"THE FAMILY."

Mr. Editor,—

An able lecture on the above subject, and one worthy of being sent about doing good, through the press, was delivered before the Acadia Athenæum by Rev. W. Somerville, on Friday evening last. The following sketch may do in part the work of a word-for-word report. If you think so, and have space please give it to your readers.

Said the Lecturer: The family is a Divinely ordained Monarchy, established before church or commonwealth, and the foundation of both. The father is its divinely constituted sovereign, and if unfaithful or unkind is a rebel to God and an enemy to man. The mother though subordinate, is not inferior. At home she is greatest, though she serves. As wife and mother she is the chief conservator of society, and her position requires the exercise of the highest powers. Her sphere of action is at home, her right it is to make home glorious. If other "rights," which are claimed, are granted and exercised she will descend from a high to a low platform. She is a home-maker.

As a wife, her husband's triumphs are linked with her aid and power. Sheltered and shut in at home the weary toiler from whatsoever field, finds confidence, rest and relief. Her hand best ministers to him, and he goes forth refreshed, strong and unconquerable to life's battle and work. The wife who makes home homelike, defeats the tavern keeper with his own weapons. The husband is drawn home, not so much because he loves as that he is loved.

As a mother she exerts a power greater than father or teacher, because it is by her first exercised. She is mistress of the future for her hand moulds its men, and men in every sphere, but act out the character formed at home. She therefore needs the most thorough education. In the family the father gives the law, the mother gives it effect. The mother's words of love supplement the father's "I will this," and ensures obedience. On the mother devolves the education of the daughter. The necessity of being educated away from home is a misfortune. Education in domestic duties must take the first place and become the foundation of all else. Accomplishments are not to be decried. He who does this, to be consistent must banish flower and gem. The claims of servants as part of the family are not to be forgotten. Masters and mistresses owe to those whom necessity wrests from home and places under their care, the duties of fathers and mothers. The servant is not to be left in the field when the family gathers around the fireside altar. Nor on the other hand should the servant's conscience be regarded and the master's disregarded, and the priest become a ruler in the household. The talent of servant's should be encouraged, their industry rewarded, and poverty should not be crushed under the heel of pride.

Many social evils destroy family union and confidence. Polygamy and divorce bear bitter fruit. The adulterer and the seducer are scourges. The latter especially is unutterably loathsome, and should be placed under the ban of society. The laws of God against both should become part of the civil code. Some social organizations destroy this union and confidence. Masonry burlesqued "Free" is one of these. This organization, unchristian because it professes to unite all religions and nationalities, the oaths of which are antecedent to civil obligations, and binding its members so to assist each other, that the machinery of them guided by unscrupulous hands can blast reputations, corrupt courts, control legislatures and destroy churches, is irreconcilable with the Divine constitution of the family. It places an impassable gulf between those whom God has made one. It takes a higher place than the wife, and renders mutual confidence and counsel impossible. This separation is not of the Lord. It exacts a confidence dumb to a father's wisdom and a mother's love. It demands more than Christ by exacting oaths of obedience before its laws are known.

In conclusion, though failures and troubles arise, "the family" must be preserved until there is something better to put in its place. The failures and troubles come from violation of God's laws. The family circle shows most truly the workings of genuine piety. The saint abroad and devil at home belongs to the synagogue of Satan.

The lecture was well attended, was heard with deep interest and will doubtless do good. Your correspondent may venture one criticism, it is this: While some social vices deserve and demand scathing public rebuke and condemnation, they may be referred to in a manner unsuited to a mixed audience—in a manner calculated to mar or destroy the intended effect. With all deference we think that the Rev. Lecturer seemed to err in this respect.

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FIRE.—On Sunday evening about half past eight a fire broke out in the upper story of the old wooden building in Hurd's Lane, used by Mr. Simon F. Barss as a match factory. Some persons residing in the vicinity burst the doors open and brought out some of the stock and materials from the first floor and also a small portion from the upper floor. The inflammable materials in the building caused the fire to spread rapidly, and soon the whole upper storey was in flames. Fortunately, the supply of water in that part of the city is copious and the flames were confined to the one building, which, was nearly destroyed. Mr. Barss lost considerable stock. No insurance.

EXTENSION OF BARRACK STREET SOUTH.—An attempt has been made to get the military authorities to give up a portion of the Artillery Barracks and grounds to the city so as to carry Barrack Street through into Spring Garden Road.

His Excellency Sir Hastings Doyle has replied through the Engineer's office that he will be prepared to forward for the favorable consideration of the Secretary of State for War, the proposal to give up the South Barracks and the ground on which they stand, for the extension of Barrack Street south, on condition that the city erect new Barracks, affording an equal amount of accommodation with the old ones, at an estimated cost of not more than thirty thousand dollars.

FIRE IN DARTMOUTH.—The factory of the Dartmouth Copper Paint Company was considerably damaged by fire on Saturday afternoon. Before the flames could be extinguished they reached some chemicals, which exploded, blowing out one end of the building.

DAIRYMAN'S ASSOCIATION.—A number of gentlemen interested in the dairying business, met in Middleton, Annapolis Co., last week, and formed the "Nova Scotia Dairyman's Association." The following were elected officers:—A. Longley, President; Charles Whitman, Charles Ramsey, Johnston Patterson, Thomas Outhet, B. H. Parker, and Benj. Wheelock, Vice Presidents; O. M. Taylor, Secretary; Shippy Spurr, Treasurer.

WINDSOR.—The project for supplying Windsor with water by pipes, from lakes in the vicinity, is again revived it is estimated that it would cost some $30.000.

PRECAUTIONARY.—The Truro Sun says:—We have been requested to intimate that the old wooden bridge across the Salmon River, near this town, is not a bit too safe, and parties are warned not to trot their horses across it, nor to allow more than one team on it at once.

LUNENBURG.—On the night of the 30th ult the wife of Mr. Samuel Lowe, of Northfield, committed suicide by drowning herself in a well near her residence. Her health had been much impaired for some time past.

We learn from the Bridgewater *Times* that the surveyors have explored the route between Bridgewater and Gold River, *via* Mahone Bay, and have found the ground favorable for the construction of a railway.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY BRIDGES.—The Truro *Sun* reports that the Intercolonial Railway bridge across the Salmon river is now finished, the last rivit being clinched a few days ago. Some of the iron was lost during a freshet a few weeks ago, it having been carried away on the ice, but duplicate pieces have since been received. There are three spans of 100 feet each, and the superstructure presents a strong and ornamental appearance. The iron for the bridge across the North River is all on the ground and its erection will commence immediately.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—A lad named Joseph Scofield, about sixteen years of age, was accidentally killed on Baxter's Mountain, Cornwallis, on the 30th ult, by the falling of a tree on him while he was chopping in the woods.

The Yarmouth Public Library was formally opened on the 6th inst.

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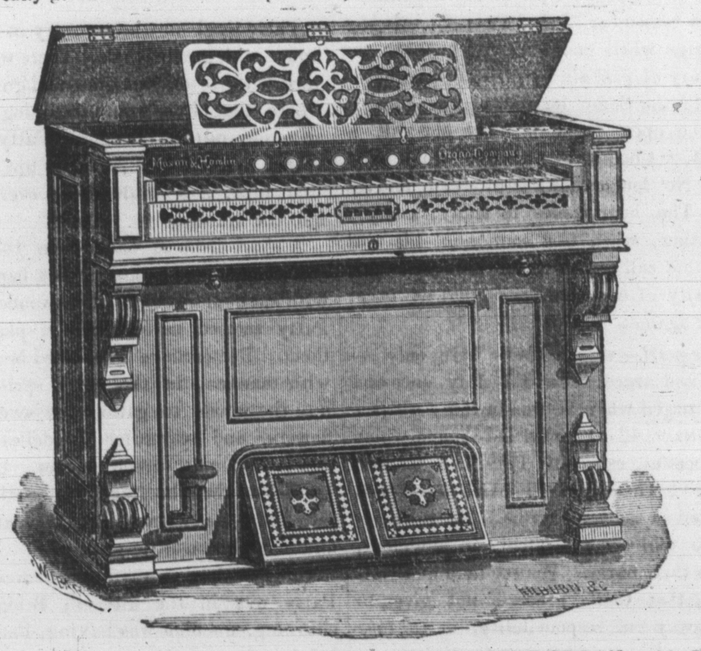

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Annapolis,* arr.	.....	2 30	.....	.....	.....
Truro, arrive...	10 05	.....	2 25	.....	8 10
Truro, depart...	10 20	.....	2 40	.....	.....
Pictou, arrive..	1 15	.....	6 30	....	.....

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Truro, depart...	7 00	1 05	.....	4 20	.....
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Windsor,* dep.	.....	.....	8 00	.....	6 40
Halifax, arrive..	12 00	5 30	11 05	7 30	9 00

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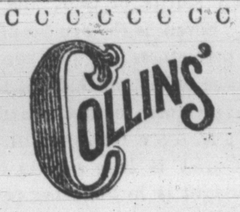

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