

EDITORIAL REMARKS

In This Issue

This annual number issue begins with reports from the treasurer and secretary only, because the Annual Meeting took on a new format as described in the Transactions. In place of the usual Annual Address, Drs. Jonathan S. Rose and Jane K. Williams-Hogan gave enlightening slide presentations.

Although Dr. Al Gabay is a new contributor to the journal, his studied knowledge of Swedenborg dates back to at least 1988 when he gave a paper at the Swedenborg '88 Symposium in Bryn Athyn, subsequently published in *Swedenborg and His Influence*. Dr. Gabay's present article "Swedenborg, Mesmer and the 'covert' Enlightenment" stems from his ongoing research on Swedenborg.

The serial publication "Swedenborg in France" concludes in this issue. We are especially grateful to author Dr. Karl-Erik Sjöden and to Mrs. Margaret Gladish who jointly translated *Swedenborg en France* for English readers. Thanks also to Dr. Jane Williams-Hogan who brought the author's English text to my attention a number of years ago. The work represents an important contribution to the history of the reception of Swedenborg in France as well as of the history of the New Church there; it is an honor for the Swedenborg Scientific Association to publish it in its journal.

My own "The Doctrine of Correspondence: A Review Study" includes reflections on selected books and articles published in the last 114 years. This essential Swedenborgian doctrine is surfacing in various forms in current thought about many aspects of human life.

I draw your attention to the three-year index to the journal for 1995-97. On the matter of indexing, I am pleased to record that Mr. Ethan King has begun detailed indexing of the journal from its inception in 1898.