

Numbers in the Church

	Whites.	Colored.	Total.	Preachers.
This year,	51,416	16,227	67,643	269
Last year,	52,109	13,871	65,980	266
Decrease,	693	In. 2,356	1,663	3

The reader will perceive that though there was an increase of 1,663 in the total number, there was a decrease of 693 among the white members. The effects of the O'Kellyan secession began to be felt, particularly in Virginia, and some parts of North Carolina.

1794. The number of annual conferences was reduced this year to fourteen, as some of the preachers had complained of there being so many at such short distances, among other reasons, because it prevented the minutes from being printed until near the end of the year. This inconvenience, however, should have been submitted to rather than to have made it necessary for the preachers to assemble from such a vast distance, at the expense of so much time and money, as many of them did when, afterward, the number of conferences was reduced to seven. At these conferences the following new circuits were returned in the minutes:—*Federal*, in Maryland; *Carlisle*, in Pennsylvania; *Leesburgh* and *Pendleton*, in Virginia; *Black Swamp*, in South Carolina; *New-Hampshire*, in New-Hampshire; *Marblehead*, *Orange*, and *Fitchburg*, in Mass.; and *Vermont*, in Vermont. *Oswegochee*, in Upper Canada, was divided into two.

In some of the southern states, Methodism was doomed to much suffering, arising out of the disputes and divisions occasioned by the O'Kellyan secession,

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