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VAUGHAN ROADS.

O for a Township Council which would rise superior to every other consideration than that which it knows and feels is for the good of those whose interests are committed to its care! But alas! the fear of offending one, of rendering jealous another, and of being deemed too officious and high-handed by all, paralyzes activity, and makes blind eyes, be they never so keen and far-reaching. Hence it is that where we should see thorough work, at most we find only patching and bungling, and where facility and safety should reign, we meet with only obstacles and dangers.

It is a flagrant disgrace that an old and wealthy township such as is Vaughan, should have scarcely ten miles of even tolerably good roads within its boundaries. Travellers are absolutely dependent on weather and season for the passableness of the highways. A few hours' rain converts the roads into positive quagmires, and we are strictly within the truth when we assert that the epithet 'good,' when applied to a concession or side line in Vaughan, means nothing more than that in wet weather the hubs of vehicles are not altogether buried in the mud. Compared with Markham's, those of Vaughan are only miserable and exasperating apologies for roads, and that the former township is so frequently singled out as being pre-eminently beautiful, is due, so far as Vaughan is concerned, simply to the fact that one's whole attention is so absorbed, while driving through the latter, in picking one's steps, that no time is left for admiring the beauties which it really possesses. In the spring and fall, the monotony of mud is broken only by slush, pitch-holes and delapidated culverts.

What is the reason that Council after Council is content to fret out its little hour without a single regard to what ought to be its main care? Is there no gravel in the Township? Is the Township overwhelmed with debt? Or is an iron-clad oath exacted of every Councilman that he will sacredly maintain the existing nefarious condition of things? We pause for a reply. In the mean time, we beg leave to propose to our readers the following weighty question: If the civilization of a country is directly proportionate to the quality of its roads, does Vaughan, in point of time, belong to the Middle Ages, and has it valid rights to be considered the heart of the Dark Continent, otherwise styled Africa?

BIBLE IN SCHOOLS.

It behooves all true friends of our Public School system to be exceedingly watchful, for, under the plea of an anxious solicitude for the spiritual welfare of the children, strenuous exertions are at present being made to insert the thin edge of that wedge which would most assuredly rive our fabric of education. As was to be expected, Sectarianism is at the bottom of the agitation. It is true that all that is now asked for is the introduction into our Schools of the Bible. It is urged that an education which is purely secular is fatally deficient; it is claimed by not a few, indeed, that such an education is worse than none at all, because in its tendency it is of necessity atheistical. On the holders of these and similar views, arguments would be thrown away. And yet, it does seem difficult of belief that there may still be found people who seriously maintain that a knowledge of the multiplication-table is morally ruinous unless it be accompanied by a simultaneous knowledge of some Scripture truths.

Unfortunately, concessions have been made which go far to justify almost any Sectarian demands which may be put forth. But yielding in one case ought not to serve as a pretext for yielding in other cases, especially as even those whom some consider as unduly privileged are far from being unanimous as to the un-mixed benefits derived from a compliance with their requests. Moreover, what has been done, being wrong, affords no precedent for acceding to the wishes of the present agitators. The latter have not expressed grave fears of heretical or

unorthodox opinions being taught to their children. This would be to knock the marrow out of their whole contention. So far, they have only complained that the truths of religion are altogether ignored. Hence the cry that the Bible must be a text-book.

To this appeal, we bluntly reply that those who make it are, at bottom, first members of a Sect, and then Christians. The growth of the body to which they belong is of vastly more importance to them than is the growth of Christianity. We are well aware that herein we shall be clamorously contradicted, but in the face of long and bitter experience, such contradiction must go for nothing. We are not of those who build our hopes and expectations on an ideal liberality of mind, but we prefer to act on the certainty that, however much to be deplored, the average man is still, in religious matters, more or less a prey to prejudice, if we may not use a much stronger word. Just as surely as the Bible is introduced into our Schools, so surely will those Schools become the arenas of theological disputes, and the scenes of all the strife and heart-burnings to which theological disputes invariably give rise.

It will be asked what danger can possibly menace us if children are only required to commit to memory certain verses of Scripture which have been agreed upon by all. We answer that the teacher who is conscientious in hearing a class recite those verses, can not consistently refrain from explaining their scope and meaning, and from the very moment he enters on an explanation, he will begin to tread upon dangerous ground, and he will displease ten where he may please one. To allow children to repeat the verses without note or comment of any kind would be worse than useless, for it would imperceptibly inculcate a levity, a flippancy, and an indifference to the Sacred Volume infinitely worse than would be an entire ignorance of it.

The State owes to every subject an elementary education. We are quite content to ground this debt on no higher consideration than that the subject who can read and write is likely to prove better than the subject who can do neither, and by 'better' we mean nothing more than 'more law-abiding.' Consequently, it is the duty of the State to refuse to listen to the sophistry, so much in vogue in certain quarters, which would prevent it from discharging an imperative obligation. In granting and maintaining freedom of conscience to all, the State fully satisfies all the claims which the subject, in reference to religion, may with safety make. For whatsoever else he may stand in need of, he must seek in his Church, in his Sunday School, and in his Home.

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CRICKET MATCH.

Maple vs. Springhill.

An exciting game of cricket took place at Maple on Tuesday between the Springhill and Maple clubs, the players being all under twelve years of age. Wickets were pitched at 1.30 p. m., Maple taking the bat, and after a score of eleven the last wicket fell. Betting was pretty even but extensively indulged in, and our hotel-keeper carried off a large sum of money. The young recruits made some excellent playing. The following is the score:—

MAPLE.		SPRINGHILL.	
First Innings.	Second Innings.	First Innings.	Second Innings.
Rumble M., b Quinlinc..... 0	c Curts..... 0	Curts J., b Townsend..... 1	run out..... 2
Jackson B., b Curts..... 0	c Quinlinc..... 0	Richley W., b Richardson..... 3	b Townsend..... 3
Smith F., c Quinlinc..... 2	c McCabe..... 14	Austin J., b Townsend..... 0	b Townsend..... 3
Jackson T., c Austin..... 0	c Austin..... 6	Quinlinc W., run out..... 3	run out..... 2
McLean A., b Quinlinc..... 0	not out..... 6	McCabe W., b Townsend..... 4	b Richardson..... 9
Bogardis H., not out..... 2	b Quinlinc..... 19	Bentley J., b Townsend..... 0	c Curts..... 9
Townsend G., run out..... 4	b Curts..... 9	Quinlinc E., c Townsend..... 0	not out..... 3
Richardson W., c Curts..... 0	c Curts..... 9	McCabe T., not out..... 0	run out..... 2
Byes & Wides..... 3	Byes & Wides 7	Byes..... 1	Byes..... 2
Total..... 11	Total..... 55	Total..... 12	Total..... 24

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