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## EDITORIAL

Centenaries and even bicentenaries are very much a feature of our time. The custom of producing a volume of essays dedicated to a particular person continues to be a popular way of honouring scholars of distinction.

This year 1972 marks the 15th year of publication of this Newsletter. It also marks the passing of one hundred years since the appearance in print in May 1872 of Volume 4 of the Transactions of the New Zealand Institute. That volume included three papers by Julius von Haast, read before the Philosophical Institute of Canterbury during 1871, which may be regarded as a milestone in the development of archaeology in New Zealand.

In this issue of the Newsletter we have taken the somewhat unusual step of combining the celebration of a centenary with elements of a Festschrift, albeit a Festschrift issued posthumously. We dedicate this issue to the memory of Sir Julius von Haast, pioneer of New Zealand archaeology.