

the third year of the existence of the school, the public contributed £303 2s 9d; the legislature voted £200; £10 were received from the Commissariat Department in aid of the training of two Indian schoolmasters, and the weekly pence of pupils amounted to £63 19s 11d.

Very much of the success of the school was undoubtedly due to the high character, the personal self-sacrifice, and the untiring energy of the active members of the Committee. Fully persuaded of the value of their aim, and of the excellence of their methods, these gentlemen were thoroughly in earnest, and were therefore both influential and successful. They suffered no mere honorary officials. Within a few months of the establishment of the School, it was resolved, "That those members of the Committee, including the Presidents and Vice-Presidents, who, unless from illness or absence from town, are not present at a monthly meeting for three months in succession, shall be fined in the sum of 5s, and for every succeeding month until they are present, 2s 6d per month." Such men were not likely to tolerate idleness in others. The school hours were to be from 9 to 12 and from 2 to 5, except that the afternoon hours from November 1st to April 1st, were to be from 2 to 4. "In consideration of the shortness of time at school, there shall be only two vacations in the year, viz., one week at Christmas and one week at midsummer, and the holidays to be kept shall be New Year's Day, Good Friday and Easter Monday." Faith and energy are contagious. It is certain that the labours of the British and Canadian School Society powerfully influenced the community in favour of popular education fifty years ago, and that the effect of the impulse then given, so far from being lost, has been growing ever since, not only in this city, but in this Province. So much good can a few loyal-hearted men effect.

Lord Dalhousie was the first patron of the School. At their earliest meeting the enthusiastic three resolved to present His Excellency a copy of their constitution, and to solicit the good offices of his Lordship. What answer he was then pleased to make does not appear, but he subscribed £20 to their fund, continuing this subscription annually during his stay in the Province, and in the following letter accepted the position of patron of the Society:—