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THE Editors of "IN and OUT" have asked me to write a few words of introduction to this, their first number; I am apparently "to crack the bottle over the bows of the new craft," so to speak.

The number of trench journals produced by the War has been so large as possibly to induce in the minds of the public a wonder as to what good purpose may be served by them. In the first place, they serve as chronicles, recording a great deal of the lighter side of a Unit's daily life, and, in the second place, as an outlet for the soldier's literary skill and yearnings.

The monotony that is necessarily present at times in the work of a Field Ambulance can be dispelled in various ways. Football is a good adjunct to "packing" stretchers over the duck-boards. The man whose researches into literature consist of reading "Daily Orders" and an occasional newspaper will be none the worse for laughing over the contents of his Unit journal.

Publishing a paper in a Field Ambulance might remind one of the case of that fabled village where all the people lived by taking in each other's washing, but I know that the editors intend their copies to go out to friends and relatives at home to supplement letters that are never too long (except, possibly, to the censor).

It gives me great pleasure, therefore, to wish the Editorial Staff every success in their endeavours.

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