

Editorial

The masthead of this issue announces a change in editorship for this journal. Richard Johnson, having completed the allowed six years, has retired with deserved commendations from his colleagues. The new editor, the eighth, assumes the mantle previously worn by A. F. Kuhlman, Carl M. White, Maurice F. Tauber (fourteen years!), Richard Harwell, David Kaser, Richard Dougherty, and Johnson.

A review of the forty-one years of this journal discovers occasional articulation of new editorial intentions and directions on the occasion of change of editor. Kuhlman cast the original mold and identified eight objectives for the new journal. Dougherty, in 1969, simply stated his answer to the question of what he wanted to see this journal become: more interesting.

Readers of this journal do not need to be reminded that the '80s will present major challenges to American higher education and its libraries. The forces of change—economic, demographic, political, educational—are well known. What is less clear is the impact some of these forces will have on libraries and librarianship. Thus, when asked what I had in mind for *College & Research Libraries*, I have replied, “. . . to view academic libraries more in the context of the contemporary problems of higher education.”

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