

ALUMNI NEWS

1890

Leonard Charles Van Noppen has had a notable career as author and lecturer. Born in Holland, he came to this country with his parents and two younger brothers at the early age of six. He was educated at Guilford College and at the University of North Carolina and holds diplomas from both institutions. He studied in the North and then attended some of the great European universities.

His translation of Voudel's "Lucifer" brought him international literary fame and soon thereafter he was elected to the Queen Wilhelmina professorship of Dutch literature at Columbia University. This chair, by the way, was created especially for Mr. Van Noppen and was held by him for six years when at the outbreak of the war and at the request of Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels, he resigned to enter the diplomatic service as naval attache at the Court of The Hague and subsequently at the Court of St. James. While in London Mr. Van Noppen published his book of poems entitled "The Challenge." At present he is engaged in finishing what he believes will prove to be the great effort of his life, a dramatic poem in blank verse on evolution which he seeks to prove that there is no conflict between science and religion and that harmony and unity are the great purposes of Jehovah; and furthermore where man is unable to so interpret it—it is because of man's limitations. Mr. Van Noppen claims North Carolina as his adopted home. He is a brother of Charles Leonard Van Noppen, publisher of "A Narrative History of North Carolina," by Capt. S. A. Ashe, and also a biographical history which contains sketches of all the more notable State characters from colonial times to the present.

In commenting on Mr. Van Noppen's poems Benjamin de Cassares in the Bookman, New York, September 1919, says: "The genius of Van Noppen is romantic and ironical." L. D'Anunzio, he is a born singer. Like Victor Hugo, he knows the tremendous power of words. Like Swift he can smash a man in a single line.

C. Alphonso Smith, head of the department of English at the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., and noted author and critic writes of Mr. Van Noppen's literary accomplishments:

After his resignation from naval service Van Noppen traveled widely in Europe and is now at work on a huge epic, "Morning Star: The Book of the Two Ways." In this and in "The Sphinx" he will exemplify his theory of symphonic poetry. This new kind of verse is built up of musical paragraphs, the paragraph rather than the line being the structural unit. Van Noppen's voice, however, is not silent on questions of the day. The Jamestown Morning Post, of Jamestown, New York, January 12, 1922, summarizes a recent address by Mr. Van Noppen in these words: "His range covered capital and labor, Russian communism, autocracy and democracy, art and poetry, patriotism, history, a dash of philosophy, socialism and national ideals from the time of Egypt to modern Germany. He proclaimed Wilson as the only man at the Versailles conference who had a vision, and deplored the fact that he has no

part in the present conference on disarmament."

It was at Jamestown, New York, that Mr. Van Noppen was married on September 28, 1902, to Miss Maude Stanton Becker. She shares his literary interests and believes, as do those of us who have known him from boyhood, that, distinguished as his work has been, his opus majus is yet before him.

The above was taken from the Raleigh News and Observer for December 2nd.

Mr. Van Noppen received the A. B. degree from Guilford College in 1890. He was a student of Latin under Dr. Hobbs who states that Van Noppen was both a brilliant and industrious student with an unusual ability to interpret foreign languages.

Thanksgiving Is Celebrated

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parking signs violated both with regard to place and length of time. Some had the added attraction of mints, or peanuts which impeded still more the rapidity of the pilgrimages through the shrines. Many found the hour and half all too short a time for the occasion.

Then came the great games. All went to the gymnasium where a double-header basket-ball game came off. The boys of the dormitory played the college boys of the neighborhood, while between halves the upper class women played the freshmen girls. In the first game the score was 46-20 in favor of the day students while in the last the old girls got the big end of a 28-1 score.

At seven o'clock the "Y's" held a joint meeting to which the boys were allowed to accompany the girls. This privilege, along with the knowledge that Dr. Perisho was going to address the meeting, produced a large attendance in spite of the rain.

The two socials following Y. came as a very fitting termination of a glorious day. The general social at New Garden was a very laughable affair since a laughing contest was staged. Everything went off well here, but at Founders where there was a cail social in progress, circumstances were somewhat less felicitous as there were so many couples and so great a dearth of corners. This caused some future "James Watt Westinghouse Edison" to remark that if a new girls' hall were to be built in the near future it should be built like the old time rail fences to as to afford more seclusion for the ardent. Whether this suggestion will be given consideration remains to be seen.

Thanksgiving Party

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fruit, baked turkey, oyster dressing, cranberries, candied sweet potatoes, minced maize, citron pickles, chilled slaw, rolls, nutted caramel ice-cream, caramel cake, coffee, mints, salted almonds.

Those present were; Misses Ruth Finch, Gracette Frazier, Louise Frazier, and Messrs. Ernest Mackie, Thad Mackie, Fred Winn.

Miss Gertrude Atkins was at her home in Asheboro during the past week-end.

Miss Edith Hedgecock spent the past week-end at her home in High Point.

THE LAMBS

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live? With all that array of draperies, sofa pillows, and candle sticks, where does one sit? Where does one put his feet? And suppose, Oh! just suppose one smoked once in a great while, where would the ashes be thrown. Answer me that! Now personally:

I don't believe girls live in any such a combination of cretonne and college pennants. I have not observed for nothing, all those recent packages arriving by mail. All those bundles that came before Thanksgiving labeled "Perishable," "Don't crush," "Deliver before 2:00 o'clock on Thanksgiving," were no more perishable than the rugs and draperies at my home. I believe that many fond mothers at home told chance visitors that their rugs and draperies were spending Thanksgiving at Guilford. And when any girl tells me that she attempts to sleep in a room with all those things I am tempted to remark that I think she is straying from the straight and narrow path of veracity.

The pictures were the most disappointing thing of all. In one room I saw on display, a most angelic Madonna. In another something to the effect "That Home Sweet Home is mighty Sweet." Mona Lisa smiled most mysteriously from the wall of another, and Christ broke bread for his disciples in the most approved da Vinci fashion amidst a Trinity and Sigma Mu pennant. Now the most interesting room at Cox Hall is the one that has some splashy pictures strung around the room in mural fashion, of Rodolfo Valentino posing as the Sheik, and Mae Murray wearing some very Quakerish costumes, Coles Phillips does not lack for admirers at Cox Hall. Girls need not tell me they cannot get more inspiration for working Analytical Geometry or translating Virgil's Aeneid by glancing slyly at a picture of "The Skin you Love to Touch," than they can by writing under the condescending smile of a Mona Lisa.

Now I'm not an adviser, but if you would please the boys, invite them ever everyday to taste chicken salad sandwiches and root beer. And some of the boys might be lulled into entanglement by the recitation of sonorous poetry, except I don't know any such boys at the present.

Now in the quiet study of my room I raise my eyes to the wall and study the expression on the face of "Sir Galahad" and my conscience smites me, and I must confess that I didn't visit the girls' dormitories at all on Thanksgiving. I hope Miss Purdie can give you something more definite and incriminating about the boys' dormitory. If she can't I can.

—H. P. '25

IN THE COLLEGE WORLD

University of Tennessee

Professor J. W. Garner of the University of Illinois, Chairman of the committee of the American Association of University Professors on tenure of office and classroom freedom of speech, is conducting an investigation of the wholesale dismissal of members of the Faculty of the University of Tennessee last July.

Professor Garner expressed his opinion that the controversy in some of its features was different from any heretofore investigated by the association. After thoroughly sifting all the evidence,

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