The Victorian Governess Novel

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a many readers of Victorian novels know, the governess was indeed a common figure in fiction of that period. Less known, perhaps, is that a large group of nineteenth-century novels deal with governesses in ways that are so similar in respect of plot lines, characterisations, and scenes, as well as of aim and intention, that they can be referred to as belonging to a specific genre. Although a small number of governess novels, such as Anne Brontë’s Agnes Grey (1847) and Charlotte Brontë’s Jane Eyre (1847), are still read today, most of the novels within the genre belong to the mass of