

Average number of the Colored Prisoners sent to the Penitentiary, from 1835 to 1840, 64-2; from 1840 to 1845, 41-8; from 1845 to 1848, 31.

Average number sent to both prisons, for the first five years, 185-2; for the second five years, 135-2; for the third five years, 110-67.

This is the entire number of people of color sentenced to hard labour in the prisons, and the rapid and steady decrease is certainly remarkable.

The following extract is taken from the able address issued by the convention of the free blacks of New York, recently held in Albany.

The cities of New York, Brooklyn, and Williamsburg, contain more than the third of the entire colored population of the State. A hurried investigation, in which many instances have been overlooked, and all the estimates rendered low, shows that coloured persons have invested in business carried on by themselves—

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| In New York City, - - - - - | \$755,000 |
| In the city of Brooklyn, - - - - - | 76,200 |
| In the city of Williamsburg, - - - - - | 4,900 |
| Total, - - - - - | <u>\$839,200</u> |

And that, apart from business, colored persons hold real estate, deducting incumbrances :

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| In the city of New York, - - - - - | \$733,000 |
| In the city of Brooklyn, - - - - - | 276,000 |
| In the city of Williamsburg, - - - - - | 151,000 |
| Total, - - - - - | <u>\$1,160,000</u> |

And these sums are distributed among a large number of individuals, engaged in business or holding real estate, no account being taken of personal property.

Twenty years ago, the same class held in these cities :

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| Real estate, - - - - - | \$350,000 |
| Business investment, - - - - - | 511,000 |
| Total, - - - - - | <u>\$861,000</u> |

That is to say, while this population has increased twenty-five per cent., its wealth has increased one hundred per cent.

As to the condition of the masses of our population in these cities, we adduce the respectable authority of the *New York Tribune* for the statement, that coloured beggars are extremely scarce in New York, except such as come from "the South, asking money wherewith to buy their own muscles, blood and bones."

By the second annual report of the governors of the Almshouse of New York, for the year 1850, it appears that there was expended by them during that year—

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| For the poor generally, - - - - - | \$606,642 60 |
| For the colored poor, to wit : | |
| The Colored Home, - - - - - | \$7,664 58 |
| Colored Orphan Asylum, - - - - - | 2,607 13 |
| Total, - - - - - | <u>\$10,271 31</u> |