EDITORIAL NOTES

Although this issue of the NEW PHILOSOPHY has been delayed for a long period, over three quarters of the material for the four issues to be published in 1967 is in the Editor's hands. The January issue is almost ready for the press. It will be devoted to publishing in English for the first time Emanuel Swedenborg's *Selected Sentences.* It is hoped that readers will be patient with delays in publication, as all of the work of preparing copy, editing, and seeing through the press is volunteer work. All of the people who are able to do this work are very busy with other things. Three of the Editorial Board members have full teaching or administrative loads in the Academy of the New Church, and the fourth has a full-time responsibility in the work of Swedenborgiana Research with the Academy. And so the task of publishing the NEW PHILOSOPHY is over and above that of full time regular pursuits. This is also the case with most of the contributed material.

Miss Beryl G. Briscoe, Curator of Swedenborgiana at the Academy of the New Church, has recently edited a translation of Swedenborg's *Selected Sentences* found among papers left by the late Dr. Alfred Acton. June 1709 marked the completion of Swedenborg's course of study at Uppsala University. According to Cyriel O. Sigstedt the "graduation" involved "no granting of a degree in any modern sense." (*The Swedenborg Epic,* p. 12.) Alfred Acton mentions that Uppsala University History does not mention a B.A. degree at that time. (*Life of Swedenborg,* mimeographed notes, Vol. 1, p. 20, A.N.C. Library.) However, at the point in the course of studies where the B.A. degree is now granted, an examination was given. And, in addition, as Dr. Acton says, "there was a disputation on a subject chosen by the student and which was to be publicly defended by the student under the presidency of a professor of the faculty under whom the student had studied." (*Ibid.* p. 21.) *Selected Sentences* was the disputation prepared by Emanuel Swedenborg for this occasion.

It was recommended that the Swedenborg Scientific Association publish the *Selected Sentences.* However, there was a problem in having the translation as found checked for accuracy. All able

linguists are busy with other things. It appeared that we might have to wait a long time before anyone would find the time to check the translation. And so it was decided to publish the work as it stands in the January issue of the NEW PHILOSOPHY. Miss Briscoe has checked much of the material with other sources.

Since a large part of the thesis consists of maxims from various classical authors, much of the material can be compared with other translations.

During the past year a new building has been placed in operation on the Academy Campus. Pitcairn Hall, as it was named in an inauguration ceremony in the spring of 1966, is devoted largely to administrative quarters for the General Church of the New Jerusalem and the Academy of the New Church. In addition, however, the library of books sometimes referred to as "Room 15" and "Room 17," which was previously housed in the Academy Library building, has been moved to specially constructed quarters in Pitcairn Hall. This library consists of copies of books in Swedenborg's library, books associated with his studies, and photostatic copies of Swedenborg's original manuscripts, as well as valuable first editions of his works.

On October 20, 1966, on the occasion of the annual celebration of the Academy's Charter Day, the staff of the Swedenborgiana Department, consisting of Dr. Hugo L. Odhner, Miss Beryl G. Briscoe, Mr. Lennart O. Alfelt, and the Academy Librarian, Miss Lois E. Stebbing, were hosts and hostesses at an Open House. At this time they showed visitors the collection of books in the new quarters. It is planned to publish a review of this event in the April 1967 issue of the NEW PHILOSOPHY.

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Other contributions at hand for publication during 1967 have been prepared by the following authors: Bishop George de Charms, Susan Arrington Allen, and Orus F. Krumboltz. The editor has prepared a series of Philosophical Notes on the history of the concept of free will.