

The Brazier

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IN the past year the units comprising the Brigade had many difficult tasks set them and many hardships to face. It was fitting, therefore, that the close of the year should be spent in well-earned rest and enjoyment. The festive season was marked by many festivities throughout the Brigade. There were numerous company and section dinners, concerts and similar entertainments, all of which were entered into with all the enthusiasm of the Canadian in Flanders. The Christmas mails were full of good cheer for everyone. The various organizations catering to the comfort of Canada's fighting men were untiring in their efforts to provide entertainment for all. Friends in Canada contributed greatly to the success of the festivities by sending handsome gifts of comforts to the different units. The closing days of 1916 and the advent of 1917 will, in future years, be full of pleasant memories to the present members of the Brigade.

MOST of us are familiar with Army journals of various types especially those reflecting the spirit of Tommy in the trenches. Some are "printed" on a typewriter, a few are printed at the Front, while others see the light of day in Blighty. Since our last issue we have received copies of several Naval journals which give abundant proof that Jack is not behind Tommy when it comes to journalism. The Fleet publications which we have been privileged to see are full of the rollicking humour of Jack, and are a credit to their publishers.

WE are a year old on the 15th of this month. The Brazier first saw the light on February 15, 1916, and February, 1917, finds us still going strong. We hope that this time next year we shall be a thing of past but, in the meantime, we congratulate ourselves on reaching the first anniversary of our birth as a trench journal.



Lt.-Col. C. E. BENT

OWING to the new regulations we are not permitted to publish names or numbers of units in The Brazier. This necessitates the regimental sections of the paper being suspended. We trust, however, that members of the Brigade will continue to give us their hearty support by contributing articles, stories, verse or sketches suitable for our columns. The success of the Brigade journal depends almost entirely on the individual support of the men in the Brigade who are able to contribute to the paper, so do not hesitate to send your contributions in. We'll be glad to hear from you.

As The Brazier is censored by the Army Censor before publication, copies of the paper can be mailed enclosed in an envelope. Send your copy home when you are through with it.

A Review of Other Journals

Prominent among recent war and trench publications is "Another Garland From the Front", published by the same battalion which was responsible for the publication of The Christmas Garland in 1915, which many will remember. The new Garland reflects the greatest credit on the editors, Captain F. B. Bradshaw and Sergeant R. M. Fassie. The price of admission to the contents is five francs, but it is well worth the outlay. Copies may be obtained at the Y.M.C.A. We have also received a copy of The Clansman, a weekly journal published by a reserve battalion in the interest of Highland battalions of Canada. We wish our contemporary in Blighty every success. The popular N.Y.D., the organ of the Field Ambulances of the Division, made its appearance in December after a long absence. The December number is well up to the high standard set by previous numbers. N.Y.D. (which means Not Yet Diagnosed, we understand, and not, as one might naturally suppose, Not Yet Dead) incorporates the Iodine Chronicle, The Splint Record and Now And Then. The combination is a happy one and provides an extremely interesting journal for our friends, "The Poullice Wallopers." Another Christmas number to hand is The Canadian Hospital News, printed and published by the patients of the Granville Canadian Special Hospital, Ramsgate. December also saw the re-appearance of our old friend, The Listening Post. The L.P. is still edited by Capt. Orr, but Corpl. Maylor, formerly News Editor, has taken the Blighty trip and Sergt. J. W. Campbell now fills the news-editorial chair, or its equivalent. The Switchboard is another bright little journal, copies of which we have received. What the illustrations lack in technique they more than make up for in humour. We have also received copies of The Kia-Ora, published by the men of H.M.S. New Zealand, and The Erin Echo, published by the men of H.M.S. Erin. Both these breezy little journals are full of bright humour and are as refreshing as the salt breezes from the sea. Le Battaillon, of the 74th Regiment, and L'Echo des Guitounes, of the 144th Regiment, are two French Army journals which we hope to enjoy with the aid of a dictionary when time permits.