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### lForum

JOHN FLECKNER'S PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS ["Dear Mary Jane: Some Reflections on Being an Archivist," Winter 1991] was wonderful. Insightful, readable and literate, it was a refreshing break from the jargon and technospeak that has filled the *American Archivist* of late.

Fleckner expressed beautifully the motivations that spurred many of us to become, and remain, archivists: a love of history; a desire to preserve a cultural heritage—be it Jewish, Native American, or institutional; but most importantly, the sense of what Fleckner calls "the magnitude of our profession's ambitions and responsibilities." It is this vague, yet inspiring, sense of archival work that seems to be fading in the onslaught of buzzwords and acronyms permeating our literature and speech. John Fleckner, at least briefly, recaptured this spirit of archives. To John—congratulations and thanks.

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