

8th Inter.—Shew the amount of goods on hand on the 12th February 1839, as also the amount of funds in the hands of the treasurer.

Answer.—My answer to this interrogatory will be found in a statement annexed, marked A.

9th Inter.—How do you account for the fact, that in 1837, the weaving account for gain, was 16,845 32 while in 1838, the weaving account for loss was \$7,023 01.

Answer.—My answer to the 1st interrogatory explains the reasons for this discrepancy, in so far as I have been able to ascertain or judge of them, and in the said answer, I have added the gain by the dying department represented in the report of 1837, \$3,847 63, to that by the weaving department, the dying being one of its branches.

10th Inter.—What are the causes, or any of the causes, that have occasioned so great a falling off in the product or receipts of the Penitentiary, or any excess of disbursements over the products or receipts?

Answer.—To respond to this inquiry in such manner as to show the reasons why the results of the productive operations have recently been inadequate to the defrayment of the expenses of the Institution, it would be necessary, in part, to enter into a minute examination of the extent of the labor performed, as compared with its amount in former years, to inquire whether any extraordinary loss in labor has resulted latterly from sickness, or from the aggregate of exemption from labor on account sickness, of either real or feigned; and, generally, to institute a comparison between the relations of cost and prices obtained for the manufactures in recent and former periods, and from the means at hand, I am unable to arrive at such definite information.

One great cause of the falling off in last year, was the extreme lowness of the prices obtained for the manufactures, already shown in my answer to the 1st interrogatory.

Another cause, also explained in the same answer, was, that a much less than the usual quantity of woolen goods, which are particularly profitables was in that year made.

Increased expense had no participation in augmenting the loss of 1838, as the expenses stated in the profit and loss account for that year, were less in amount than in the year 1837. My answer to this interrogatory must remain, however, imperfect, for the reasons above stated.

11th Inter.—Have any of the funds, property or labor appertaining to the Penitentiary, been at any time rendered subject