

## The Evening Chit-Chat

By RUTH CAMERON



How often do you read any poetry?  
A modern English essayist has recently announced his conviction that "many excellent persons if they were confronted with the alternatives of reading in a Paradise Lost, and going around Trafalgar Square at noonday on their knees in sackcloth, would choose the ordeal of public ridicule."

I fancy that statement is a trifle strong, and yet I certainly agree with the underlying belief that very few people nowadays care to read poetry. Again I ask, "How often do YOU read poetry?"

I don't mean how often do you glance over one of the little magazine poems, that take perhaps a half minute to read, but how often do you sit down and read poetry as you would read a novel or a newspaper half an hour or an hour at a time?

What difference does it make, you say, whether you do or not?

My friend, the essayist has undoubtedly heard you say that, for he is all ready with his answer. You should read poetry, he says, because "imaginative poetry is the highest form of wisdom. In a word, there is nothing to compare with it."

He makes these remarks in the course of a little book telling the ordinary business man how, despite the demands of business and social life, he can still keep on feeding his mind, instead of letting it die of starvation.

He wants the business man to save six or seven hours a week for this purpose, and one of the ways in which this time is to be employed is in reading poetry.

This man is one of the foremost men of letters, and one of the most brilliant men in England.

Nor is he just a dreamer. On the contrary, he is a man of affairs, a very busy man, and he knows how to talk to other busy men.

He is also a man with definite ideas. He doesn't just say "read poetry" and let it go at that. Here is his more definite outline for the willing-to-be-poetry reader.

"If poetry is what is called a sealed book to you, begin by reading Hazlitt's essay on the nature of poetry in general. It is difficult to imagine the mental state of the man who, after reading this essay, is not urgently desirous of reading some poetry before his next meal."

After you have read this, he further advises that you begin your course of poetry by reading "an infinitely finer English novel than anything written by George Eliot or even Jane Austen. Its title is 'Aurora Leigh' and its author 'E. B. Browning.'"

I also have a suggestion for the person who is pleased with this notion, and wants to begin disciplining and improving his mind by reading poetry. And that is to read Tennyson's "Idylls of the King," "The Princess" and "The Lady of Shalott." I am sure the veriest tyro at poetry reading couldn't fail to enjoy these. And I am sure they would be a stepping stone to further appreciation of poetry.

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Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—Since reading the proposed Teachers' Pension Scheme we have bawled our thinking tacts down close to the bunkin head, and with all sail spread that will draw upon a wind, we find that owing to some very subtle undercurrents we are unable to fetch within miles of the point. Favourable conclusion. It appears to us that the scheme was engendered by a few of the wiser foxes whose object was to try to have the present Pension Fund, which has been sliced off the miserable pittances (speaking generally) of the poor overworked and underpaid teachers of the country, distributed as prize monies, as are said to be distributed by the lords of the admiralty, namely, those in positions commanding high salaries get all, and those less favoured get what is left.

Section 2 of the scheme reads thus: "That the rate of pensions be two-thirds of average salary during last ten years of service." What does that mean? Does it mean that the retiring teacher shall receive as a pension two-thirds of the average salary of the whole body of teachers during that time? Or does it mean the average salary received by himself individually? We fear it means the latter. If so, it is, to put it mildly, a very unfair way of benefitting a few at the expense of the many.

During the past twenty years all teachers, irrespective of grade or class, have been paying premiums founded on uniformity or rather on a uniform basis. Such being the case, it is only natural to expect that all should share alike in the drawing of pensions. If the premiums paid were in proportion to salaries received, we could understand why there should be some irregularity in the value of pensions. But for teachers to pay a uniform premium, and then draw pensions in proportion to their salaries is funny indeed. In fact, 'tis more than funny—'tis cute.

Again, from another point of view the adopting of average salary clause would make matters bear a little hard on the pensioner. For example:—Suppose a teacher has charge of a large school commanding a fairly large salary, say for twenty years when he becomes incapacitated as far as the successful discharge of his duties to that school is concerned, and feels like retiring to a smaller school commanding a smaller salary where he could manage to give satisfaction to all concerned. If he retired to the smaller school and held it ten years, he would be entitled to only two-thirds of the average salary received while teaching that school. This probably would not be much more than half he would have received if he could have held on to his former school. On the other hand, if he held on to the former school that school would suffer, but he would be benefited by securing a much larger pension. Under these circumstances, which should suffer?

Hoping to see this matter thoroughly thrashed out, We remain,  
Yours very respectfully,  
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Skip 12	Skip 10
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J. A. Paddon	W. F. Joyce
Skip 7	Skip 19
W. Harvey	S. Thompson
H. J. Taylor	F. W. Knight
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D. P. Duff	T. J. Duley
Skip 17	Skip 14
D. Baird	Dr. Smith
W. J. Higgins	T. J. Barron
R. B. Watson	R. Strang
F. V. Chesman	E. W. Rowe
Skip 14	Skip 12
C. A. C. Bruce	J. Kelt
W. G. Campbell	T. O'Neill
F. Alderley	Dr. Murphy
H. Jardine	Joseph Peters
Skip 13	Skip 10
J. C. Parsons	John Baxter
C. B. Carter	W. L. Donnelly
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Skip 12	Skip 12
88	93

A win for the Blues by 5 points.

REDS vs. WHITES.

Reds.	Whites.
Jos. Dewling	J. Grieve
H. Bartlett	J. Branscombe
R. G. Reid	T. Godden
J. Browning	R. Von Stein
Skip 16	Skip 14
R. G. Ross	W. S. Cornick
Eric Bowring	J. J. Maher
J. B. Soper	Hon. J. Harvey
H. E. Cowan	F. W. Hayward
Skip 10	Skip 11
J. A. Clift	A. Munn
George Peters	A. Cunningham
J. S. Munn	E. McNab
W. Shirran	F. T. Brehm
Skip 10	Skip 14
Geo. Marshall	J. Limberg
J. Baird, Jr.	W. H. Peters
George Tessier	R. C. Smith
John Jackson	A. Donnelly
0	Skip 5
(By Default)	H. Crawford
Chas. Ayre	R. J. Coleman
H. Donnelly	T. B. Goodridge
T. H. Goodridge	E. W. Taylor
H. D. Carter	S. Ryall
Skip 15	Skip 13
F. Goodridge	W. J. Ryan
R. McLoughlin	Dr. McLoughlin
Dr. McPherson	T. J. Edens
F. H. Steer	H. W. LeMessurier
Skip 16	Skip 15
D. MacFarlane	W. Jocelyn
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J. S. Munn	F. W. Bradshaw
A. H. Jalter	W. H. Duder
Skip 9	Skip 20
76	92

A win for the Whites by 16 Points.

FINAL.

Whites.	Greens.
W. S. Cornick	J. Kelt
I. Maher	T. O'Neill
Hon. J. Harvey	Dr. Murphy
F. W. Hayward	Joseph Peters
Skip 15	Skip 17
H. Crawford	John Baxter
R. Coleman	W. L. Donnelly
E. W. Taylor	P. C. O'Driscoll
S. Ryall	J. C. Jardine
Skip 12	Skip 14
A. Munn	S. J. Foote
A. Cunningham	Dr. Knight
E. McNab	F. H. Donnelly
F. T. Brehm	W. R. Warren
Skip 11	Skip 14
J. McIntyre	S. Thompson
W. H. Peters	F. W. Knight
T. Godden	T. C. Fitzherbert
R. Von Stein	T. J. Duley
Skip 14	Skip 16
J. Limberg	Dr. Smith
Tasker Cook	T. J. Barron
R. C. Smith	R. Strang
A. Donnelly	E. J. Rowe
Skip 12	Skip 15
W. Jocelyn	W. Rennie
R. J. Coleman	R. C. Grieve
F. Bradshaw	A. S. Rendell
W. H. Duder	T. Winter
Skip 17	Skip 10
H. Brooks	D. Eaton
J. McLoughlin	Geo. Knowling
T. J. Edens	F. Crane
H. W. LeMessurier	W. Joyce
Skip 15	Skip 6
96	92

General result of the Grenier Cup a win for the Whites by 4 points.

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## Father Vaughan Again

Denounces Present Day Society.

New York, Feb. 1.—Father Bernard Vaughan, the noted English Jesuit priest and orator, told an audience that crowded Carnegie Hall last night that the greatest danger threatening society to-day are a lax system of divorce and marriage, carelessly nurseries, and a system of education which drives Christ from the rank of headmaster to a place on the back seat, and instead of drilling an army is only arming a mob. "Only by restoring Christian principles in all things," he said, "can society be saved from approaching the low level of Pagan Rome in the muddest stage of its muddy golden age."

Father Vaughan declared that present day society, "while not yet at the cemetery, is heading rapidly toward it." He instanced as one of the causes of the decadence of the age the careless system of divorce which, if not improved, he said, would be ruinous to the country. Socialism in its various phases he also assailed.

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## Household Notes.

A spoonful of whipped cream is a tasty addition to any cream soup. Add it to the top of the cup just before serving.

Cream cheese into which chile sauce is mixed, rolled into balls and served with lettuce salad, is a most piquant relish.

Oyster cocktails are sometimes served in small grapefruit shells or in paper shells. The effect is decidedly pleasing.

Basting threads, when saved, should be wound on a spool; otherwise, they get hopelessly tangled and cannot be used again.

In testing the oven for cake baking, remember that greater heat is required for a cake baked in layers than for a single loaf.

In cleaning a sponge, dissolve half a teaspoonful of salt in a pint and a half of water. Knead and rub the sponge well in this and then rinse.

Use butter rather than milk if potatoes need extra thinning. The former makes them soggy, and nothing is worse than milky mashed potatoes.

When lobster Newburg is to be made in the chafin dish, it is well to prepare it some time before and let it remain in a very cold place until used.

If eggs are to be stuffed, they must be put into cold water as soon as they are taken from the stove. This will keep the whites in better shape.

To remove iron rust from white material, wet the goods with lemon juice, rub on salt, and put out in the sun. If the first application fails, try it again.

If salt fish is required for immediate use, it will freshen much more quickly if soaked in milk instead of water. Sour milk will answer as well as sweet.

Mix stove polish with equal parts of household ammonia and turpentine and apply to the cool stove; it will off with a soft woolen cloth. It gives a high polish.

It will be found a simple matter to mend a hole in a small boy's trouser's pocket if a darning egg is slipped into the pocket and the darning done over it.