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Answers to interrogatories propounded by the special committee of the House of Delegates on the affairs of the Maryland Penitentiary.

Interrogatory 1. The amount of active capital the institution operated with in 1829, '30, '31, '32, '33, '34, '35, '36, '37, '38, '39.

Answer.—According to the books of the Penitentiary, the amount of the active capital on the 1st of December of each of the years referred to, was as follows:

On the 1st December, 1829,	\$79,902 40
1830,	81,269 88
1831,	81,657 51
1832,	76,270 11
1833,	63,957 31
1834,	53,124 26
1835,	48,276 51
1836,	53,552 73
1837,	47,002 34
1838,	18,925 01
Or, deducting bad and suspended debts,	7,005 56
	\$11,819 45

On the 12th February, 1839, a new inventory was taken by order of the board of directors, according to which the active capital at that date was

	\$11,462 59
Or, deducting bad and suspended debts,	7,005 56
	\$4,457 03

On the 1st December, 1839,	\$26,225 45
Or, deducting bad and suspended debts,	7,005 56
	\$19,219 89

Interrogatory 2. If in either of those years the active capital was increased, to which of the branches of industry was such increase to be attributed.

Answer.—As is shown by the statement already made in answer to the 1st interrogatory, the active capital has undergone various changes; and the following statement explains the causes to which those charges are to be referred.