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EDITOR'S PREFACE.

IN accordance with the recommendations of the Special Committee of the 7th April, 1891, as approved by the Council, it is proposed that the scope of the Journal, which is now placed under the immediate direction of one responsible Editor, shall gradually be developed, and shall embrace the following subjects:—

1. Lectures read before the Institution, with an account of the discussions thereon.
2. Occasional Papers, being original essays, or compilations, on subjects of interest to the Navy or Army, which have not been read before the Institution in the form of lectures.
3. Foreign Section, embracing more or less extended translations or *précis* from foreign books, periodicals, &c.
4. Naval and Military Notes on important changes in matériel, organization, administration, and drill, and notices of manœuvres, in foreign navies and armies, and, so far as practicable, in the British and Colonial Services.
5. Notices of Contents (important articles only) of some of the principal foreign naval and military periodicals of the previous month.
6. Notes and Queries. (This section will not be opened at present.)
7. Notices of New Books of interest in English and other languages, and occasional reviews.

To carry out the above programme, in addition to taking general charge of the Library, is manifestly more than one man can attempt single-handed.

The Editor has been fortunate enough to secure the generous assistance of a well-qualified naval Officer, who has consented, for the present, to supervise the Naval Notes, and several naval and marine Officers have been good enough to undertake to write Occasional Papers,

supply information, or translate matter from foreign naval and other periodicals; it is therefore hoped that with their help, and that of other Officers who may be disposed to furnish contributions, the Journal may be made to supply a want which has long been felt in the Navy, and may receive increased support from Officers of the Service who are anxious to keep themselves *au courant* with progress in naval matters.

With regard to the land forces, the Editor trusts that Officers of all arms will assist him in endeavouring to raise the standard and increase the usefulness of the Journal by contributing articles, whether original, compiled, or translated, which seem likely to be of interest to the Service at large, and are of sufficient importance to be worthy of insertion in its limited pages.

In order that important articles may be noticed which have appeared in the foreign periodicals of the previous month, the Journal will not be published until the 15th of each month.

With the object of facilitating printing and avoiding all unnecessary correspondence, the Editor begs that the following rules may be observed:—

1. All writing should be fairly legible, and, if possible, in ink.
2. Only one side of the paper should be written on.
3. Proper names (*e.g.*, names of persons, places, ships, titles of books) should be written in printed characters (not necessarily capitals).
4. Pages should be numbered.
5. Communications should be as brief as possible.

All correspondence regarding the Journal and books for review should be addressed to "The Editor."

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