July 1st 23

Boonville Ind

Miss Ida Tarbell

New York N.Y.

Dear Miss Tarbell

Your letter rec'd. and in reply will say that Little Pigeon Church of Primitive Baptist has no fellowship as a church for Campbellism. Pigeon Church was organized twelve years before the Campbellite Disciples or Christian church was established on earth. The Primitive Baptist Church claims it organization with Christ and the Apostles. Alexander Campbell the

founder of the Campbellite Church was excluded from the Primitive Church in the year of 1818 and ten years later founded a church after his own name. The doctrine of the Baptist claim no relation to Campbellism and are absolutely opposed to it in its fullness.

We claim to be the Church of Christ. I am glad to give the information and if need be inquire again.

With best wishes I beg to remain your friend

Lewis Varner

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