

It is proper to state in this connection that all the Sinking Funds have not only been kept up during the current years of my official term, but the Treasury officers have been able to realize from the uncollected balances of former years, together with the \$366,000.00 of B. & O. Railroad bonds, which were placed to the credit of the Sinking Funds for the redemption of the Deaf and Dumb and Maryland Hospital Loans, pursuant to Chap. 491 of the Acts of 1884, a sum more than sufficient to repair and make whole every fund for every existing loan that had not hitherto been entirely maintained, so that at the close of the fiscal year 1885, the Sinking Funds applicable to the various loans of the State were not only in their integrity but some of them were actually overflowing.

Since the close of the fiscal year, 1885, the Treasury officers, finding that they could still spare from the balance remaining in the Treasury, have further invested on account of the Sinking Funds and have carried the bonds of the State and of the City of Baltimore to the credit of these accounts to the amount of \$97,030.00, making the large sum of \$671,355.00 in State bonds and other available securities, that have been purchased and placed to the credit of the Sinking Fund of this State since the first day of October, 1884, making an increase in the Sinking Funds since I entered office in January, 1884, of \$1,109,355.00, and making the gross amount of bonds and securities standing to the credit of these funds for the redemption of the various loans of the State to be \$1,520,564.18.

The items of stock purchased on account of the Sinking Funds are given in detail in the "Statement E" above referred to.

"Statement F" gives in detail the funds and amounts that constitute the several Sinking Funds of the State, and the stock, kind and amount, held for the use of the Free School Fund.

DIVIDENDS.

The dividends from various stocks held by the State are shown in detail in "Statement G," amounting in the