

5. They who are able and not willing to give anything towards the relief of the preachers, Church, and poor, are occupying the position of slave-holders. They are sitting in the Church at ease, while those who are willing to give are paying for the Church for them to sit in—paying for the stove, fuel and lights, and for a minister to preach to them or attend on them when sick or in want of Church benefits—paying for leaders to lead them; and what more can a slave-holder demand of his slaves? My conclusion is that those parties before mentioned who are unwilling to pay anything, as above stated, are guilty of violating the conditions of their continuance in the B. M. E. Church, or any other Church that make the general rules of the United Society their rules for the government of their Church. And in my opinion they come under the 7th paragraph, on page 74, that reads thus: "If there be any among us who observe them not—who habitually break any of them—they should be dealt with as stated ten lines from the bottom of that page, which reads thus: We will admonish him of the error of his ways, we will bear with him for a season, but if he repents not, he hath no more place amongst us." This should, and in fact must, be strictly attended to by every administrator of the law. Very respectfully yours,

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