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LITERARY NOTES.

The Living Age, of Boston, was never more indispensable or more up to date than now, through all its long career. It is the only magazine which gives to American readers, without abridgment, the most important and timely articles from a long list of English magazines, reviews and journals. The articles dealing with one phase or another of the present world-wide war are especially important, and the weekly issue of *The Living Age* enables it to reproduce these articles while they are still fresh.

The leading article in *The Living Age* for October 24, is a careful and authoritative review of "The Causes of the War," reprinted from *The Fortnightly Review*. Following this, in the same number, is a vivid account of scenes in Paris, "Before the Battles," written by Ernest Dimnet, and reprinted from *The Nineteenth Century*.

Ian Hay's Sketches of "The Lighter Side of School Life," which *The Living Age* is reprinting from *Blackwood's Magazine*, are full of life and humor, and give diverting pictures of typical masters and submasters and the boys in their charge.

The opening article in *The Living Age* for October 31, is a running summary of "The Diplomatic Correspondence" which led up to the present war, which shows exactly how

the negotiations were conducted and what were the attitudes of the different governments concerned. The information is drawn entirely from official sources and is presented with great force and clearness. The article is reprinted from the *English Review*.

An article called "The Blindfold Game," reprinted in *The Living Age* for October 31, from the *Pall Mall Magazine*, describes graphically the operations and efficiency of that modern engine of war, the submarine, which many naval experts look upon as likely to put dreadnoughts and super-dreadnoughts out of commission.

The Living Age for November 7 opens with an article on "The Courting of America," reprinted from *The Fortnightly Review*. This article, by James Davenport Whelpley, deprecates too great effort for conciliating American sentiment, partly on the ground that it is unnecessary, and partly on the ground that it is undignified.

In *The Living Age* for November 7, there is an article on "The Guiltless German People," written by F. G. Stone, and reprinted from *The Nineteenth Century*, which gives facts to show that the present war is not altogether the work of a military staff or an over-ambitious Kaiser, but that the German people are heart and soul in sympathy with it.

