EDITORIAL REMARKS

In this Issue

We are delighted to include in this issue an article on Swedenborg's cosmogony by Dr. F. M. Crasta of the Institute of Philosophy at the University of Cagliari, Italy. The eighteenth century is of special interest to Dr. Crasta, and she plans further enquiries into Swedenborg's place in that context.

Professor Allen's reflections confront us with that fundamental epistemological question regarding the relationship between sensation and ideas. The question is as old as philosophy itself, and each new generation must face it.

Continuing Dr. William R. Woofenden's treatise on Swedenborg's theory of causality, chapter 4, titled "The Relevance of Swedenborg's Causal Theory to Cosmology," complements the opening article.

International Swedenborg Publishers' Conference

The conference held at Hulme Hall, University of Manchester, April 15-18, 1991, was, by many accounts, a very worthwhile one.* Sixteen publishers and eight countries were represented in the total of 45 registrants, and most aspects of publishing received attention by speakers and discussion. Of particular interest were two sessions devoted to "Europe, the Soviet Union, and Global Needs." Outcomes of these include projects to reprint in Europe some of Swedenborg's theological works already in European languages, and to distribute them this summer. Aside from these activities, other important projects have been instigated, and we look forward to reporting on them from time to time. The conference was recorded, and eventually a proceedings volume will be available.

In discussing the future of such conferences, it was agreed that there was no need to have a "cover the waterfront" kind such as the recent one, but that on an annual basis at least, there should be smaller conferences to focus on particular aspects of our work. It was decided that there should not be created a new level of organization. However, "Swedenborg Publishers International" could exist as an entity to work together on projects for which cooperation was seen to be beneficial to the whole body of Swedenborg and New Church publishers. Such cooperation is already taking place on several fronts, as indicated above.

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*We are able to report on this 1991 event in this 1990 issue because we are several months behind in our publication schedule.