

lighten but rather obscure. Of such sort are we when we become pure intelligences or souls, for then we shall laugh . . . at the whole syllogistic logic as a child's game of even and odd."

This is Swedenborg's description of human thinking at its best, and it is far from the realm of machinery. A mind that has reached the state here described has no further use for a thinking machine, and so this marvellous mechanism dies with the body. If we remember this, we are in a position to use our thinking machines more wisely. In this discussion we have used them to think about thinking machines, and may have touched on some interesting ideas. But we were, after all, playing at a child's game of even and odd. The greatest lesson in the whole treatment is the one we all knew to begin with. The mind is a gift of God to men created in His image, and is given to no animal, much less to any machine. This truth is clearer than any demonstration, and the recognition of it by the pure intellect surpasses any of the ratiocinations of the brain. For our brains, after all, are only machines that think.

NOTES BY THE EDITOR

The first volume of the *Letters and Memorials of Emanuel Swedenborg*, covering the years of his scientific and philosophic activities, was published in 1948, when the Association celebrated its fiftieth anniversary. At the time, the hope was expressed that the second volume would not await the centenary. Now it can be announced that the work is in the hands of the printer and it is hoped that it will come off the press in November.

This second volume, which will be printed and bound uniformly with the first and paged consecutively with it, will contain all the extant letters and memorials written by Swedenborg from 1749 to the end of his life, when his interests were almost entirely theological. Of particular interest will be the letters relating to the Gothenburg Trial. As in the first volume, the connective material written by the learned translator and editor supplies the background of the documents, weaves them into a continuous story, and makes of the whole a documentary biography. There will be fewer pages of text, but the book will contain the index to both volumes and will be equipped with several appendices.