

Preface

It seems appropriate to initiate a series called *Otago German Studies* with a tribute to the first occupant of the chair of German at the University of Otago. The tribute is twofold, first in the form of a *Festschrift* and secondly by inviting him to be joint editor of this series from its second volume onwards.

The series aims to support 'Germanistik' in New Zealand by providing a means of publication primarily, but not exclusively, for New Zealand scholars of German.

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