

## **EDITORIAL REMARKS**

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### **In This Issue**

In the opening article, William R. Kintner reflects on the slow growth of the second Christian church, based on the revelation to Emanuel Swedenborg, compared with the relatively faster growth and spread of the first, founded by the Lord's disciples.

The other articles are linked to Dr. Kintner's in various ways. David R. Simons gives his view of the possibilities that the philosophy of the new revelation opens for the study of history and science. He addresses ideas that New Churchmen have developed for more than 100 years and that continue to receive fresh consideration in this and other journals. He points the way to the kinds of enquiry that Dr. Kintner appeals for at the close of his paper.

Tatsuya Nagashima is doing something about the need to spread Swedenborg's ideas into other cultures. He has already translated into Japanese and published several works by Swedenborg, as well as collateral literature, and actively disseminates them. We are delighted and privileged to have his contribution on the problems he faces in translating Western works into the language of an Eastern culture.

Dan A. Synnstedt's book review essay provides us with a glimpse into worlds of thought with which the New Church must wrestle if it is to make the kind of headway that New Churchmen would like it to make. Mr. Synnstedt teaches philosophy at the Academy of the New Church College. In this essay, he addresses aspects of two works on Biblical ethics, one in which secular humanism dominates, the other written from a Christian perspective. If the ideas in Swedenborg's works are to have an impact on the world, those who take them to that world must know it; and this essay helps us in this.

### **Miss Beryl Briscoe**

Miss Beryl Briscoe passed into the spiritual world on July 31, 1989. The Rev. Donald L. Rose conducted her memorial service on August 3, at the Bryn Athyn Cathedral, and spoke of the lifetime of dedicated service Miss Briscoe gave in her devoted work as Dr. Alfred Acton's secretary. The Swedenborg Scientific Association owes more than can be said to the work of Dr. Acton and Miss Briscoe. The annual number of this journal will be dedicated to her.