

is the season for the appearance of the fruit, which consists in obedience and good works, and is also the condition of their continuance in the Methodist Church, for it is said that where this is really fixed in the heart and soul, it will be shown by its "fruits."

1. They are to "do no harm." Now, you will doubtless all agree with me, that a member of the Church who would refuse to pay anything for the support of the preachers, Church and poor, and teach others the same wicked practices, would be doing harm.

2. See page 72, fifth paragraph: "It is expected of all those who continue in these societies, that they will continue to evidence their desire of salvation; secondly, by doing good of every possible sort, and, as far as possible, to all men." Now, the man or woman that refuses to support the Church and ministry, refuses to do good; therefore, they violate the conditions of their continuance in the Church.

3. They are to evidence their desire of salvation by attending upon all the ordinances of God. (See page 74.) These ordinances are the public worship of God. Now, I ask, where is the public worship to be found if the Church and ministry get no support? For, if one member is to be exempted from supporting the Church, all of the members may justly claim the same right of exemption. Their conclusion must, therefore, be that there is no necessity for public worship, and the world must go back into heathenism, with all its doleful consequences and untold evils.

5. They forfeit their membership, because they violate the teachings of God's word.