

advertized—that will be a very good catalogue of my library.’ A gentleman asked for a paper containing the Queen’s Speech: ‘Ah, yes,’ said Redstone, ‘it will be here to-day—that is, the paper—and the Speech if it was delivered in time for the mail.’ ‘But,’ said the gentleman, ‘the Speech is always sent to the papers before it is actually delivered.’ ‘Ah, yes—but sometimes there is great inaccuracy—the paper *we* shall give you will contain an exact copy—we always get the correct thing.’ A public reading room is much wanted. Redstone used to take a few of the London papers, but there is nothing at all to compare with the reading room in Jersey, which was abundantly supplied with all the London dailies and standard weeklies, besides all the periodicals. I was introduced to the Independent Club, as it is called, a ‘Sixty’ association, but found it nothing but a reading room. It was comfortable enough for a lounging place, but only those papers which pleased the taste of the members were taken in, and not a single magazine. Consequently, it was far inferior as a place of information to a public reading room, where one could see both sides of the question. The Forties also had their club or reading room, and it is very probable that though not so dignified, it was better supplied than its supercilious neighbour up the hill.

The Market House of Guernsey is still better even than that of Jersey. It occupies two sides and nearly a third of a large square, and is a solid two story building of freestone. The lower story is divided into shops in front, under an arcade, while in the rear are the fish and meat markets. The fish market is considered one of the finest in Europe. It is about two hundred feet in length by twenty in breadth, and upwards of forty in height. The stalls in which the fish are exposed are forty in number, formed of slabs of finely polished marble supported on six pillars. This market is lighted by means of windows at each end and skylights in the roof, and is thoroughly ventilated. It is abundantly supplied with fish. The meat market is convenient and airy, well lighted by skylights in the day time, and by gas lights at night. The shops are comfortably fitted up, and are distinct from each other. In addition to these an arcade is set apart for the country people, who are not butchers, but who bring their ready dressed pork and veal here for sale; the carcasses are hung up in the division to which they belong; the ten parishes having their names over their respective rows of hooks, so that every purchaser may know in what parish the meat was fed. The market place is devoted to vegetables, fruit, and flowers, of which there is a magnificent supply. In the arcade sit the egg-and-poultry-women, and over this are the assembly rooms, devoted to public balls, concerts, and exhibitions.

On Easter Monday a general inspection and drill of the Island Militia took place. I went to the drill ground of the 1st regiment; this consisted of eight companies of thirty-six men each. On the same ground were two companies of rifles, and a regiment of artillery with sixteen brass guns. The