

## Editorial

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Continuing an established tradition, this issue of *Canadian Journal of Buddhist Studies*, number nine (2013), is dedicated to the memory of the late Prof. Anthony K. Warder (1925 – 2013), Professor of Sanskrit and Buddhist Studies at the University of Toronto for several decades, having been invited over from the University of Edinburgh in 1955. In addition to his full page photo, we are happy to carry an article by him. “Words”, a *draft of a work in progress* sent to this Editor. After finalizing his classic multi-volume series on Indian Literature, what is published here is possibly, as far as we know, his last academic paper. It reflects his judgment of “more than sixty years of experimenting to get at the roots of Buddhist tradition”. The paper, which includes a list of 85 Pali terms for which he provides translations, speaks to the complications entailed in capturing, particularly in English translation, the essence of the Buddha’s Teachings which, after all, he notes, is an experience. The paper is published here with minimal changes, all of the copy editing type.

Opening the issue, under Pariyatti, is a breakthrough research article by Suwanda H J Sugunasiri, on a segment of the *Aggañña Sutta* of the *Digha Nikaya*. While it has been seen as ‘satire’ and ‘parody’ by scholars, the author “seeks to establish segment # 10-16 of the Discourse as a historically and scientifically accurate characterization of the cyclical cosmic process of Devolution (*saṃvatta*) and Evolution (*vivatta*)”. Methodologically, it draws upon both the Sutta and the Abhidhamma of the Buddhist tradition as well as Western Science. Several charts are used to present the comparative data as between Western Science and the Buddha.

The *Paṭipatti* section features Prof. Alexander Soucy’s article, “Outpost Buddhism: Vietnamese Buddhists in Halifax”. While most studies of Buddhism in the Canadian context focus on the major urban areas, this paper addresses this imbalance by considering how Vietnamese Buddhists approach their practice in Halifax, where the community is too small to sustain an organisation, services or a religious space. It looks at the current Buddhist institutions in Halifax and how they have not met the needs of the Vietnamese community, and then goes on to explore the strategies employed to compensate for the lack of a temple of their own.

Making up the *Paṭiveda* section is a Research Report by Prof. Mavis Fenn of University of Waterloo in which she discusses the creation of Sakyadhita Canada from an earlier Sakyadhita International, the

International Association of Buddhist Women, founded in 1987. Further, it examines SC's progress towards attaining its Canadian goals.

In the Book Review section, Prof. John Berthrong of the Boston University School of Theology reviews *Arahant Mahinda - Redactor of the Buddhapūjāva in Sinhala Buddhism*. Prof. Paul Crowe of the Simon Fraser University continues his *News and Views Roundup*, providing us with a glimpse of the status of Buddhist Studies in Canadian universities.

We close this editorial by thanking all those who have contributed to this issue of CJBS and with the invitation to Canadian scholars to submit their research papers for peer review and publication in future issues. To Prof. Michael Berman goes out thanks for his continuing support in ensuring the presence of CJBS online. We thank JT Printing for its professional help in attending to the publishing dimension of the issue, and the Robarts Library for hosting the journal in its open access format <<http://jps.library.utoronto.ca/index.php/cjbs>>, now fully open for free retrieval.

Wishing you the best in health and happiness!

In Metta!

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