

TRANSACTIONS OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Swedenborg Scientific Association took place on Saturday April 24, 2010, in the dining room at Cairnwood Village, Bryn Athyn. After dinner, the meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. President Rev. Dr. Reuben Bell welcomed members and friends, and called for reports from the publisher/editor and treasurer, published in this issue.

The Annual Address titled “Intelligent Design Isn’t Very Intelligent Without the New Philosophy” was given by President Bell, published in the January–June 2010 issue of the journal. Following questions, discussion, and expressions of gratitude, the meeting was adjourned at 9PM.

PUBLISHER/EDITOR’S REPORT

Annual Meeting, April 24, 2010

New publications on the horizon

With reprinting of pre-theological books completed, we are now turning to new projects. The new monograph series begins soon with the publication of No. 1, Oliver and Rachel Odhner’s *Mentics* presented at a seminar in 2008. Next will be (1) Swedenborg’s, *On Common Salt* translated by Michael David and Durban Odhner and published serially in the journal in the ’80s; then (2) a collection of *Swedenborg’s Scientific Reviewers*—contemporary reviews in German journals—published in the 1930s in *The New Philosophy* under Alfred Acton’s editorship.

Translation

Swedenborg’s trilogy of *Principia, De ferro* (On iron), and *De cupro* (On copper) was published in Dresden and Leipzig in 1734. *Principia* and *De*

cupro have been translated into English and *De ferro* into Swedish. The association has toyed with the idea of translating *De ferro* into English too. In view of Swedenborg's role on the Swedish Board of Mines and his contributions to mining and metallurgy in general, there is merit, for a variety of reasons, in this idea.

The Journal

The January–June issue of the journal is in preparation.

London Publishers Conference

The SSA will be represented by President Bell, Board member Joanna Hill, and possibly me at the first of proposed annual Swedenborg publishers conferences—sponsored jointly by the Swedenborg Society and the Swedenborg Foundation—on June 4 and 5. We look forward to participating in this event in the interest of sharing ideas related to our common interest in promoting the ideas in Swedenborg's works.

SPI projects 2010

Projects this year include:

- Publication and marketing of Lenka Machova's translation of *Heaven and Hell* in the Czech Republic. This is the latest in Lenka's years of translating and publishing.
- Publication and marketing in Korea of Elaine Kim's translations of *Divine Love and Wisdom* and *Divine Providence* into Korean. We note that her translation of *Heaven and Hell* is now in its 6th reprinting.
- Translation of *Heaven and Hell* into Malayalam (the language used in Kerala State, India). As an aside, Revs. David Lindrooth and Göran Appelgren are now with the church group there;
- Translation of *Heaven and Hell* into Georgian under the supervision of Bagrat Mamasahklisi.

The journal online

Marvin Clymer has informed me that the journal from 1980 to 2008 is in the Swedenborg Library's Digital Collections, and with the 2009 journal posted at the SSA website, this means that thirty years of the journal are now online. In the course of time, the rest of it will be available as Lisa Childs continues scanning it. We thank Lisa and Marvin for all the fine work this represents.

The SSA team

Our team of part-time workers has been increased to three. Genai Odhner has kindly agreed to take on responsibility for marketing of books—both those of the SSA and the Academy of the New Church. She is working in consultation with Joanna Hill and me, the three of us constituting a marketing committee, meeting regularly. Plans are afoot for using Google and Amazon as vehicles for marketing, among other strategies.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted
Erland J Brock, *Publisher/Editor*