EDITORIAL

THE FIRST DECADE

The Otaki Historical Society have pleasure in providing you with Volume 10 of the OHS Journal — a project initiated ten years ago by the then president and editor, the Rev. Gordon Dempsey.

As before, the Journal presents a historical mixture, a pot pouri of historical items; large and small, local, national and — this year — international (The Sergeant's Diary).

The Sergeant's Diary serves to remind us that a wealth of historical items still remain "undiscovered", particularly in family archives. The Diary, while written by an Australian soldier, provides background for a day long commemorated in the life of the town — ANZAC Day.

We would ask our readers to pause and consider whether they hold items of historical significance that could be shared and thus preserved for a wider audience — a reminder of the many facets of our inheritance. These take many forms — photographs, old newspapers and magazines, diaries, letters, maps, brochures, commemorative leaflets — the list goes on and on.

This year's journal features the early days of Manakau, the Otaki Fire Brigade, the history of Waikanae School, the Methodist Church and recollections of a pioneer childhood in Reikorangi. We trust that you will enjoy this year's offerings.

Our thanks to all who made Volume 10 possible.

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