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OF THE

SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

SWEDENBORG SCIENTIFIC ASSOCIATION

The Sixty-seventh Annual Meeting of the Swedenborg Scientific Association was held at Bryn Athyn, Pennsylvania, on Wednesday, May 13, 1964. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by the President, Mr. Donald C. Fitzpatrick, Jr.

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were adopted as printed in the NEW PHILOSOPHY for July-September, 1963.

The Chairman appointed Miss Lyris Hyatt a Committee on the Roll. Miss Hyatt later reported an attendance of 63, of whom 47 were members.

The Chairman announced the appointment of Mr. Robert H. Johns and Mr. Cedric F. Lee as Judges of Election and of Miss Lyris Hyatt and Miss Morna Hyatt as the Nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee placed in nomination the following:

For president: Mr. Donald C. Fitzpatrick, Jr.

For members of the Board of Directors:

Lennart O. Alfelt
Edward F. Allen
E. Boyd Asplundh
Charles S. Cole
W. Cairns Henderson

Morna Hyatt
Hugo Lj. Odhner
Joel Pitcairn
Kenneth Rose
Tomas H. Spiers

There being no further nominations, the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Fitzpatrick for president. Ballots were distributed and the Judges of Election later reported the election of the following members of the Board:

Lennart O. Alfelt	Hugo Lj. Odhner
Edward F. Allen	Joel Pitcairn
Charles S. Cole	Kenneth Rose
W. Cairns Henderson	Tomas H. Spiers
Morna Hyatt	

The Report of the President was read and received with applause.

The Report of the Board of Directors was read and accepted.

The Report of the Treasurer as distributed was accepted.

The Report of the Editor was accepted with thanks.

The Report of the Glenview Chapter was read and also a message from the Pastor of the Kitchener Society stating that the Philosophy Club there has not yet revived after the interval caused by their building program, but the NEW PHILOSOPHY is perused with interest.

Dr. Odhner reported for the Committee on Translations that Mr. N. Bruce Rogers will again be employed to work during the summer on his translation of *The Brain*. Progress is being made on plans for republishing the *Ontology*.

Under New Business, Mr. Fitzpatrick reported that the Board of Directors has adopted a new procedure for nominations which will eliminate nominations from the floor. The nominating committee will be appointed in October and their names will be announced in the October–December issue of the NEW PHILOSOPHY. The committee's slate will appear in the January–March issue. Members wishing to make nominations will be requested to obtain the consent of their nominees and then submit their names to the committee before May 1st. The Board believes that this is a more orderly procedure than the one that has been used and will try it for at least a year.

The Chairman then introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. Kenneth Rose, who delivered an address entitled: "On Discovering Planets."

Following the address there were questions and comments by Mr. Charles S. Cole, Dr. Hugo Odhner, Mr. Edward Allen, and Mr. Joel Pitcairn. In his concluding remarks Mr. Rose characterized his paper as an effort to show the nature of truth and how man recognizes it.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

MORNA HYATT, *Secretary*

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Those of you who have in the past heard Professor Allen's reports as President of the Swedenborg Scientific Association will perhaps be conscious as I am of the difference between what he was able to say in them and what I am able to say here. His reports, with their recurrent call for scholarship and writing on the part of the members of the Association were, and continue to be for those who re-read them, a source of inspiration.

Unlike Professor Allen, however, I have no record of scholarly accomplishments from which to issue, with the conviction born of long effort and experience, a call for scholarship by others in the Association. Instead, as a member of the generation faced with the prospect of having to enter into the labors begun by others instead of merely enjoying their fruits, I must with my contemporaries concentrate attention on doing the kind of work which will further the Association's purposes.

But to do this requires that we understand those purposes for ourselves. As noted on the inside of the front cover of each issue of *NEW PHILOSOPHY*, these fall under two general headings. The first includes "The preservation, translation, publication and distribution" of Swedenborg's scientific and philosophical works. The second involves "The promotion of the principles taught in these works." Work related to the first purpose is carried on largely by the officers, the board of directors, and the committees

of the Association. The work necessary to the realization of the second purpose, the promotion of the principles taught in the scientific and philosophical works, is not the responsibility of any elected or appointed group, however, for it cannot be done except as those principles are studied, discussed, applied, and written about by whoever is inspired to do so. The only external means the Association can supply to aid in this process are its journal, the *NEW PHILOSOPHY*, and the opportunity to meet and confer with others who share the interest in Swedenborg's philosophy.

The difference between the first and second purposes of the Association is, however, more fundamental than simply a difference in who is responsible for carrying them out. In fact, this more fundamental difference is the reason for the difference in where that responsibility rests. It is the difference between purposes related to expansion and purposes related to growth.

The Association could expand by ignoring the second of its purposes and concentrating only on the first. It could bend all of its efforts to securing the means and talent necessary to preserve, translate, publish and distribute Swedenborg's scientific and philosophical works. By doing this it could undoubtedly increase its membership and, in some ways, its external influence in the world of scholarly endeavor.

To do this, however, would be to ignore the real challenge facing the Association and hence its real use. For the promotion of the principles of Swedenborg's philosophy is a matter of growth in understanding. Without this growth, any expansion of the external uses of this Association would eventually become a hollow thing, empty of the meaning that alone can sustain it.

We must then keep both of the purposes of the Association always in mind, and we must strive to keep the relation between them in proper perspective. We must remember that one of these purposes is a means to the accomplishment of the other; an important means, granted, but only a means. We must temper our enthusiasm for seeing the Association prosper and expand its uses with the realization that growth in understanding and promotion of the principles must come first, and that it will continue to be slow.

The responsibility for seeing that this growth takes place rests upon all of us.

DONALD C. FITZPATRICK, JR.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Since the last annual meeting, the Board of Directors has held four meetings: on May 15 and October 15, 1963, and on March 18 and May 13, 1964.

At the meeting of May 15, 1963, the following officers were elected:

<i>Vice-President:</i>	Mr. Charles S. Cole
<i>Secretary:</i>	Miss Morna Hyatt
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Mr. E. Boyd Asplundh
<i>Editor:</i>	Mr. Edward F. Allen
<i>Editorial Board:</i>	Rev. W. Cairns Henderson
	Mr. Kenneth Rose
	Mr. Donald C. Fitzpatrick, Jr.

At other meetings the following topics were considered:

Matters connected with the translating of *The Brain* by Mr. N. Bruce Rogers and consideration of rules and procedures to be followed in such translating.

Problems in getting out the NEW PHILOSOPHY.

Nominating procedures.

Reprinting the *Ontology*.

Topics and speakers for the annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

MORNA HYATT, *Secretary*

TREASURER'S REPORT

for year ending April 30, 1964

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Receipts

Dues	\$850.27	
Subscriptions	43.26	
	<u> </u>	\$893.53
Contributions to Gen. Account	417.00	
	<u> </u>	\$1310.53
Old Balance, April 30, 1963	1946.75	
	<u> </u>	\$3257.28

Expenditures

Preparation and mailing 5 issues of Magazine	\$1750.66
Miscellaneous Office Expense	91.26
	<u> </u>
	\$1841.92
Balance in General Account, April 30, 1964	\$1415.36

PUBLICATION ACCOUNT

Receipts

Net Proceeds from Book Sales	\$ 358.03
Contributions to Pub. Account.	2000.00
Interest (Fed. Savings & Loan) ...	260.86
	<u> </u>
	\$2618.89
Old Balance, April 30, 1963	6365.30
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	\$8984.19

Expenditures

Preliminary work—Translation of <i>The Brain</i>	\$1838.00
Balance in Publication Account, April 30, 1964	\$7146.19

MEMBERSHIP

11 New Members	Total Membership	301
4 New Subscribers	Total Subscribers	57

BOOK SALES

The Animal Kingdom	13 Sets	Prologue to Animal	
Dock & Dam	1	Kingdom	1
The Fibre	5	Psychologica	5
Generation	7	Psychological Transac-	
Letters & Memorials	2	tions	3
Mechanical Inventions	2	Rational Psychology	13
Ontology	1	Concordance	3
The Senses	5	Retardation of the	
Principia	5 Sets	Earth	2
		Tremulation	4
Economy of the Animal Kingdom	13 Sets		
The Infinite & Final Cause of Creation	5		
Scientific & Philosophical Treatises	2		
Swedenborg as an Anatomist	1		
NEW PHILOSOPHY	4		

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

At a meeting of the Board of Directors following the Annual Meeting on May 13, 1964, the following officers were elected:

Vice-President: Mr. Charles S. Cole
Secretary: Miss Morna Hyatt
Treasurer: Mr. E. Boyd Asplundh
Editor: Mr. Edward F. Allen

The Editor was empowered to form his own Editorial Board for each issue of the NEW PHILOSOPHY.

Mr. Fitzpatrick asked all committees to continue active.

MORNA HYATT, *Secretary*

REPORT OF THE EDITOR

The main effort the past year has been directed toward bringing out the issues of the *NEW PHILOSOPHY* on time. Over a period of several years its publication had fallen behind by two issues. Since October 15, 1963, three issues have been sent to press, two of which have now been mailed. The April-June issue for this year is now in proof. It is hoped that by the end of the annual meeting copy will be at hand for the July-September issue.

I wish to express my personal gratitude to Mr. Donald C. Fitzpatrick, Jr., and Mr. Kenneth Rose for handling all the mechanics of seeing the issues through the press. It is primarily due to their vigorous application to this task that we are now able to mail the journal during the month when it is due.

Although we are up to date in mailing at present, the condition long standing with us is still present. Lack of material prevents planning very far into the future. I have plans for material through the next year. But these plans include writing Philosophical Notes in substantial length around the other articles in a given issue.

The main question as I see it concerning the *NEW PHILOSOPHY* was raised in a recent S. S. A. Board meeting: "What sort of articles should be printed?" A question that goes along with this that is almost as important is, "Whom will we get to write these articles?"

In closing this report I wish to express for the Association our thanks to Miss Morna Hyatt, to Mr. Lennart Alfelt, and to Dr. Hugo Lj. Odhner for their work in criticizing and refereeing published material.

EDWARD F. ALLEN

CHAPTER REPORT

The **Glenview** chapter of the Association has continued meeting on the Thursdays of most months of the year, although there was a more complete break in the summer months than in previous years. The departure of the Rev. Elmo Acton and the coming of the Rev. Louis King as Pastor of the Immanuel Church last September brought a new situation for us. But Mr. King told us that he wished the meetings to continue, and would enjoy taking part in them. He would preside at as many meetings as he could attend, but feared that he could not find the time to be present every week, and asked the writer of this report to preside when he could not be there. Mr. King's fears proved to be well founded. The new building program, and the many duties involved in taking over the leadership of Immanuel Church and Sharon Church, frequently found him unable to attend, so that the writer acted as leader at a large proportion of the meetings.

In the first few meetings of the autumn we completed the treatment of Genesis and Exodus in the *Word Explained*, which comprises the first five volumes. We decided to end our investigation of the work at that point, and take up Swedenborg's *Rational Psychology*. This is our present text, but we have continued to read and discuss the issues of the NEW PHILOSOPHY as they reach us. When we began the *Rational Psychology* two or three who had not attended in the previous year joined us, but did not find themselves able to attend often. Dr. Sam Mayo and later Mr. Richard Holding joined our group during the year, and have been regular in attendance. The Mayos and then the Holdings moved from Chicago to Glenview since last summer.

VICTOR J. GLADISH