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Editorial

In the Summer of 1987 a handful of historians from this county met informally in Thurles. All were concerned about the lack of a Journal in Tipperary to cater for history, geography, archaeology or folklore. That Summer meeting led to another in the Autumn, at which the Society which publishes this Journal was founded. An editor was chosen and a tentative date in Autumn 1988 selected for the first issue.

A decade later, as the tenth *Tipperary Historical Journal* makes its appearance, it is time to review our achievements statistically. Over 2,100 pages of new genuine research have been published, representing almost 220 articles – exclusive, it needs to be stated, of book reviews (some 104, filling 117 pages) or of minor items. But for this Journal most of these 220 articles would never have been published. Academics from every major university on this island have been persuaded (in some cases have volunteered) to contribute. In addition, local historians, whose work would have been regarded as too high-brow (!) by the newspapers of this county, now have an outlet for the products of their research.

Through its special Famine section, this Journal can currently claim to be the only vehicle at county level for commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Great Famine. To date it has published 22 original articles (filling 237 pages) on that event – and we are not done yet!

Most important of all – to look ahead, rather than to dwell on the past – the future of this Journal seems secure, at least in the years just ahead. As the revised Rules for Contributors (on page iv) show, the annual deadline for material has had to be replaced by a “First Come, First Served” system. Only the financial restraints of *An Post* inhibit an annual Journal of 250-plus pages. Supporting the Journal, and ensuring its financial viability, is a solid and loyal core of over 500 members from three continents. Through our continuing link with the County Library, readers can rest assured that this Journal enters its second decade with optimism, perhaps even with confidence.