

STUDENT OPINION

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a subject. Study, with proper coaching, can make a hard course easy—and the old men of the college are so desirous of being of assistance that they go out of their way to offer aid.

THE Y. M. C. A. IS YOUR Y. M. C. A.

The Y. M. C. A. is under the administration of a new and able secretary who seeks to promote the ideal of the College that every man who leaves it will be strong mentally, morally and physically.

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"THE ROMANTIC COMEDIANS"

Ellen Glasgow's new novel, "The Romantic Comedians," is a tragedy of old age. She has diverged from the path usually trod by the novelist, and she has done it with a keen and comprehensive psychology of her characters and the result is a fine story which leaves a taste of reality, of sincerity, in the mouth of the most discerning critic.

The theme of the novel is the life of an old Southern gentleman whose devoted wife has died and who has again married a very young woman, who in turn deserted her aged lover and capitulated to one who had vigor and youth, the inexorable demands of love of early womanhood.

The ultimate goal of the story: to show the hold the love instinct has on man, its struggle with common sense and judgment and its final victory over the forces of convention, good taste, and prudence, is told with powerful directness.

The story would be deeply tragic if it were not for one humorous character who is used at the same time as a tool to voice the new thought process of Southern tradition.

The epigrammatic style and ironical flavor makes us think of Joseph Conrad. What he has done to justify the strength, the romance, and glamour of youth, Miss Glasgow has done for old age, making us love and understand it, but reminding us that often it is pathetically tragic, and drab as a leaden winter day.

And if this sort of weather runs on until Christmas Santa Claus will have to leave his furs at home and come south in his bathing suit.

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