

ending 30th September 1870, on this account were \$421,161.51.

BOUNTIES.

Statement "M" shows the sums paid as bounties to volunteers, drafted men, &c., during the fiscal year ended 30th September 1870, and also a condensed statement of the total receipts and disbursements, on account of bounties to volunteers. The amount paid for bounties during the fiscal year ended 30th September 1870, was \$233,412.53, of which the larger portion was paid previous to January 1st, 1870. The Treasury has not been in a condition to complete the payment of the bounties authorized by law, if the same were fully audited. Many however of the claims yet unpaid, require additional proof, or are imperfect in some respect.

Although immense amounts have been paid by the State of Maryland in the shape of bounties, a mere trifle only, has accrued to the benefit of the men who were drafted, and forced into the war, and who furnished substitutes. The Act of 1865, chapter 106, authorizes the payment of bounties to drafted men who furnished substitutes, but limits its operation to those furnished under "the call of the President of December 1864, and any similar one thereafter made." This restricts the payment on this account almost entirely, very few substitutes being furnished under the call of December 1864, or any subsequent call. It is to be regretted that while such large amounts have been paid, that these deserving citizens should be compelled to go without recompense for the amounts expended by them necessarily in the procurement of substitutes.

A number of our citizens who were drafted, have been compelled to dispose of their farms, and all their available property, to meet the heavy cost of furnishing substitutes; and yet the claims of these men to be reimbursed, although