

## TRANSACTIONS OF THE NINETY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING

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President Cole convened the meeting shortly after 8:00 p.m. in Pendleton Hall Auditorium, Academy of the New Church.

The President expressed appreciation on behalf of the Association to Rev. Daniel W. Goodenough for both his years of service on the Board of Directors and as a former Annual Meeting speaker. Rev. Goodenough has declined to continue on the Board of Directors in view of the demands of his new position as President of the Academy of the New Church.

The Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting on April 29, 1992 were accepted as circulated by mail to the membership along with the notice of the current Annual Meeting.

Dr. James L. Pendleton, reporting for the Nominating Committee consisting of himself and Mrs. Sanfrid E. Odhner, placed in nomination the names of Charles S. Cole, Jr. for President, and C. Edward Gyllenhaal, Erik E. Sandstrom and William R. Woofenden for the three vacancies on the Board of Directors. All were duly affirmed.

Business reports were given both by Dr. Erland J. Brock in regard to his work as editor of *The New Philosophy* and by Rev. Dr. William R. Woofenden in regard to the Publication Committee. President Cole responded by commenting on the financial support which is needed to carry on the printing and publishing uses of the Association.

Rev. Erik Sandstrom gave the evening's main presentation, the Annual Address titled "Reflections on Swedenborg's *The Infinite and Final Cause of Creation*." Rev. Sandstrom traced Swedenborg's thought through earlier scientific works leading up to the *Infinite*, ten years before Swedenborg's spiritual eyes were opened. He compared the reasoning mind of Swedenborg in the earlier philosophical works to what was said by the Lord in the Writings.

In responding, Rev. Andrew J. Heilman emphasized that Swedenborg rejected the idea that the soul was a mere abstraction. Swedenborg had a desire to visualize the soul as something very important.

Rev. Dr. Woofenden noted some related aspects such as Swedenborg's Lutheran philosophical background and that a first English translation had been done by three schoolboys.

Additional comments were made by Rev. Dr. J. Durban Odhner and Dr. Pendleton prior to a summation by Rev. Sandstrom.

An organizational meeting of the Board of Directors of the Swedenborg Scientific Association was convened by the President immediately following the Annual Meeting. In attendance were Charles S. Cole, Jr., Grant R. Doering, Andrew J. Heilman, Willard L. D. Heinrichs, Aubrey C. Odhner, James L. Pendleton, Erik E. Sandstrom, Jerome V. Sellner and William R. Woofenden.

The following officers were elected: Willard L. D. Heinrichs, Vice-president; Jerome V. Sellner, Secretary; E. Boyd Asplundh, Treasurer; and Erland J. Brock, Editor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jerome V. Sellner, *Secretary*

## **EDITOR'S REPORT**

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It is not uncommon for the journal to be delayed in its appearance. At the moment, however, we are one and a half years behind schedule. In order to rectify the situation we plan on publishing a series of double issues until we are up to date. Thus Nos. 1 & 2 for 1991 will appear together shortly in a 100 page issue that includes a study of connections between Leibniz and Swedenborg by the Reverend Kurt P. Nemitz, a thought-provoking analysis of forms of revelation by the Reverend Alfred Acton, and a continuation of the Reverend Dr. William R. Woofenden's series on Swedenborg's philosophy of causality.

We shall continue publishing double issues through 1992, and beyond if necessary. We have copy in hand to do this that includes the new translation of Gottlieb Florschütz's *Swedenborg's Hidden Influence on Kant* being translated by the Reverend Nemitz with the Reverend Dr. Durban

Odhner as German consultant. A German edition of this work has recently been published.

Once copy for an issue is decided upon, its production runs very smoothly thanks to the expert work of members of the editorial board, and of our typesetter and business manager, Mrs. Kirsten Gyllenhaal. We express our appreciation and gratitude to them all. Finally, we want to express our thanks to the staff of The General Church Press for all the excellent work they have done for us for many years in the production of the journal.

The Russian edition of *The Essential Swedenborg*, whose translation and production was sponsored by several Swedenborg publishers, is doing good service. Some 300 have been sold, and another 100 or so distributed in Moscow and St. Petersburg at conferences at which papers were given on Swedenborg. The most recent of these—in early April—was devoted entirely to Swedenborg. Several copies have been sent to isolated reviewers in the CIS.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Erland J. Brock, *Editor*

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**for year ending April 30, 1992**

BALANCE APRIL 30, 1991 .....		\$42,033.30
Plus Receipts 1991/92		
Dues .....	\$	927.80
Subscriptions .....		182.50
Contributions .....		24,410.82
Book Sales .....		8,638.71
Interest .....		1,275.82
Miscellaneous .....		<u>150.00</u>
.....	\$	35,585.65

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New Philosophy (1 issue) .....	\$	1,669.13
Postage .....		883.98
Editorial Expenses .....		700.00
Book Publishing .....		22,102.44
Marketing .....		18,824.25
Research .....		10,526.00
Computer Equipment .....		3,215.16
Misc. Office Expenses .....		1,336.20
Travel .....		<u>877.00</u>
.....	\$	60,134.16

BALANCE APRIL 30, 1992 ..... \$17,484.79

Respectfully submitted,  
E. Boyd Asplundh, *Treasurer*