

EDITORIAL REMARKS

In This Issue

It is with considerable pleasure that we place before our readers two important papers, each of which will be published in two parts in the first two numbers of the journal for 1985. Richard L. Goerwitz's study of one element of Swedenborg's intellectual environment was made with the support of the Swedenborg Scientific Association, and represents the kind of scholarship necessary to provide a basis for the appreciation of the historical background to the eighteenth century and the men who fashioned it.

Linda Simonetti Odhner's treatment of correspondences in the developing human form is based on the Senior Research Essay she submitted as part of the work for her degree at The Academy of the New Church College. Mrs. Odhner takes the doctrine of correspondences out of the realm of mere discussion by showing its dynamic role in the production of the corporeal plane of existence. This union of thought from the Word with thought from science represents, in my opinion, philosophy at its best.

On Swedenborg's *De Sale Communi*

Readers may wonder about the inclusion in the journal of the first English translation of *De Sale Communi*, the second installment of which appeared in our last issue (vol. 87, no. 4). There are several reasons for this. *De Sale Communi* is one of the few works of Swedenborg remaining untranslated, and translation (into English at least) must continue until the job is done. Having the new translation in print allows for critical commentary prior to its publication in book form. In addition to this, however, there is the value of making available a treatise that adds to our understanding of Swedenborg the man, a member of the Swedish Board of Mines, and that provides information about a topic of importance to the economy of the state. Finally, because the work contains original observations as well as to the citations and observations of others, it represents a contribution to the history of geology and chemistry.

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