

EDITORIAL REMARKS

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The issue opens with some comments by Rev. Donald Rose on Swedenborg's dream journal, drawing on a new edition by Swedish man of letters Lars Bergquist, published by the foundation in 2001 with the title *Swedenborg's Dream Book*. Swedenborg wrote notes on the dreams he had in 1743–1744 at the time of the transition of his life from that of scientist and philosopher to revelator.

Prof. Jane Williams-Hogan translated Prof. Harry Lenhammar's account of the events surrounding the return from London of Swedenborg's earthly remains to Sweden, where, with pomp and circumstance, they were placed in their final resting place in Uppsala Cathedral. We are grateful to Prof. Lenhammar for the research that the article represents, and to Prof. William-Hogan for making it available to English readers.

Prof. Lennart Wetterberg's "Swedenborg's View of the Brain" provides us with an overview of Swedenborg's contribution to brain research and his methodology. The article is based on a talk, the interesting circumstances surrounding which are given in a footnote on the opening page. We are grateful to Rev. Kurt Nemitz for providing the translation from the Swedish text.

Historically, Swedenborg's contribution to chemical theory and practice came at a time of transition from a world dominated by Aristotelian and Alchemical thought about matter and its reactions to the modern view that took shape formally in Lavoisier's *Traité élémentaire de chimie* published in 1789. "Swedenborg's Chemistry"—Rev. Lewis Hite's 1929 Presidential Address to the SSA—gives an overview of the place of Swedenborg in the eighteenth century world.

Aside from Annual Meeting Transactions and Reports, the single issue of *The New Philosophy* for 1929 is devoted to Swedenborg's pre-theological works, opening with the Hite address. Then follows a detailed account of Swedenborg's output with contemporary reviews edited by Rev. Alfred Acton, the journal editor at the time. "Swedenborg and His Contemporary Reviewers" gives a picture of his life as one devoted both to the scientific explanation of the world and to his homeland that he served as Assessor of Mines.