NOTES BY THE EDITOR

W. Cairns Henderson, An Appreciation

After seven years as Editor of the New Philosophy Professor Henderson began the last paragraph in the last issue of the journal for 1960 with the words "With the belated appearance of this issue, the present executive editor of the New Philosophy will resign from that post."

As one who has served continuously for those seven years as one of his associate editors I feel that I understand some of Mr. Henderson's problems. During that time his first-priority editorial task was that as editor of the New Church Life. But this was not all. New translation material and studies in Swedenborgiana with special reference to the scientific and philosophical works were hardly existent. The results of such translations and studies had filled a large number of pages of the New Philosophy for years before Mr. Henderson took over.

In the meantime the students of Swedenborg do not seem to realize yet the full importance of his philosophy. Thus competent and studied material is hardly available. It is difficult to get out a regular journal under these conditions.

Mr. Henderson, however, did the best he could by handling such copy as he had available. The work of editing the New Philosophy was extra work beyond his teaching duties in the Academy as well as his other editorial duties.

I am sure that the members of the Association and other readers of the New Philosophy join with me in expressing sincere thanks to Professor Henderson for the time and patience spent on the journal during these years.

A Ways and Means Committee

The President has appointed a Ways and Means Committee to study the Swedenborg Scientific Association with the possibility of making recommendations to the Board on how to improve the manner in which the Association sets about to accomplish its purposes. This committee consists of Charles S. Cole, Chairman, and Messrs. Boyd Asplundh, Randolph W. Childs, and Joel Pitcairn.

The Ways and Means Committee is studying the nature of prospective publications by the Association as to their use, the size of editions, and the practical method of financing such publications. The practical matters of our business arrangements in publishing and selling are also being studied. Some of our officers have indicated a desire to retire after serving for so many years, and it is probable that the Committee will have recommendations to be considered by the nominating committee that reports at the next annual meeting.

The New Philosophy

The President of the Association becomes the Acting Editor for this and the next issue. While the Ways and Means Committee is making its study the Acting Editor and the Editorial Board are studying the NEW PHILOSOPHY.

Experiments are being tried that we hope will interest the readers. Yet the fact must be faced that the hard core of any real prosperity the journal may enjoy will be due to the applications and developments of principles taught in the scientific and philosophic works of Swedenborg.

SWEDENBORG AND COLUMBUS: BONE OWNERSHIP IS SETTLED

One of our readers saw a note bearing the above title in the British weekly *The New Scientist,* and called it to our attention. The first paragraph notes the announcement in the *Acta* of the Upsala Scientific Society of the findings of a team of American, British and Swedish anthropologists. Having made extensive tests—anatomical, chemical and other—on the skull in Swedenborg's sarcophagus in Upsala cathedral and on another in private possession in Swansea, they have concluded that the Swansea skull is Swedenborg's.

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