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The new course in modern novels, offered at Yale this term for the first time by Dr. W. L. Phelps, is attracting wide attention. So far as the instructor is aware, there exists no similar course in any collegiate institution in the country. Its introduction at Yale is one of the signs of the growth of interest in English literature here.

Last year Dr. Phelps conducted a large class of seniors and juniors through a study of the Elizabethan drama. It occurred to Dr. Phelps that a systematic study of the modern novel would also be valuable. Accordingly the announcement of the course was made, and over 250 men elected it in the two upper classes. The plan was to consider one novel each week, the students reading it and writing a one-page criticism on each, and the instructor lecturing every Friday morning on the novel for that week. As it was thought few men would be able to read at that rate in addition to their other studies, a list of 15 novels was announced last June in order that as many as cared to do so might read them during the summer. When the students scattered to their homes at the end of the June term and began their reading, many of their friends became interested in the subject, and also decided to read the books selected, so that many outside of Yale are now taking up these works from a critical standpoint in accord with the spirit of the course. The course is wholly experimental this year, and its continuance depends on the degree of success attained with the present class, the size of which prevents instruction by discussion, and necessitates lecturing. If numbers and enthusiasm count for anything, it is safe to say the course will be permanent and will be imitated elsewhere. The ten books which have been selected for consideration up to the Christmas recess are: 'Lorna Doone,' by Blackmore; 'Marcella,' by Mrs. Ward; 'A Modern Instance,' by Howells; 'Esther Waters,' by Moore; 'A Gentleman of France,' by Weyman; 'Treasure Island,' by Stevenson; 'The Luck of Roaring Camp, and Other Stories,' by Bret Harte; 'The Phantom Rickshaw,' etc., by Kipling; 'A Suburban Pastoral,' etc., by Prof. Beers; 'Trilby,' by Du Maurier.

During the winter term only foreign novels will be considered, including Tolstoy's 'Anna Karénina'; 'Fathers and Sons,' by Turgenev; 'The Children of the World,' by Heyse; 'Dame Care,' by Sudermann. In the spring term the class will again take up American and English novels, including Hardy's 'Tess of the D'Urbervilles,' and 'Far From the Madding Crowd'; 'The Manxman,' by Caine, and 'Lord Ormont and His Aminta,' by Meredith. Thirty different works will be reviewed in all, and the majority of them will be by living authors. [A. R. T. In N.-Y. Post, 5 Oct. 1895.]

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