

EDITORIAL REMARKS

In This Issue

The variety of articles in this issue reflects the variety of uses the Swedenborg Scientific Association supports. We open with the annual reports. These outline the activities in which the association is currently involved. Next we are pleased to bring to our readers a paper by Prof. Dr. Harry Lenhammar presented at the Academy of the New Church, and the continuation of Dr. Gregory L. Baker's series on religion and science. The former concerns Johan Tybeck, and gives interesting historical insights into the religious milieu of 18th century Sweden; while the latter brings some of the philosophical ideas in Swedenborg's works to bear on concepts in physical science.

During the summer of 1988 an international conference of translators of Swedenborg's works was held in Bryn Athyn. Involving all branches of the New Church, it was organized by the Rev. Alfred Acton on behalf of the Academy of the New Church and the Rev. Dr. George Dole representing the Swedenborg Foundation, with the very capable assistance of Lisa Hyatt Cooper. The Rev. Acton kindly accepted the offer of the association to publish the papers presented at the conference in *The New Philosophy*. These will appear from time to time in Translator's Corner under the editorship of Dr. J. Durban Odhner, beginning in this issue. Also in that department we have a continuation of the translation of Swedenborg's *De Sale Communi*.

In Notes and Comments Linda Simonetti Odhner presents an interesting response to the atheistic evolution of Stephen Jay Gould. This response is backed by the writer's not inconsiderable study of biological development, the products of some of which have been published in this journal.

A New Major Work

We call attention to the remarkable and very handsome work titled *Emanuel Swedenborg: A Continuing Vision* published by the Swedenborg Foundation. Robin Larsen (Editor-in-Chief) and her team must be congratulated for the extraordinary job they have done in putting together this 558 page, beautifully illustrated, anthology of essays and poetry on topics ranging from the arts to religion and the physical sciences. Following the opening introduction, the work is organized in five parts titled *Arts & Letters*, *Social Issues & Psychology*, *The Man & His World*, *Religion & Philosophy*, and *Theoretical & Applied Sciences*, and closes with a reference section and extensive index. This work can grace the lounge of private homes, as well as it can be an important title in any library. It is available from the Swedenborg Foundation, 139 East 23rd Street, New York 10010, and from other distributors. We highly recommend it.

Tour of Swedenborg's Sweden

Translator's Corner includes a piece on Starbo (the estate Swedenborg inherited) visited by a group that toured Sweden in the summer of 1988. This tour was so successful that another is being organized, and your attention is drawn to the notice concerning it in this issue titled "Tour of Swedenborg's Sweden, August 2-14, 1989."