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## EXAMINATIONS FOR LIFE INSURANCE.

We have been favoured by Dr. Laurendeau with some details of the propaganda which he has undertaken to compel insurance companies to accept as a basis of contract the terms which may be put forward by Medical Societies. The establishment of a minimum wage is a new doctrine in the profession of medicine, and the whole question is worth examining.

It has always been the custom of Medical Societies to establish a tariff of fees for the guidance of their members, and the information of the public; but such a scale has never been mandatory. It has always left the practitioner free to accept the remuneration named, to demand more, to accept less, or to render his services gratuitously if he desires.

We say at once that this is the proper position for members of a profession to adopt—to demand as much as they can get, to accept as