

to school-fees where persons were able to pay for the education of their children, was that of voluntary contribution by the members of the Committee and other benevolent citizens.

The funds accruing from these sources, and assistance from the Legislature, were held at the disposal of a Committee appointed to superintend the affairs of the Institution, the members of which were required to subscribe not less than one Pound annually, and to report once a year on its progress and position.

The Institution thus commenced preceded in point of time, every other public School for the gratuitous education of the poor, in Halifax, conducted on the Lancasterian System, was well sustained and met with much success under its originator, Mr. Bromley, and his successors in office, the same principles adopted at its formation having been adhered to in its management up to the present period. The Institution in which the School is now conducted was erected in 1801 at a large expense, from funds raised by subscription, aided in part by a Grant from the Legislature, and in 1840 an Act of Incorporation was obtained by which the property of the School Society was invested in Trustees. Appropriate By-Laws were framed and agreed to—and a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Executive Committee appointed to superintend and conduct the affairs of the Institution, under whose management it still continues. This popular and useful institution has furnished for nearly forty years, and continues to furnish a graduated and systematic course of instruction, adapted to the capacity of the youngest children, while facilities are also afforded for teaching to the fullest extent required, in Arithmetic, Geography, and other Branches, those more advanced in years.

The Revenue heretofore received for the support of this School has arisen from an Annual Legislative Grant,—from Subscriptions by members of the Committee, as already men-