$k+2, k+1$, or $k$ such $G$ 's. The number is $k+2$ when there is more than one invariant of each of values 2 and 4 in $H$. When there is only one invariant of one of these values and more than one of the other, the number of $G$ 's is $k+1$. Finally, there are only $k$ such $G$ 's when $H$ contains only one invariant of each of the values 2 and 4.

It may be added that in the study of all the possible nonabelian groups of order $p^{m}$ which contain an abelian subgroup of order $p^{m-1}$ it is especially desirable to know all of those groups which contain more than one such subgroup, as the other possible groups are distinct whenever they transform the abelian subgroup in different ways. When there is more than one abelian subgroup of order $p^{m-1}$ in $G$, two such subgroups may be transformed differently by the remaining operators.

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## NOTE ON SYSTEMS OF IN- AND CIRCUMSCRIBED POLYGONS.

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In a paper read before the London Mathematical Society on March 12, 1874 (Proceedings of the London Mathematical Society, volume 5) Wolstenholme assumes two similar and similarly situated polygons of $n$ sides, $A B C \ldots K L M$ and $a b c \cdots k l m$, and considers the conditions for an infinity of polygons which shall be inscribed in one of the similar polygons and circumscribed about the other.

He assumes that if $a b$ meet $A M$ in $U$ and if $a m$ meet $A B$ in $V$, then

$$
A U / A M=A V / A B=k
$$

His solution finds $n-1$ values for $k$, that is, that there are $n-1$ points on $A M$, say, which may be taken as its intersection with $a b$, this point fully determining the polygon $a b c \cdots k l m$.

In particular he finds as the two solutions for the case $n=3$ that $a b$ must divide $A C$ in the ratio $\frac{1}{3}$ or in the ratio 1 . In the first case the triangle $a b c$ becomes a point, the common

