

EDITORIAL REMARKS

The association begins its second century of publishing with the two issues of this journal for 1998. In this one there are both surveys of the past and present and a projection into the future, as well as articles that reflect the wide range of topics that continue to be actively pursued by Swedenborg scholars.

In Transactions of the 100th Annual Meeting, the SSA's secretary, Dr. Reuben Bell, gives a synopsis of the trilogy of talks that were given and reports on other aspects of the meeting. He closes with a resolution presented in honor of Prof. Charles S. Cole, Jr.

Dr. Allen Bedford's treasurer's report provides a detailed account of the state of the association's finances.

Rev. Dr. Jonathan Rose gives an analysis of Swedenborg's Latin both in itself and in relation to that of his contemporaries. In his introduction he says: "Swedenborg's Latin features striking shifts in style from one book, from one paragraph, even from one sentence to the next...To capture and faithfully render the shifts in styles, however, one would need to know two things: 1) the provenance of the styles Swedenborg uses; and 2) what makes Swedenborg's voice unique."

In "Emanuel, Immanuel: Magic, Miracle, and Morals in Enlightened Religion" Dr. Dan Synnestvedt contributes further to the on-going enquiries into the connections between Swedenborg and Kant. The closing dialog between Kant and Swedenborg—Immanuel and Emanuel—"provides additional insight," says Dr. Synnestvedt, "into their views on miracles and religions."

The study and promotion of the ideas in Swedenborg's scientific and philosophical works are charter purposes of the association. Rev. Dr. Reuben Bell's "Origins and Ultimation of Swedenborg's *Contiguum* Concept: from *Tremulation* to *Divine Providence*" exemplifies the fulfillment of these.

Mrs. Linda Simonetti Odhner presents philosophical insight in sonnet form in "Sonnets for the Magi." One of these, for Swedenborg, was read at the annual meeting. To have philosophy in both dialog—from Dr. Synnestvedt—and poetic form in one issue must be a first for the association's journal!

In Book Reviews we include commentary on two publications from the Swedenborg Lending Library and Enquiry Center at Sydney, Australia, one a book by Dr. Philip W. Groves titled *Swedenborg's Mighty Contribution to the Welfare of the Soul*, and the other, A Swedenborg Talking Book™ reading of Rev. Lee Woofenden's translation of *De Nova Hierosolyma et ejus Doctrina Coelestia* titled *The Heavenly City*.

Your attention is drawn to the notice regarding price changes for some of the association's works for sale.