD, MEETING IN EPHESUS. I AM A MEMBER OF THE LORD'S CHURCH IN HOUSTON. THE LORD'S CHURCH WAS ESTABLISHED IN JERUSALEM, AND CONTINUES TO EXIST TODAY." What a-, bright saying from the pen of the debater, from Houston. All intelligent people know that the Jerusalem church is no longer in existence. The members of that church have long since gone to their reward. The same is true of the Ephesus church. If the Lord's church is in Houston, and it is the ONE CHURCH Mr. O'Dowd speaks of, then all are on their road to hell that are not members of the church at Houston according to O'Dowd! Who is the Head of the Houston church? Is Mr. O'Dowd a member of the church in heaven, and the one in Houston both?

Jesus Christ is the Head of all true New Testament churches. He certainly is not the Head of all denominational churches as Mr. O'Dowd crookedly tries to make me say, when he knows that I teach no such thing.

Any crook can evade answering a question. You will please note how my opponent evaded my question as to whether or not babies are in the family of God. The history denier's trail is so crooked that he is catching up with himself. I AM ASKING YOU AGAIN ARE BABIES IN THE FAMILY OF GOD? Readers, you see where this false Prophet with whom I debate has gone top. If church and family are the same as he contends then he will have babies going to heaven and yet they are not in God's family, unless O'Dowd baptizes them into the family. WHOSE FAMILY ARE THE BABIES IN MR, O'DOWD? I DARE YOU TO ANSWER. The position my opponent takes is baby baptism or baby damnation.

Baptists teach the Bible, and the Bible teaches that babies are saved. All of them are saved by the blood of Christ. Poor deluded,

false Prophet O'Dowd has the babies out of God's family, and if he believes what he says about church and family being one and the same thing he should start getting the babies into the family by baptizing them.

Friends if you will read the scriptures that he cites and doesn't quote, to seek to prove his contentions, you will see that he just makes a bald-faced assertion and then writes down the location of certain scriptures that do not even hint at proving his assertions.

The honest preachers among Mr. O'Dowd's kind are admitting that "Church of Christ" is not the scriptural name for the church. Mr. James L. Lovell, a preacher brother of O'Dowd, says in The Gospel Broadcast of December 1946 the following: "This does not mean that the name makes the church for I do not feel that the church of God as we know the denomination is the church of the Bible, NEITHER ARE MANY CHURCHES OF CHRIST... However, there are many things which we do that tend toward building a denomination and I BELIEVE THE USE OF THE NAME IS DEFINITELY ONE OF THEM. IF ANY WRITER OF THE BIBLE EVER TOLD A SINNER TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST I DO NOT KNOW WHERE IT IS." Thank God for this wonderful and noble confession from Mr. Lovell. I know he told the truth.

Those acquainted with what Mr. O'Dowd and his brethren teach know that the 46 things I gave in my last affirmative speak the truth concerning their preachments. The Bible teaches differently than Mr. O'Dowd and his kind.

1. The Bible teaches that the woman of Luke 7 had saving faith in the absence of water. "Thy faith hath saved thee go in peace." Elder O'Dowd would have said "wait Jesus, it is baptism that saves."

2. The Bible teaches that one reaches the blood at faith in Christ; Rom. 3:25, 26. "Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins, that are past, through the forbearance of God. To declare I say at this time His righteousness that He might be just, and the justifier of him that believeth in Jesus."

3. The Bible teaches that Zachaeus was saved in the absence of water, Luke 19:9 "This day is salvation come to this house."

4. The Bible teaches that all who believe in Jesus have remission of sin, Acts 10:43 "To Him give all the prophets witness, that through His name whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sin."

5. The Bible teaches that one has life the moment he believes in Jesus, Jno. 5:24 "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth my Word, and believeth on Him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life."

6. The Bible teaches that all who believe in Jesus are born again, 1 Jno. 5:1 "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God."

7. The Bible teaches that one has a pure heart at faith, Acts

15:9 "And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith."

8. The Bible teaches that Christ pardons sins in the absence of water, Luke 7:48 "And He said unto her thy sins are forgiven."

1. The Bible teaches that the believer's name is written in the book of life: Rev. 3:5 "He that overcometh the same shall be clothed in white raiment and I will not blot his name out of the book of life, but will confess his name before my Father and before His angels." 1 Jno. 5:4, 5 "For whosoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world even our faith." "Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God."

10. The Bible teaches that the believer is a child of God, Jno. 1:12, 13 "But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the Sons of God, even to them that believe on His name, which were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." 1 Jno. 3:2 "Beloved, now are we the Sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is."

11. The Bible teaches that one is justified when he believes in Jesus, Acts 13:38, 39 "Be it known unto you therefore men and brethren that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: and by Him all that believe are justified from all things from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses."

12. The Bible teaches that the inheritance of the child of God is by faith, Acts 26:18 "To open their eyes and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive the forgiveness of sins and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me."

13. The Bible teaches that the believer in Christ has peace and fellowship with God, Rom. 5:1, 2 "Therefore being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

14. The Bible teaches that only the saved are added to the church, Acts 2:47 "And the Lord added to them day by day those that were saved."

15. This so-called church of Christ perverts and reverses the divine order of repentance and faith: Mark 1:15 "The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand repent ye and believe the gospel." Acts 20:21 "Testifying to both Jew and also to the Greeks repentance towards God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." Matt. 21:32 "And ye when ye had seen repented not afterward, that ye might believe."

Twelfth Reply **by Evangelist O'Dowd**

Elder Barr has become as ashamed of the rehash of his first puerile effort to prove I follow Campbell, that now he gives up the whole proposition and begins to discuss the next proposition of the origin of the baptist church, faith only and baptist foolishness The baptist religion is a false religion and he shows himself dishonest and afraid in trying to leave this present proposition and

discuss it. But I shall begin the discussion of the next proposition since he has failed on this one so miserably. Mr. Barr realizes now it was fatal for him to try to show that I follow Campbell. He has completely given up. The two questions remain unanswered. His business was to find authentic history that proved what he asserted. The amazing thing about his quotations were that not one of them offered any PROOF that I follow Campbell. Now he utterly disregards everything and goes to try to prove that Baptist, are justified solely through faith. Which is not even embraced in the proposition at all. Mr. Barr would not be able to do any better on that than he has done during this discussion. HIS quotations, with his unproven assertions, have failed to answer the two questions.

1. JUST ONE THING WE TEACH, BELIEVE OR PRACTICE that Alexander Campbell originated?

2. Name one thing I have done in becoming a member of the church of the New Testament, that I cannot read from the New Testament? I have given a THUS SAITH THE LORD, and have faithfully spoken as the oracles of God. Mr. Barr has failed to answer and states now he finds no fault with the New Testament or its teachings.

Why didn't this assertative, bitter sectarian baptist preacher tell you where the church was established if it was not Jerusalem. He then boldly asserts Every New Testament church was a Baptist church in faith and practice. But one such cannot be named in the Book. This advertises the weakness of the man and his fear of the next proposition.

I have not evaded an issue, but stepped out in the open against every false charge and battled on the ground of the Word of God. I have not been afraid of any test he wanted to make. I haven't tried to screen a thing. If the Bible won't stand against the onslaught of Baptist enemies, it is not the word of God. I have been keenly disappointed in the man that brags so much and does so little. Barr has used the tactics of hiding and dodging. He has shied from the above two questions and if we continued till his death he still would leave them unanswered. Now he wants to know about justification by "Faith solely." Since that is not the proposition I shall ignore it.

I have had to spank him to the blistering point in this discussion, but it has brought forth real repentance and a genuine confession of truth from this poor, deluded, blinded and misguided baptist preacher. Mr. Barr plainly sees the alternative of the truth between Campbell and Jesus, he deliberately chooses what we have been pressing to his prejudiced heart: "EVERY ONE KNOWS THAT CAMPBELL NEVER ORGANIZED the CHURCH JESUS DIED FOR, and purchased with His own blood....." Every honest person knows that the two unanswered questions through this discussion proves conclusively that Campbell did not organize the church O'Dowd is a member of. It has taken twelve blows against the atheism of this baptist corrupted heart to bring forth

this truth. Mr. Barr NEVER MADE A statement that had more Bible truth in it.

The Church Jesus organized is the only one in the religious world that all denominations, including the Baptists, notwithstanding they were human names, admit to be Scriptural. Mr. Barr, hates it, fights it, despises those who are in it, and becomes exceedingly stirred when he cannot answer those who are members of it, yet HE ADMITS IT TO BE SCRIPTURAL. I only want to be a member of the Church you read about in the Lord's Book, whatever it is.

The Lord's church of which I am a member was not started by Campbell, but by men faithfully preaching the gospel. It was started just as all congregations in New Testament Times were started. We preach, affirm and defend, exactly what the apostles preached, in the very words in which they preached it, as these words are found in all Bibles, and those who believed their pi caching did the same things that people were commanded to under the preaching of inspired men.

All congregations of the New Testament were started this way. On the Day 01 Pentecost, in the city of Jerusalem, those that heard Peter preach "were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and the rest of the apostles, Men and Brethren, what shall we do?" Then they that gladly received his word were baptized, and the same day there was added unto them about three thousand souls." Verse 47 says: "Praising God, and having favour with all the people. AND THE LORD ADDED TO THE CHURCH DAILY SUCH AS SHOULD BE SAVED." (Acts 2)

There is no doubt about this being sane, safe and Scriptural to develop congregations like the Holy Spirit, through the Apostles, started them. To those who believed the words of the Holy Spirit, as spoken by Peter, the Spirit commanded: "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins." "The LORD ADDED," to the "CHURCH DAILY." Every congregation started by preaching exactly what Peter preached on the day of Pentecost, and what all inspired men in the New Testament preached, is certainly the Lord's church and is approved by heaven's law.

The church of the Lord has never been destroyed since those were added to it in Jerusalem. It continues and will continue until the end of time. (Eph. 3:14-15; and 1 Cor. 15:24). The Simpleton, Mr. Barr, can't see that Jesus walks in the midst of the church. For he says now, it does not exist. I did not say the Jerusalem congregation was in existence now, but THE LORD'S CHURCH THAT WAS ESTABLISHED IN JERUSALEM, the CHURCH CHRIST PURCHASED WITH HIS OWN BLOOD, I am a member of the Lord's church in Houston. That was the brightest truth that Mr. Barr has seen, it dazzled him into saying: "Everyone knows Campbell never organized the church Jesus died for."

Where does the Bible say anyone can be saved outside the Lord's church? Where does it say salvation is in denominational churches?

This is not according to O'Dowd, but the Lord. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheep fold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber." Are thieves and robbers on the road to heaven or hell? "For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and He is the SAVIOUR of the BODY." (Eph. 5:23).

"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it." (Eph. 5:25). Mr. Barr says, everyone knows Campbell never organized this church, yet this is the church I am a member of. "For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of his bones . . . This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church." (Eph. 5:30-32).

"Jesus Christ is the head of all true New Testament churches." I am a member of the true New Testament church. Because I am a member of this church and Mr. Barr cannot overthrow it, now he wants to call me a "Crook." But the poor man cannot destroy the truth and being mad against it, he resorts to trying to make others like he is "Crooked."

Babies have never been lost. "For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil ..." (Rom. 9:11). "Else were your children unclean; but now are they HOLY." (1 Cor. 7:14). It is neither "baby baptism or baby damnation." Those are figments of distorted baptist's imagination. **BABIES ARE SAFE.**

Baptist teach babies are born in sin, depraved and have at least one little devil in them. (Jarrell, Gospel in Water.).

The Scriptures are all we want you to read. They are the ORACLES OF GOD and prove exactly what I teach, believe and practice.

I agree heartily with Brother Lovell: The name alone does not make the church. The church that wears the Bible name must practice the teaching of the Bible. The writers of the Bible did not tell men to become member? of the church of Christ, for they knew that the Lord added those who obeyed him to the Church Christ purchased with His own blood. Brother Lovell believes this teaching of the Bible. Try again, Mr. Barr, if you know Lovell told the truth, why aren't you leaving the Baptist Synagogue of Satan, for the Church the Lord purchased with His own blood, that Campbell is not the founder of, as you have been trying to establish during these last eleven speeches.

Get the last issue of the paper and reread the 46 false charges and the Bible answers to them. We teach exactly what the Bible teaches and urge all to "Examine the Scriptures daily."

Not a one of the fifteen statements on salvation by faith only is germane to this proposition. We are not discussing the matter of justification by faith. This is the final evidence that Mr. Barr surrenders the proposition and gives up all hope of ever proving that Campbell organized the church of which I am a member. This is put in as a quibble to prove the weakness and exhaustion

of any proof. Without Authentic proof and data, Mr, Barr, the B. M. A. baptist preacher could not establish his proposition, could not even name one thing that Campbell originated that I believe, preach or practice. He may use such terms as "Campbellite; confused; dishonest, afraid, deluded history denier, Mr. Fact denier, simpleton, etc." But this naked point of truth he cannot evade or escape. Baptist preachers contradict themselves and cannot prove from any source, that there is one thing Campbell is the author of that I believe, teach or practice.

I kindly and humbly submit to you, my friends, that we reject the teaching of men, creeds, confessions of faith, manuals and tradition, we believe nothing, and teach nothing, except what we can read in the very words of the Bible. We are under charge to speak only as "THE ORACLES OF GOD SPEAK." (1 Pet. 2:11). If we are teaching anything that originated with Alexander Campbell or any other man, great or small, we are wholly unconscious of it, and would gladly discard it, had Mr. Barr in this discussion pointed it out. It was up to him to have found it in authentic history. He was obligated to prove that we teach that which Campbell originated and since he did not, we should have a statement from him retracting his slanderous charges against a people who strive to hear, believe and obey the Word of the Lord. The man does not live that can point out one thing we teach that was not in existence and taught before Alexander Campbell was born. We are always willing to retract and quit teaching everything that originates with men.

We stand on the tried and proven grounds of the Holy Spirit Inspired teaching of the Apostles, employing their very words in teaching it and urging all to obey the Lord. Wear the same name the disciples wore then and preach the same truths. We belong to the same church that all Christians belonged to in the days of the Apostles. God adds all who are saved to the same church, which church is the body of Christ, of which all Christians are members, and out of it there is no possibility of one being a Christian. I am a member of the Church of the Lord, (Acts 20:28), because I have done what the Lord required of people as commanded by His Apostles. When Mr. Barr says, that doing what the word of God commands a man to do, to become a member of the Lord's church as revealed in the New Testament, and that makes him a member of an imaginary Campbellite church such blasphemy and hatred originated in Hell and proceeds from lips of those who follow "The Father of Lies." (John 8:44).

May God help every reader to become a Member of the Church of the Lord.

Thank you!

APPENDIX

If the readers will please notice Mr. O'Dowd's eleventh and twelfth speeches you will find material to which I did not reply in the published articles in our respective papers. The reason is as I have already told you in the introduction to this book. Please read his arguments and these replies.

In my eleventh affirmative I gave 46 reasons why the church Mr. O'Dowd is identified with could not be the true church of Christ. In his reply he says, "There is not one thing in the 46 that I believe, teach or practice." Every one who has heard a Campbellite preacher preach knows that Mr. O'Dowd and his brethren do teach the things given in my affirmative.

In one of Mr. O'Dowd's articles he takes the position that they are trying to restore primitive Christianity. In another place he claims to believe the gates of hell will not prevail against the Lord's church. There is no room to restore primitive Christianity, as the gates of hell have not prevailed against the Lord's true church..

Mr. O'Dowd through out the debate leaves the proposition and vilifies Baptists. He could not successfully deny my affirmation so he seeks to cloud the minds of the readers by casting reflection upon Baptists. You cut out of his speeches all his attacks on Baptists and there would not be much left in his speeches.

Authentic history as clearly teaches that Alexander Campbell organized the church known to Mr. O'Dowd as "The church of Christ" as it teaches that Martin Luther organized the Lutheran church. Every scripture he cites in his speeches concerning the New Testament churches refer to Missionary Baptist churches, and not a one of them makes any reference what ever to the church of my opponents membership.

I have in my possession a book titled, "Campbellism—What Is It? and this book was written by the late J. W. Chism, one of the greatest debaters that Mr. O'Dowd's people ever had. In the book Mr. Chism seeks to prove that the Bible teaches that the Campbell's and others were to restore primitive Christianity. So of course every one who seeks to inform themselves will find that the Campbell movement is connected with the church of my opponents membership.

In as much as the gentleman from Houston uses most of his extra space in his eleventh and twelfth speeches to say mean things about Baptists I wish the readers to see what authentic historians say about Baptists.

Mr. Alexander Campbell, founder of Mr. O'Dowd's church said in his debate with Mr. McCalla these words, "Clouds of witnesses attest that fact, that before the reformation from popery, and from the apostolic age, to the present time, the sentiments of Baptists, and the practice of baptism have had a continued chain of advocates, and public monuments of their existence in every century can be produced . . . Even the greatest enemy, among ecclesiastical historians,

Dr. Mosheim, is constrained to say, Vol. 4, page 424, THE TRUE ORIGIN of that sect which ACQUIRED the denomination of Anabaptists, by their administering anew the rite of baptism, to those that came over to their communion, and derived the name of Mennonites from the famous man to whom they owe the greatest part of their present felicity is HID in the REMOTE DEPTHS of antiquity, and is of consequence difficult to be ascertained." (Campbell-McCalla Debate, pp. 378-379.)

Mr. Campbell says further in the book he wrote on Baptism, page 409, editions 1851 and 1853 the following: "The Baptist denomination in ALL AGES and all countries has been, as a body, the constant asserters of the rights of man and the liberty of conscience. They have often been persecuted by Pedobaptists; but they never politically persecuted, though they have had it in their power."

Mr. Campbell, Head and Founder of the self-styled "Church of Christ", tells the truth about who composes the true churches in his statements above.

In a book titled, "Crossing the Centuries", which was published in 1912 by the Educational Association of Springfield, Mass. edited by Win. King, and assisted by Catholics J. Cardinal, Gibbons and Patric J. Healy, and two ex-presidents, Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson we find this concerning Baptists: "Of the Baptists it may be said that they are not reformers. These people comprising bodies of Christian believers known under various names in different countries, are entirely distinct and independent of the Roman and Greek churches, have had an unbroken continuity of existence from Apostolic days down through the centuries. Through-out this long period they were bitterly persecuted for heresy, driven from country to country, disfranchised, deprived of their property, imprisoned, tortured and slain by the thousands, yet they swerved not from their New Testament Faith, Doctrine and Adherence."

The same bitter and deep hatred towards Baptists by the false religious groups of every age is plainly seen to be in Mr. O'Dowd's heart. Pray for him.

Mr. C. H. Spurgeon, said: "The afflicted Anabaptists, in their past history, have had such fellowship with their suffering Lord, and have borne such pure testimony, both to truth and freedom, that they need in nothing to be ashamed ... It would not be impossible to show that the first Christians who dwelt in the land were of the same faith and order as the churches now called Baptists." (Ford's Christian Repository.)

Illustrated Book of all Religions on page 29: "The origin of the Baptists is claimed to have been in apostolic times. They claim no such continuity as is involved in apostolical succession. They do not assert that there has always been an organized or associated denomination, but that at all times and in all quarters of the Christian world there have been congregations and individual teachers who have strenuously upheld the immersion of believers . . . The American Baptists deny that they owe their origin to Roger

Williams. The English Baptists will not grant that John Smyth or Thomas Helwysse was their founder. The Welsh Baptists strenuously contend that they received their creed in the first century, from those who had obtained it direct from the Apostles themselves. The Dutch Baptists trace their spiritual pedigree up to the same source. The German Baptists maintained that they were older than the Reformation, older than the corrupt hierarchy which they sought to reform. The Waldensian Baptists boasted an ancestry far older than Waldo, older than the most ancient of their predecessors in the vale's of Piedmont. So, too, may we say of the Lollards, Henricans, Paterines, Paulicians, Donatists, and other ancient Baptists, that they claim an origin more ancient than that of the men or the circumstances from which they derived their peculiar appellations."

Thank God! for the millions of Baptists who have sealed their testimony with their own blood. I am exceedingly glad that God privileges me to be a member of a church patterned after the one Jesus Christ organized.

May God bless every reader of this book, and my prayer to God is that some poor lost soul may repent towards God and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as their own personal Savior, and go to one of the Lord's churches and let the Lord add them to it.

Sincerely,

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