

are happy to state, that we have been able to maintain in their integrity the Sinking Funds during the fiscal year just closed.

There was received during the fiscal year, on account of the tax providing for the Sinking Funds of the various loans of the State, and the increment arising from investments heretofore made on these accounts, the sum of \$351,728.37, which, added to the sum of \$179.49 standing to the credit of the Funds at the close of the fiscal year, 1885, makes the sum of \$351,907.86, and we invested that sum in the bonds of the State and of the City of Baltimore, and have carried the bonds so purchased to the credit of the various Sinking Fund accounts for the redemption of the outstanding bonds for the payment of which a tax has been laid upon the property of this State.

Since the close of the fiscal year, following the line of policy marked out in my first report, made to the Executive on the 5th day of January, 1884, of our intention of "applying the surplus revenues of the State to the redemption of its matured obligations," we called in on the 1st day of October last, one day after the close of the fiscal year, the bonds of the State issued on account of the Maryland Hospital Loan, authorized by the Act of 1876, chapter 263, and thus secured the balance of said Loan, not before in the Sinking Funds, amounting to \$99,000, and have carried said bonds to the credit of the Sinking Fund Account, making a total Sinking Fund to date of \$1,851,290.18.

"Statement F" also gives the various kinds of stock held by the State on account 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 aggregate to the sum of \$208,934.54.

OYSTER FUND AND INDUSTRY.

"Statement H" gives the receipts and disbursements on account of the Oyster Fund during the fiscal year ending on the 30th day of September, 1886.