PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

On Wednesday the Sultan spent the whole day at the Ismailia Palace where during the afternoon he received H.S.H. Prince Kemal el-Din Hussein.

Lady Sykes, who is the sister of the late Sir Mark Sykes, M.P., is a sister of the late Sir Eldon Gorst and is well-known in Cairo. Her husband for Parliament, who, February 26 Mr. W.H. Eastman, president of the Hull branch of the National Democratic League, urged that Lady Sykes should become the Coalition candidate for the seat now vacant by the death of her husband, Sir Mark Sykes. During the General Election, in the absence of Sir Mark, said Mr. Eastman, Lady Sykes showed in her speeches that she was fully acquainted with modern politics, and it would be a compliment to her to become the first lady member of the House of Commons.

Ismail Hassanein Pasha, Under Secretary of State for Public Instruction, who had resumed his work on Tuesday after several weeks illness, had a relapse again on the following day.

Dr. McCarthy Morrow, President of the Egyptian Medical Commission, recently transferred as Director of Government Hospitals, will assume his new duties tomorrow.

Ahmed Gawdat Bey, Inspector at the Council of Ministers Department has retired on a pension. Gawdat Bey, who was previously the Governor of a Province had already been several years on pension when he again appeared on the active list as attached to the Council of Ministers Department seven years ago.

Mahmoud Fahmy el Kotari Pasha, Governor of Sharkieh returned to Zagazig on Wednesday afternoon after spending a short time in Cairo on duty connected with his province.

By kind permission of the Officer Commanding and Officers, the band of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers will play in front of the Alexandria Bourse in Mohamed Aly Square this (Friday) afternoon from 4 to 5 p.m. and at the same time on Sunday the 16th inst.

To-morrow evening a great fancy dress ball will take place at the Jardin Rosette Skating Rink. Prof. Pierre Lagos of the Société Philodramatique Israélite "Goldfaden" is giving it for the benefit of the wretched Jewish peasants who are at present starving in vast numbers all over Palestine which has been left in a state of utter desolation by the Turks. The tickets are P.T.20 each and one covers the entrance of two ladies and a gentleman. There are 20 dances the first one opens at 9 p.m. on Saturday evening and they will continue till 3 a.m. on the following Sunday morning. Top prizes will be given for the ten best costumes.

The Civil Court at Alexandria had to postpone 14 further cases, on Wednesday, for different excuses made by lawyers. The latter, however, decided to proceed in cases concerning imprisoned persons.

CHILDLESS WOMAN'S RUSE.

A curious story of native life was recently reported to the Police in the Moharem Kism to the following effect. A native of Alexandria, about 30 years of age, expressed his intention some time ago of divorcing his wife who is about 47 years old, on the ground that she is childless. On hearing this, the ignorant woman endeavoured to avoid separation by getting a child and pretending that she was its mother. She accordingly managed a few days ago to purchase a little foundling for P.T.100 from an immoral woman of the Lebban quarter, but the fraud was soon discovered and the husband brought the matter before the authorities.

BEHERA MURDERERS' TRIAL POSTPONED.

The Alexandria Assize Court yesterday postponed the trial of the Behera case in which 13 villagers are charged with murder, and attempted murder until next month.

CAIRO AMUSEMENTS.

THE SALLE KLEBER.—"Another great masterpiece is the chief attraction at the Salle Kleber Cinema this week entitled "The Count of Monte Christo." It is a splendidly produced drama in eight episodes interpreted from the immortal work of Alexandre Dumas with an all-star cast and includes the best artistes of the Parisian stage in the chief roles. The official Topical Budget depicts some of the most recent and interesting news of the day, while Charlie Chaplin in "Behind the Screen," provides all the usual fun associated with his productions.

ALEXANDRIA AMUSEMENTS.

THE CHANTECLER CINEMA.—The great attraction at the Chantecler Cinema this week is the wonderful artistic success "Femina," one of the Italia film firm's most brilliant conceptions. The scenery and the dresses are as original and artistic as is the plot of this most fascinating drama. The programme includes the entry of Italian troops into Trent. Afternoon performances now begin at six o'clock.

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UNREST IN EGYPT.

THE AGITATION AT AN END.

CAIRO BECOMES NORMAL.

Cairo was quiet yesterday doubtless as the effect of the G.O.C.'s notice of Tuesday, which was posted everywhere in the streets. British troops in large numbers were patrolling the streets and people resumed their work and opened their shops. The employees of the Public Works Ministry who struck on Tuesday returned on Wednesday to their offices.

The students distributed another circular yesterday which reads as follows:—

"Apology of the Egyptian students to their brothers, foreign residents of their country, especially those to whom damage or inconvenience was caused by the mob during the students' pacific demonstrations.

Dear countrymen:— We, Egyptian students are very sorry for what the mob have done during our pacific demonstrations in which our aim was only to demonstrate our feelings and sympathies without in any way affecting our love to the dear foreigners residing in our country."

"It is therefore remain friends as we have been for a long time past.

Young amicably,
THE EGYPTIAN STUDENTS.

March 13, 1919.

The greatest inconvenience still continuing in the Native lawyers' strike. A correspondent of the "Egyptian Gazette" writes: "I had an interview yesterday on the subject with an influential member of their Bar and gather from him that their zeal has generally weakened, and it is not unlikely that in a few days they will ask for their names to be retransferred to the list of practising lawyers."

AT ALEXANDRIA.

At Alexandria the city yesterday presented its usual normal appearance except there were some military pickets about. A number of students, who had indulged in rioting on the previous day, were arrested yesterday.

Owing to the recent disturbances Kaimakam Teal Bey, Assistant Commandant, Alexandria City Police who was spending a short leave in Cairo, has cancelled the remaining portion of his leave and returned to Alexandria on Wednesday evening.

The lawyers have decided to make an exception in their strike and will defend only in cases where the accused is in prison.

AT DAMANHOUR.

Our Damanhour correspondent writes that at that city on Wednesday afternoon about 4.15 o'clock a great crowd of the inhabitants of the lower classes who are closely connected with the criminal population and ever eager to fish in troubled waters, gathered together in the Mudirieh Street and began to make a demonstration. Soon afterwards the Mudir, Ismail Pasha Halim, dashed up in a motor-car accompanied by a detachment of police, and armed only with a walking stick rushed among the mob without any regard for his personal safety and scattered the rioters. He chaff honors by while all lovers of law and order admired his courage and self-determination. If the other cities of Egypt had had the fortune to possess such a Mudir there would have been no regrettable occurrences during the past few days, for owing to his action no damage was done, the spirit of mischief among the mob was nipped in the bud, and there was no loss to life or limb.

CAIRO STRAY DOGS AND CATS.

The Cairo city police notify that stray dogs and cats will be destroyed on the dates and at the places below-mentioned:—

Marg, Ein Shams, Bab el Sharia and Pyramids, on March 18th; Old Cairo, Gamalia and Sayeda, 19th; Heliopolis, Darb el Ahmar and Abdin, 20th; Kaid Bey, Back of Citadel, Shubra and Bab el Sharia, 21; Shubra, Nile Bank, Heliopolis and Helwan, 22nd; Khalifa, Imam, Gezireh and Darb el Ahmar, 23rd; Tura, Meadi, Mousky and Gezireh, 24th.

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ALEXANDRIA'S MORALS.

THE MUNICIPALITY'S LATEST MOVE.

The Alexandria Municipality has decided to embark on a campaign to purify the city and for this purpose a commission has been appointed, consisting of Hopkinson Pasha, Dr. Granville, Maitre Lian, and Mustafa Bey Kamel, who have been charged to study the best means for a putting an end to the existing state of things in this city, whereby houses inhabited by courtesans exist in quarters of the city which do not considered suitable for this class of the population. This question was raised at the meeting of the Municipal Commission of Wednesday afternoon by Maitre Lian, who pointed out that as regards the present scandal either the law was defective or its application. Maitre Lian insisted that some method should be found for preventing such a state of affairs as had recently been brought to light by the Alexandria Morality Police, who a few days ago, in two quarters of the city, discovered within five days 126 amateur prostitutes in various private houses in the Attarin and Menshieh quarters, and on examination only fourteen women out of the 126 were found to be free from venereal disease.

The authorities have suspended the directress of the Women's Venereal Hospital at Moharem Bey as a result of a charge that she was treating the unhappy inmates unfairly. Sitt Fatma Hamdy, a qualified Egyptian midwife, has been entrusted with the management of the place.

ALEXANDRIA LIBRARY.

THE MUNICIPAL PARSIMONY.

(TO THE EDITOR, "EGYPTIAN GAZETTE.")

SIR,—I was interested to read the following paragraph in a recent issue of the "Egyptian Gazette": "The Municipality is gradually reducing expenses on the Alexandria Library to the smallest possible sum, and in the note on the budget, estimates for 1919-20, prepared by Hopkinson Pasha, it is stated that the sole increases on that institution for the next year are L.E. 6 for printed matter and L.E. 4 for stationery, while the expenditure on the denizens of the Nesakia menagerie is to be increased by L.E. 229."

The Alexandria Municipal Library, that proud monument to our love of knowledge and civilisation—that noble collection of world-literature which raises us at once so distinctively above the level of Mansourah, "Beni Suef, Tanta and Montaza, is to receive L.E. 10 during its coming year! I wish to raise a voice in protest. There must be some reasonable limit to the vast sums which our enlightened Municipal Council is prepared to squander on literature. Some expenditure—say one hundred piastres per annum—was justifiable before the Library had reached its present state of perfection. But nowadays why should money be poured out like water to add perfection to what is already perfect? Next year—I have your authority for it, Sir—the Municipality will spend four pounds on uniforms for the librarians and six pounds on books. Six pounds on books! Nothing ought to be spent on books. With a catalogue of prehistoric inaccuracy and confusion; with books inadequate in quantity and widely inadequate in quality, why spend four pounds? Why anything at all? It's nice to feel that the librarians have new uniforms, but what's the good of a squadron of brightly capparisoned Beadles promenading four dingy rooms which contain a collection of books that would disgrace a tenth-rate town in Great Britain? Has the Alexandria Municipal Council got any civic pride? It certainly has no appreciation of the dignity or value of learning. I appeal to Hopkinson Pasha—Hall of Fame the Unrighteous. Can he not give the Immorality of Unfulfilled Desire a day or two's rest and devote a few moments to the Immorality of the Unfilled Library and the Unfilled Mind?

Yours, etc.,
DISDAINFUL.

Alexandria, March 12.

CAIRO PARKS AND GARDENS.

It has been decided to detach the parks and gardens situated on the right and left sides of Kasr el-Nil Bridge, and the big park in the neighbourhood of the Zoological Gardens from the State Domains and attach them to the Tanzim Department, from the beginning of the coming financial year.

DEAD FOWLS FOR SALE.

On Tuesday last the Boulac Police arrested a native named Mohamed Ramadan on the charge of attempting to sell for food in the Boulac Market, trussed fowls which had not been killed but had died a natural death. Another man and a woman were arrested for participation in the affair.

THE SERVANT PROBLEM.

"The domestic servant crisis is probably at its climax at the moment, the present moment," says the "Times."

"In one of the best-known West End servants' registry offices it was stated that no women servants were available, but that men servants, butlers, footmen, grooms, chauffeurs, and page-boys could be had in fair numbers. It was further stated that men-servants are returning to their old work on being demobilised.

RACING ENTHUSIASTS.

Those who cannot attend the Races can yet have a big interest by taking chances in the "Gazette" weekly competition. All entrance fees less ten per cent given to the winner.

SCHOOL GARDENS IN CYPRUS.

A SUCCESSFUL SCHEME.

The following article is taken from a review by G. Frangos, Superintendent of School Gardens, in the "Cyprus Agricultural Journal" for January:—

Five-sixths of the total population of this Island, or, say, 230,000 persons, live outside the six district towns and, probably, a majority of the adult males included in this number are directly employed in, or dependent for their livelihood upon, some form of agriculture.

Experience has shown the difficulty of getting farmers and gardeners by mere verbal advice to try new crops and improved methods, and unless they see the plants actually grown, or modern implements in operation, and can follow the cultural work and observe the results for themselves they do not readily grasp, or they therefore knew the art of pruning and budding or grafting. The schoolboys know better. Where a school garden exists the boys easily learn how properly to graft and prune and they quickly become skilful at the work. Where there are these gardens the Agricultural Department, through its trained staff, is enabled to provide that practical instruction to the children, and also to the villagers, which hitherto has been impracticable.

In 1913 the Agricultural Department undertook the establishment of School Gardens and at the same time the Department and the Education Department arranged a course of agricultural lectures to be given to schoolmasters during the summer vacations. These were given both to Greek and Moslem schoolmasters at Nicosia, Kirmmeni and Paphos, and about 100 of them attended.

The school garden scheme provided for the award of prizes to be given to schoolmasters for the best gardens, and an increased grant-in-aid was made to those schoolmasters in charge of school gardens.

The total value of the prizes was, since the scheme began is just over £229, i.e., £12 in 1914, £22 in 1916, £ 82 in 1917 and £83 last year. The gardens already established are in the following towns: Nicosia, Kyrenia, Famagusta, Larnaca, Limassol, Paphos.

The objects of the school gardens are (a) to raise in the vicinity of the villages the plants needed by the villagers, (b) to teach the school boys and the villagers something about the methods of raising, cultivation and care of such plants, and (c) generally to arouse their interest in the work of improved gardening, tree culture and the production of fodder and industrial plants.

They have not all been fully successful; but even where they have failed through lack of water, need of funds for fencing, or other initial works, or want of keenness on the part of the school master, such gardens have often served useful instructional purposes, or have created a village interest which, when the temporary difficulties have passed, may lead to a new and more successful effort.

Several of these school gardens have done remarkably well and are certainly, if not perfect, are only moderately successful, owing very often to natural drawbacks; some, which gave great promise, have gone back under a change of school master, and there have been total failures which have had to be abandoned. The greater number of those now working are quite satisfactory and can compare with the Government Nursery Gardens, while they have, in their favour a greater educational value.

The 20 school gardens in Cyprus in 1917-18 raised over 100,000 young trees. All these have been sown, propagated and cultivated by some 1,400 schoolboys.

In addition, the boys have been taught how to graft, and before last summer holidays had actually grafted 46,460 young trees. In a few schools basketmaking and broommaking from native grown materials are being taught by qualified persons from the Agricultural Department.

There are illustrations shown of the Evryshou school boys and their master Mr. Vassilou Petridis, Director of the Evryshou 100,000 seedlings; of which 8,088 were sold and 2,368 were issued gratis to churches, mosques and communities. The remainder will sale next year if possible. Other gardens have done equally well and in some respects a few have done even better. So long as the Government Nursery Gardens raise young plants for sale, they create a certain competition, but this work will be left more and more to the school gardens in future.

During 1918—1919 the Agricultural Department will have spent £150 towards their establishment and the school committees will have spent upwards of £55 while £50 have been collected during 1918 from sales of school garden produce.

The movement has now become well established; but it is capable of considerable development. It is, however, useless and indeed harmful, to attempt gardens where circumstances are unfavourable, where there is no water, or the ground is unsuitable, too distant from the school, where the school master or the school committees are apathetic or disapproving, and where the villagers do not desire such a garden and are not willing to assist or to support in any way.

When conditions are favourable, however, the Department is prepared to assist to the utmost of its power, and it is greatly to be desired that persons of influence in any village where such a garden in contemplated, will give the scheme their practical support.

These gardens form an admirable nursery for the Agricultural School, as the boys who have taken practical interest in the former are qualified to become good students of the latter. We have therefore the outlook for the future of a continuous agricultural education. First the Elementary School with the school garden; then the Agricultural School with its two years' course; then the Old Students Club with the annual opportunities afforded to its members of meeting together for 10 days or so for lectures and practical training under the supervision of the Department and the circulation among them of departmental and other agricultural literature. This is a foundation on which to build further as time goes on.

The officers of the 6th German Army Corps have declared a strike because the Soldiers' Council wanted to control the officers, says the "Times" Copenhagen correspondent. The officers demand the removal of the President of the Soldiers' Council. The strike has caused a considerable disarrangement in the protection of the Eastern frontier.

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All that I've got worth gold.

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For heavy copper pence,
I'd give an eye from its socket;
And I'm a man of sense.

To ask a policeman in London,
If it's summer or winter time;
To climb a 'bus and abandon
My ears to Bow Bells' chime;

To ride in a 3rd class carriage
On a slow suburban line,
I'd hand sea-sick at Harwich
Nor wish the weather fine.

To buy the daily papers
For quite a trifling sum,
I'd cut surrapping capers,
I would, else strike me dumb!

To buy a loaf called cottage;
To crack an egg that's brown,
For home's remembered pottage
I'd risk my chick's worst frown.

In order from my tailor
For suits of latest cut;
I'd break both bank and jail, or
I'll perish in this rut!

I'm sick to death of gharrys,
Garra and girshe'eas,
With all Toms, Dicks and Harrys
Who feel below their pas.

So here's for merry England
Its strikes and penny buns!
For when I reach the home strand
I'm out to make some runs!

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ALEXANDRIA.

From Observations taken at Kom-el-Nadura at 8 a.m. 17th March, 1919.

Barometer reduced to O°C., Sea-level		Inches
and Mean Gravity (lat.)		30.03
Wind	Direction	E.S.E.
	Velocity (in kms. p. hour)	0
	Ft. c. (6.10)	3
State of sky		Clear
State of sea		Very slight
Air temperature	Wet bulb thermometer	14.2
	Dry bulb	16.6
	Max. for previous day	17.3
	Min. " " night	11.6
Black bulb therm. at 8 p.m. yesterday		47
Relative Humidity		76
Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 8 a.m. (mm)		0.00
Evaporation " " (mm)		1.0

Observer
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13 MARS 1919.

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Blés Hindi		"	"	316 - 322
Clawani		"	"	332 - 338
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Jualité Saidi		"	"	245 - 250
Kabate		"	"	250 - 255
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Lentilles concassées		"	"	268 - 283
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Helba		"	"	302 - 308
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Graines de coton: Ardeb 7222 contre même jour en 1918: 14806.

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Sacs a oignons	3. - 3.05

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

ALEXANDRIA HARBOUR.

ARRIVALS.

March 9:- S.S. Hindoo British from Genoa.
March 12:- S.S. Oraeolo Italian from Genoa.
March 13:- S.S. D'Aosta Italian from Genoa.

DEPARTURES.

March 7:- S.S. Lucania British to Malta.
March 9:- S.S. Tanta British to Cyprus; S.S. Kenah British to Hull.

SHIPS AT QUAYS TO-DAY.

NAME	NATIONALITY	QUAY NO.
Tanteh	British	21
Maimaxa	British	21
Clan Menzies	British	26
Thai Gane	Spanish	20
Oreeolo	Italian	20-21
Colemaide	Italian	23
Roumalian	British	24
Rosamp	British	26
Merchant Prince	British	27
Hindoo	British	28
Cypria	British	29
Carib Prince	British	31
Rodesia	British	52
Sambeja	Dutch	M. Jet.
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