Thank You and Farewell

In preparing to write my final column as editor-in-chief of *Partnership*, I re-read founding editor Jennifer Richard’s remarks in her last column *Goodbye and thanks again!* in vol. 5, no. 2, 2010 and was struck by the similarity in our sentiments about the experience of serving as editor-in-chief of this journal—so much similarity that I was tempted to title this column simply “Ditto.” Like Jennifer, I am stepping down from this position with a mixture of gratitude, pride, and optimism for the future. Like Jennifer, I feel that it has been one of the highlights of my library career. It has stretched me, challenged me, and drawn on almost everything I learned during my thirty-eight years as a librarian, but it has also required me to expand my knowledge and skills in new areas. I tell people that I’ve enjoyed every minute of it; it has truly been a labour of love. But, as Jennifer also concluded, I feel that I’ve reached a point where it would be best to turn the *Partnership* reins over to someone with new energy and a fresh perspective.

I’m grateful to The Partnership for the trust and support they have given me. In particular I should thank The Partnership chair, Susan Cleye and OLA executive director, Shelagh Paterson for their support and generosity towards the journal and its staff. I’m grateful to all of the skilled and devoted *Partnership* editors I’ve worked with over the last four years and truly proud of what we’ve accomplished together. I don’t think I have the space to name everyone, and it would be unfair to single out particular individuals. All have contributed countless hours of their time for no compensation except the satisfaction of knowing they are performing a vital public service to the profession by enabling the dissemination of Canadian library scholarship.

I’m very proud of the advances the journal has made over the past four years. The editorial staff has grown by fifty percent, putting the journal on a more secure footing, and there is strong competition from well-qualified applicants for positions on the *Partnership* team. The number of readers and authors continues to climb, and the quality of peer-reviewing is high. By moving to publish individual articles as the editorial work is finished, instead of waiting for an entire issue to be completed, we have reduced unnecessary delay in releasing authors’ work for public use. A clear indication of the influence the journal is having is that, as of December 16, our Google Scholar profile has reported 128 citations to *Partnership* articles in 2014—a rate of one new citation every 2.7 days.

My optimism for the future comes from a sense that I’m leaving the journal in good hands. We have an experienced, competent staff and a newly appointed editor-in-chief beginning in January, 2015. I believe I can safely step down with confidence that *Partnership* will continue to grow and thrive “under new management.”

Thank you and Best Wishes.

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