

FREE SCHOOL FUND.

The total receipts into the Treasury on account of the Free School Fund during the fiscal year were \$70,502.08, which, with the balance, viz., \$5,470.47, remaining in the Treasury to the credit of this Fund on the 30th day of September, 1884, make a total of \$75,972.55 to the credit of this Fund during the year just closed.

The disbursements for the same period amount to \$68,752.08, leaving a balance of \$7,220.47 to the credit of said fund.

The statement gives in detail the sources from which this fund was realized and the amount each county received from the fund.

SINKING FUNDS.

To maintain the Sinking Funds is the hardest work of the Treasury Department.

First to get the money, which is not always an easy task, and second, to find the securities suitable for investment.

The Treasury officers have been kept busy during the year in search of bonds and securities in which to invest the money of the State due to these accounts.

Following the line of policy marked out in my last report, wherein I stated that it was the purpose of the Treasury officers "to make application of the surplus-revenues of the State to the redemption of its matured obligations for investment in the General as well as its Special Sinking Funds and that we were forced to this policy by our inability to secure proper securities without paying exorbitant premiums," we have carried to the credit of the various Sinking Funds \$312,750.00 of the Maryland Hospital bonds called in on the 1st day of January, 1885.

There was received into the Treasury during the fiscal year 1885, on account of the various Sinking Funds of the State, the sum of \$601,645.02, and there was invested in the bonds of the State and of the City of Baltimore the sum of \$601,465.53, leaving the sum of \$179.49 standing to the credit of these Funds at the close of the fiscal year