

TRANSACTIONS OF THE EIGHTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING

Swedenborg Scientific Association

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by President Charles S. Cole, Jr. in the Pendleton Hall auditorium, at The Academy of the New Church.

The minutes of the previous annual meeting were accepted as printed in the July-September, 1982 issue of *The New Philosophy*.

Dr. Erland J. Brock, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, placed Prof. Charles S. Cole, Jr. before the meeting for reelection as President, and the following for reelection to the Board of Directors:

Dr. Gregory L. Baker	Rev. Willard L. D. Heinrichs
Dr. Grant R. Doering	Dr. James L. Pendleton
Mr. Frederick Elphick	Mr. Jerome V. Sellner
Mr. Donald C. Fitzpatrick, Jr.	Rev. Dr. William R. Woofenden
Rev. Daniel W. Goodenough	

The candidates were elected by unanimous vote.

The annual report of the secretary and an interim report on behalf of the treasurer were both presented by the secretary.

The annual report for *The New Philosophy* was delivered by the editor, Dr. Erland J. Brock.

The President then introduced the speaker, the Rev. Daniel W. Goodenough, who gave an address entitled, "Rational Psychology—A Dead End or a New Beginning?" This most scholarly and enlightening presentation was followed by a lively period of discussion, observations, and questions.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerome V. Sellner, *Secretary*

EDITORS REPORT

During the past year two volumes of *New Philosophy* for 1981 and 1982 were published, and the journal is now back on schedule. We express appreciation to our authors who provided copy on a wide variety of topics. At the same time, we make an appeal for the submission of new material.

We are currently engaged in efforts to increase the circulation of the journal. To this end, it is being displayed at meetings of the

American Philosophical Society at Baltimore, Berkeley, Chicago, and Montreal. In addition, Volume 86 (1983) is being sent to libraries of colleges and universities throughout the world which have religion and/or philosophy departments. These will be invited to subscribe with the mailing of Vol. 86, No. 4. Next year we shall offer the journal to public libraries.

Mr. Kenneth Rose relinquished his position on the Editorial Board after 23 years of service; an appreciation of his work was published in Vol. 86, No. 1. His position on the Board has been filled by the Rev. Willard L. D. Heinrichs. We again thank our Editorial Board and our team of proofreaders for their continuing support and advice. And also, we note with appreciation Miss Lelia Howard's work in preparing a computer program for indexing *New Philosophy*.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The following report highlights projects which are now in progress under the auspices of the Swedenborg Scientific Association. Together with other endeavors mentioned in the report of the editor of *The New Philosophy*, we hope to convey the sense of purpose and activity which is apparent in the business transacted over this past year by the Board of Directors.

Meetings

The Board of Directors met four times since the last annual meeting: On May 3, 1982, following the annual meeting for the election of officers, and on October 12, 1982, February 8, 1983, and May 2, 1983 for regular meetings.

Research Grant Program

The Swedenborg Scientific Association Research Grant Program is administered by Dr. Gregory L. Baker.

Four ongoing projects are:

1. Translation of letters of Descartes from French to English by Mr. Paul E. Funk.
2. Translation of Swedenborg's *De Sale Communi* (On Common Salt) from Latin to English by Mr. Michael V. David.
3. Translation of the treatise *De Magnete* of Petri van Musschenbroek, quoted in Swedenborg's *Principia*, from Latin to English by Mr. Aaron A. Gladish.

4. A survey of linguistic sources which would be valuable for the study of Swedenborg's Latin. This project was proposed by Mr. Richard Goerwitz and will include: a) gathering and systematizing information in the Writings about human language, b) gathering and systematizing information on approaches to human language that have already been developed as a framework within which to study language, and c) examining and comparing the above information with a conclusion as to what can be useful to New Churchmen in the study and translation of the Writings.

Psychological Transactions

A revision of *Psychological Transactions* is currently being undertaken by the Rev. Dr. William R. Woofenden, Dr. Erland J. Brock, Mr. Donald C. Fitzpatrick Jr., and the Rev. Daniel W. Goodenough. Included in the revision are a new title page and a new table of contents. A forward to the 1983 edition will indicate new data not previously used and will instruct the reader what is available in the work. The original preface by Alfred Acton has been reprinted with only minor changes which were handled by editorial footnotes.

Researcher's Manual

This project has been undertaken by the Rev. Dr. William R. Woofenden for the benefit of those undertaking research on Swedenborg. The purpose of the manual is to identify sources of research data and thereby assist in academic research. The Swedenborg Scientific Association is supporting an interest in this project and is considering working with another interested organization in order to publish the manual.

Complimentary Copies of the Scientific Works

On behalf of the Swedenborg Scientific Association various volumes were presented as follows:

1. *A Philosopher's Note Book* to theological students of The Academy of the New Church in the Rev. Daniel W. Goodenough's course on the Life of Swedenborg.
2. Copies of *The Animal Kingdom* to college students of The Academy of the New Church in Prof. Edward F. Aliens course on Swedenborg's Philosophy.
3. A selection of two copies each, to theological students under the Rev. Dr. William R. Woofenden at the Swedenborg School of Religion in Newton, Mass.

Principles of the New Philosophy

The present format of this work is unattractive; it lacks an introduction and a glossary, and it is characterized by some ambiguities. President Charles S. Cole, Jr., and the Rev. Dr. William R. Woofenden have undertaken to arrange a more inviting format, prior to a reprinting of this work.

Thinking from Correspondences

Under the direction of Prof. Charles S. Cole, Jr., consideration is being given to compiling the articles of Dr. Norman J. Berridge, which have appeared in *The New Philosophy*, into a book entitled, *The Spiritual Basis of Natural Reality*.

Publicity

In an effort to increase interest in the work of the Swedenborg Scientific Association, we expect to experiment with the placing of provocative ideas in church publications, perhaps with the assistance of someone skilled in advertising.

Resignation of Mrs. Hilary P. Glenn

Finally, the Board of Directors has reluctantly accepted the resignation of Mrs. Hilary P. Glenn as Secretary of the Swedenborg Scientific Association after her years of devoted and meticulous service to this organization. The Board wishes to formally express, on behalf of the membership, its deep appreciation for her work.

Respectfully submitted,
 Jerome V. Sellner, *Secretary*

TREASURERS REPORT

for year ending April 30, 1983

BALANCE APRIL 30, 1982	\$72,054.42
<i>Plus Receipts 1982/83</i>	
Dues	\$ 1,497.12
Subscriptions.....	241.75
Contributions	4,642.56
Book Sales	14.00
Interest	<u>8,010.10</u>
	\$ 14,405.53

Less Expenses 1982/83

NEW PHILOSOPHY	
(2 double & 2 single issues)	\$ 6,676.87
Postage	383.24
Editorial Expenses	2,333.00
Research	2,681.00
Misc. Office Expenses	372.86
Travel	829.00
	\$ 13,275.97
 BALANCE APRIL 30, 1983	 \$73,183.98

Applications of Philosophy

No philosophy is of any use unless it can become the guide of conduct. As *Ethics* it must be applicable to moral life in which natural affections are governed by reason; as *Axiology* it must judge concerning the degrees of values; as *Aesthetics* it shows the uses of the fine arts and the imagination; as *Civics* and *Economics* it points out the relation of the individual to his society and its laws—for society is a greater form of man.

All the principles of the new philosophy are eminently practical, although abstruse in form. They call for a rewriting of the literature of all the social sciences. The doctrines of Use, of Influx, of the Grand Man, and of Discrete Degrees revolutionize civics and morals. The doctrine of Correspondences floods the fields of Aesthetics and Belles Lettres with a new light and introduces new challenges in interpreting the thought of antiquity. The new psychology of the Writings reveals the hidden contents of the depths of the human mind in their orderly strata and functions. The Epistemology of the New Church man necessitates a new understanding and evaluation of what the natural sciences may proffer. And a spiritual Teleology, together with all the other principles, creates a new concept of education (H. Lj. Odhner in "Principles of the New Philosophy").