

TRANSACTIONS OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Gregory Baker in the Great Hall of Glencairn. The program at this year's meeting preceded a dinner and business meeting.

The program was in two parts. The first presentation, by Rev. Dr. Jonathan Rose, examined a series of engravings decorating Swedenborg's first editions—beautiful works of art in both the scientific as well as theological books. Rose's hypothesis is that these frontispieces and other decorations were not randomly chosen by the printer, but may in fact have been the work of Swedenborg the artisan instead. The thematic content of the small engravings suggests more to Rose than casual connection to the topical matter of the books. Rev. Dr. Rose presented several of these illustrations as examples of this fascinating possibility.

The second presentation, by Dr. Jane Williams-Hogan, was a visual travelogue of Swedenborg's homeland, captured by her in photographs during a recent trip to Sweden. Sites of particular importance in Swedenborg's life were recorded by Dr. Williams-Hogan, in preparation for next year's Bryn Athyn College class, *Swedish Roots: the Revelator and His Revelation*. This class will culminate in a trip by students to these historically significant sites.

The combined presentations of Rev. Dr. Rose and Dr. Williams-Hogan served to both entertain and inform the audience with the rich cultural heritage of Swedenborg's contribution.

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President Gregory Baker convened the business meeting at 8:00 pm, following dinner in the Glencairn dining room.

The transactions of the previous meeting of May 22, 1995 were approved as circulated in *The New Philosophy* (July-Dec., 1996, pp. 391-392).

Dr. Baker commented on the progress of the SSA in the area of publishing, and brought to our attention that there were SSA publications currently out of print, including Swedenborg's *Rational Psychology* and

Generation, as well as Dan Goodenough's *Providence and Free Will*. There are plans in progress to republish these books and insure that others do not go out of print.

Mrs. Aubrey Odhner, acting for the nominating committee, announced the slate of candidates for board membership for the coming year, as determined by the committee. There were no nominations from the floor, and the following candidates were elected:

Rev. Alfred Acton II	Mrs. Aubrey C. Odhner
Prof. Edward F. Allen	Dr. James L. Pendleton
Prof. Charles S. Cole	Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Rose
Prof. Donald C. Fitzpatrick, Jr.	Rev. Erik E. Sandstrom
Mr. C. Edward Gyllenhaal	Mr. Daniel A. Synnestvedt
Dr. Kristin King	Dr. William R. Woofenden

Candidates for board officers were also presented. Mr Franklin Mitchell having resigned the office of secretary effective this day, Dr. Reuben Bell was presented as a candidate. There were no nominations from the floor, and this slate of candidates was also elected:

Gregory Baker	President
Grant Doering	Vice President
Reuben Bell	Secretary
Allen Bedford	Treasurer

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Reuben P. Bell, *Secretary*

TREASURER'S REPORT

for year ending December 31, 1996

BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1995		\$8,343.51
Plus Receipts 1996		
Annual Appeal	\$	8,208.65
Book Sales		3,052.49
Dues		2,590.31
Contributions		10.00
Special Projects (<i>Rational Psychology</i>)		<u>4,000.00</u>
Total	\$	17,861.45
Less Expenses 1996		
<i>New Philosophy</i>	\$	3,761.70
Wages		3,508.70
Editorial Expenses		4,200.00
Office Expenses		557.73
Postage		319.49
Marketing		504.44
Computer		592.20
Research		100.00
Temporary (Reimbursement pending)		<u>2,324.95</u>
Total	\$	15,869.21
BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1996		\$10,335.75

Respectfully submitted,
Allen J. Bedford, *Treasurer*

ENDOWMENT FUND

BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1995		\$11,850.62
Plus Receipts 1996		
Endowment Appeal	\$	125,296.05
Interest		<u>4,000.00</u>
Total	\$	131,137.87
Less Expenses 1996		
Transaction Fee	\$	336.25
Current Investment Loss		<u>1,963.87</u>
Total	\$	2,300.12
BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1996		\$140,688.37
ADDITIONAL PLEDGES RECEIVABLE		\$3,375.00
TOTAL PLEDGED AND RECEIVED		\$144,063.37

ENDOWMENT FUND INVESTMENT ALLOCATION

Vanguard Group Investment Accounts

Fund-33—Federal Portfolio	\$3,323.31
Fund 40—Index 500	\$68,964.69
Fund 98—Index Extended Market	\$68,400.37

Respectfully submitted,
Allen J. Bedford, *Treasurer*