

Notes and Comments

SSA's Publication Program

At each Annual Meeting of the Association, the Secretary reports on the projects discussed and approved by the Board of Directors during the previous year. Although these reports are then published in *The New Philosophy*, it may be useful to take a somewhat longer view than they individually provide in order to see what has been accomplished in the past several years.

Between 1983 and 1987, the Association published five works. Two were new works by New Church scholars, two were new editions of earlier works, and one was a reprint. The two new works were Dr. Robert Gladish's *Swedenborg, Fourier, and the America of the 1940 s* and the Rev. Daniel Goodenough's *Providence and Free Will in Human Actions*. The new editions were of *Psychological Transactions and Other Posthumous Tracts, 1734-1744*, by Swedenborg, and Dr. Hugo Odhner's *Principles of the New Philosophy*. The reprint was of *Physiological Correspondences* by John Worcester.

Projects to be completed in 1988 include publication (with the aid of five co-publishers) of the new *Swedenborg Researcher's Manual* by Dr. William Woofenden (see following note), reprinting of Dr. Hugo Odhner's *The Human Mind*, and preparation of a printed catalog of books available from the Association. This catalog will be used in a direct mail marketing effort to draw wider attention to Swedenborg's scientific and philosophical writings.

Work is also underway on three projects to be completed in 1989 and beyond. These include publication of Dr. N. J. Berridge's *The Natural Basis of Spiritual Life*, publication of an English translation of *Daedalus Hypoboreus* (the first scientific journal in Swedish, which Swedenborg edited), and publication of Swedenborg's previously unpublished studies on the brain.

The Board believes these projects, though expensive, are important to the continued spread of knowledge about Swedenborg's contributions to thought in many fields. We hope members of the Association will agree and will continue, as they have in the past, to provide the means to support such work.

A New Work Now Available

This writer has had the pleasure of seeing and using the newly published *Swedenborg Researcher's Manual* referred to in the previous note. Co-publishing this work with S.S.A. are the Massachusetts New Church Union of Boston, the Swedenborg Foundation of New York, the Swedenborg Library and Enquiry Center of Sydney, Australia, the Trustees of the Gray Legacy, U.S. A, and the Trustees of the Rotch Legacy, U.S.A. This list gives evidence of the extent to which the value of this new reference work is recognized.

We hope readers of *The New Philosophy* will avail themselves of the aid Dr. Woofenden's work can afford students of Swedenborg, whether they seek information about Swedenborg's own works, about collateral literature, about meanings of technical or special terms, about key concepts in Swedenborg's works, or about major collections of documents related to Swedenborg in various parts of the world.

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First Fleet Books Collection

Recently I learned of a project being undertaken by an organization known as "Friends of the Australia National University Library" in Canberra, Australia. I first learned of this through correspondence with Miss Heulwen Ridgway of Canberra, and subsequently through Mr. Colin Steele, University Library at the ANU, and Mr. Neville Jarvis of the Swedenborg Library and Enquiry Centre at Roseville, Sydney, Australia.

By way of explanation the following is a quote from a circular over the name I. R. Rowland, Chairman, Friends of the ANU Library.

The Friends of the Library in 1983 acquired for the Library one of the few surviving books known to have come to Australia on the First Fleet—a copy of Authur Young, FRS, *Annals of Agriculture and Other Useful Arts*, Vol. IV, London, 1785. Since then, they have undertaken a project to reassemble a First Fleet Books Collection, by acquiring other copies of the same editions of books that are known to have come. The books assembled so far are being exhibited at a First Fleet Books Dinner, at University House, on 24 March; and some will then become part of the National Library of Australia Bicentennial Exhibition, *People, print & paper: Celebrating the Books of Australia, 1788-1988*, which opens on 14 April...

The Friends are now inviting corporate and personal donations to their project. All donations to the Friends are tax-deductible, and for this purpose receipts will be issued. Inquiries are invited about sponsoring the whole cost of particular books; such sponsorships will be recorded with the book, and all donors will be recorded in a list to be kept with the collection.

Please send donations, with a note giving name and address, to: The Honorary Secretary, Friends of the Library, C/ - Menzies Building, Australian National University, G.P.O. Box 4, Canberra ACT 2601.

In a letter to me, the ANU Librarian, Mr. Colin Steele, wrote:

The Friends of the Australian National University Library, as the attached circular will show, have undertaken a Bicentennial project to reassemble the books which are known to have come to Australia with the First Fleet in 1787.

As you may perhaps be aware, these books included a number of the works of Swedenborg. Unfortunately these copies seem to have disappeared without trace, so that we cannot be sure exactly which titles they were. However, our inquiries among members of the New Church in Australia (in particular Mr. Neville Jarvis in Sydney and the Ridgway family in Canberra) suggest that they were probably the English translations already available by the time the First Fleet sailed in 1787, which I list on the following page. We are therefore trying to acquire these translations in the original editions, as part of our project.

We are particularly pleased that the Australian Bicentenary happens to coincide with the Swedenborg Tricentenary. Miss Heulwen Ridgway of Canberra has kindly suggested that we write to you, to request your help in finding copies of the original editions, whose owners may be prepared to sell them, and perhaps any assistance you can provide re funding their purchase.

The list referred to above, and provided by Mr. Neville Jarvis, includes these works of Swedenborg:

Arcana Coelestia (1783), *Earths in the Universe* (1787), *Heaven and Hell* (1778), *New Jerusalem and Its Heavenly Doctrine* (1780), *Doctrine of the Lord* (1784), *Doctrine of the Sacred Scripture* (1786), *Doctrine of Life* (1772), *Brief Exposition of the Doctrine of the New Church* (1769), *Intercourse Between the Soul and Body* (1770), *True Christian Religion* (1781).

In the February-March issue of *The New Age* from Sydney Mr. Jarvis writes that this chest of books was officially received at a service on January 24, 1988, at St. James' Church, Sydney's oldest, "to commemorate two hundred years of Christian presence in Australia. . .□□ (p. 8). At the same service, Mr. Jarvis presented to the church rector a morocco bound copy of *True Christian Religion*. The inscription in the copy reads:

This book is presented to St. James' Church . . . in recognition of an assortment of the theological writings of Emanuel Swedenborg brought to Australia on HMS *Sirius*, Flagship of the First Fleet in 1787-1788. This historic event has been re-enacted by the bringing to Australia of a Sea Chest, containing books by Emanuel Swedenborg, on the ships of the First Fleet Re-enactment, 1987-1988.... (*Ibid.*, p. 9.)

Readers interested in supporting the Friends of the ANU Library project may do so either by sending donations to the address given above, or, if they know of the early editions of Swedenborg's works listed above, by either notifying Mr. Colin Steele, University Librarian, Menzies Building, Australia National University, GPO Box 4, Canberra, ACT 2601, Australia, or myself.

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