

he would have recognized the importance of answering this question. His not answering it fails to put in our possession most important information. These are but illustrations of what I consider is gross carelessness in filling up the medical report by the medical examiner. But I might add that it is supplemented in the vast majority of cases by carelessness in writing. Many reports are most difficult to decipher, and this by medical men who can write decently. On my list, I have several hundred examiners, and of the whole lot not ten per cent. show care in writing. What is the cause of all this. As the business of life insurance has grown to enormous proportions in Canada during the last ten years, medical men seek for appointments as life examiners. In fact, to many it supplements, from a reliable paying source, an income which is often otherwise, somewhat precarious. If medical men were as careless in their medical work among patients as they are in life insurance work they could not hold their clientele. Insurance companies are awakening, and if medical men continue to be as careless in insurance work as they have been, others will be found to take their places. In the interest of the profession, I write this letter.

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LITERARY NOTES.

Andre Bellesort's "A Week in the Philippines," which *The Living Age* has translated from the *Revue des Deux Mondes*, is the more interesting because this sprightly Frenchman saw the islands in November, 1897, before they had assumed any interest to Americans, but while the Philipino insurrection against Spain was in progress. He writes of them graphically and with a Frenchman's characteristic lightness.

Ladies' clubs are so large a factor in American life that American women will turn with interest to the sketch of Ladies' Clubs in England, written by Eva Anstruther and published in *The Living Age* for May 27.

It is not surprising that Mrs. Arabella Kenealy's sharp article on the modern "Woman as an Athlete" should have called out a reply. The latter is from the pen of Mrs. Ormiston Chant and will appear in an early number of *The Living Age*.

"The Etchingam Letters" are concluded in *The Living Age* for June 3. The next serial attraction in that magazine will be "An Old House," a romance from the Italian of "Neera."

The fire which took place in the factory of the Alaska Feather & Down Co. last week has not seriously impaired their manufacturing facilities. Fall orders will go out promptly on time and orders for immediate delivery will not be delayed more than a few days. All damaged stock is being sold at auction by the Insurance Companies, and all goods made by us will be therefore manufactured from perfect cloth fresh from the mills.