

EDITORIAL REMARKS

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This issue opens with the Transactions of the 102nd Annual Meeting held on May 1, 1999, which include not only a summary of the talks given, but also of the reports of the President, Publisher, and Treasurer. Those interested in the articles upon which the talks were based are referred to the January–June 1998 issue of the journal which was devoted entirely to the question of Swedenborg’s mental state. This 220-page volume is still available for purchase through the association.

Kurt Nemitz continues his study of Wolff and Swedenborg—began in the January–June issue—with a close look at their mutual awareness of one another. In so doing Nemitz not only fleshes out our appreciation of Swedenborg in 18th century context, but also gives unusual insights into Swedenborg’s developing view of the world, and unbeknown to him, of his preparation for the later role as seer.

Kant-Swedenborg studies have been a significant part of the content of this journal in recent years through Gottlieb Florschütz’ “Swedenborg’s Hidden Influence on Kant,” (1995–1996) and Gregory Johnson’s “The Kinship of Kant and Swedenborg” published in 1996. We have held the position that it is important to counter the negative impact that Kant has had since the publication in 1766 of his *Träumtes eines Geistersehers* (Dreams of a Spirit-seer). It is with this in mind that we include in this issue another study by Johnson titled “Did Kant Dissemble His Interest in Swedenborg?” In opening the study Johnson says: “The origins and intent of *Dreams of a Spirit-seer* are shrouded in mystery...” and as the study unfolds we are given theoretical perspectives that shed light on the socio-psychological context of the writing of *Dreams*, and are given new dimensions to our appreciation of 18th century academia as well as of the Swedenborg-Kant connection.