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## SWEDENBORG SCIENTIFIC ASSOCIATION.

### SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Sixth Annual Meeting of the Swedenborg Scientific Association was held in the Kenwood Parish House of the Chicago Society of the New Jerusalem, corner 46th street and Woodlawn avenue, Chicago, Ills., Wednesday, July 1st, and Thursday, July 2d, 1903.

#### FIRST SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, July 1, 2:15 P. M.

326. The meeting was called to order by the President, the Rev. Frank Sewall, M. A., D. D.

327. The minutes of the last annual meeting being in print, their reading was dispensed with.

328. The Chair appointed Messrs. W. L. Gladish and W. B. Caldwell a Committee on the Roll, who subsequently reported the following members and visitors in attendance on the Sessions of the Association:

#### MEMBERS.

*Amherst, Mass.*, Prof. Thos. French, Jr; *Baltimore, Md.*, Mr. C. A. E. Spamer; *Cambridge, Mass.*, Rev. L. F. Hite; *Chicago, Ill.*, Rev. R. W. Brown, Rev. W. B. Caldwell, Mr. Paul Carpenter, Mr. Chas. T. Champion, Mr. L. S. Cole, Dr. E. A. Farrington, Mr. F. S. Layton, Mr. O. Scalbom, Rev. E. J. E. Schreck; *Chillicothe, O.*, Miss Carrie Sproat; *Cincinnati*,

O., Rev. L. P. Mercer; *Detroit, Mich.*, Rev. John Whitehead; *Glenciew, Ill.*, Dr. Harvey Farrington, Mr. Leonard Gyllenhaal; *Indianapolis, Ind.*, Rev. W. L. Gladish; *La Porte, Ind.*, Mr. Wm. Niles; *Los Angeles, Cal.*, Mr. S. McLaughlin; *Peoria, Ill.*, Mrs. V. H. Van Buskirk; *Pittsburg, Pa.*, Mr. C. H. Ebert; *Toronto, Canada*, Rev. F. L. Higgins; *Urbana, O.*, Prof. J. H. Williams; *Washington, D. C.*, Rev. Frank Sewall.

## VISITORS.

*Amherst, Mass.*, Miss French; *Baltimore, Md.*, Miss Lois Spamer, Miss Bona P. Spamer; *Bath, Me.*, Rev. G. H. Dole; *Brockton, Mass.*, Rev. L. G. Hoeck; *Brookline, Mass.*, Rev. C. W. Harvey; *Brooklyn, N. Y.*, Samuel L'Hommedieu; *Chicago, Ill.*, Mrs. Robert Braden, Mrs. Edwin Burnham, Mrs. C. T. Champion, Mr. Espy Curtis, Mr. C. H. Cutler, Miss Nan Gladish, Mrs. E. A. Munger, Mrs. G. H. Owen, Miss Clara Rauch, Miss Winifred Scammon Reed, Mrs. Louis Rich, Rev. J. S. Saul, Mr. W. F. Smith, Miss Flora Trine, Miss Adah Wallenberg, Mr. W. S. Weller; *Chillicothe, O.*, Miss Emma Sproat; *Cincinnati, O.*, Miss Brown, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Carpenter, Miss Emily W. Martin; *Denver, Colo.*, Miss Mary L. West; *Kansas City*, Rev. Harry C. Vrooman; *La Grange, Ill.*, Miss Alice D'Avignon; *Philadelphia, Pa.*, Rev. W. H. Alden, Mr. G. H. Smith, Mr. J. W. Stockwell, Jr.; *St. Louis, Mo.*, Miss Lucy C. Ross, Miss Lily A. Ross; *Waltham, Mass.*, Mrs. Emma R. Perry.

329. The report of the Board of Directors was read.

330. On motion of the Rev. L. P. Mercer, voted that the report be received and the recommendations and actions approved and adopted, with the exception of the reference to the publication of the MSS., consideration of which is postponed until the reading of the report of the Committee on MSS.

331. Rev. W. B. Caldwell moved the adoption of the following resolution:

*Whereas*, During the past year this Association has lost a valuable member and officer in the departure from this world of Mr. Carl Hjalmar Asplundh;

*Be it resolved*, That this Association do now express as a Memorial to Mr. Asplundh its hearty appreciation of the services rendered by him as Treasurer and Publishing Manager, and its keen sense of loss in the absence of his earnest interest and vigorous attention to the uses of this body.

332. After appreciative remarks of Mr. Asplundh's character and ability by Messrs. Caldwell, Mercer and Sewall, the resolution was adopted by a unanimous rising vote.

333. The report of the Secretary was read and accepted.

334. The report of the Treasurer was read and received.

335. The Chair appointed Prof. Thos. French, Jr., and Mr. Wm. Niles to audit the Treasurer's report.

336. The report of the Committee on a new edition of the *Principia* was read and accepted.

337. The Secretary read a letter from W. H. Masser, U. S. N. (retired), referring to a paper written by himself on the "Nebular Hypothesis," in which he reviews past theories and presents his own. Having been told that his theory is similar to that of Swedenborg's "*Principia*," he writes for a copy of the work.

338. The hour for the delivery of the President's annual address having arrived, Dr. Sewall read the same.

339. The Chair invited nominations from the floor for the Committee of Nominations, and the following Committee was in this manner appointed: Dr. Harvey Farrington, Rev. W. B. Caldwell, Prof. Lewis F. Hite, Rev. L. P. Mercer, Prof. Thos. French, Jr.

340. *Voted* that the election of officers be made the order of the day at 10:30 o'clock tomorrow morning.

341. A paper by Mr. Alfred H. Stroh, entitled "A Review of the Course of Swedenborg's Science in Sweden," was read.

342. A letter by Prof. Gustaf Retzius, M. D., Chairman of the recently appointed Swedenborg Committee of the Swedish Academy of Sciences in Stockholm, to Dr. Frank Sewall was read, after introduction by Dr. Sewall.

343. A report from Mr. Alfred H. Stroh regarding his work on MSS. was read and received.

344. The report of the Committee on the publication of Swedenborg's scientific MSS. was read and received.

345. It was moved that the recommendation of the Board of Directors regarding the enlargement of the Committee with the additional nomination of the Treasurer and Messrs. Arthur W. Burnham, of Chicago, and Horace P. Chandler, of Boston, be adopted.

346. On motion it was voted that the recommendation be amended so as to admit of the additional appointment of Mr. Alfred H. Stroh.

347. *Voted* to adopt the recommendation of the Board of Directors as amended, and the President, the Treasurer, Mr. Alfred Acton, Mr. Arthur W. Burnham, Mr. Horace P. Chandler and Mr. Alfred H. Stroh were declared to be the Committee on the Publication of Swedenborg's Scientific Manuscripts.

348. The report of the Committee on a New Edition of the Animal Kingdom was read and received.

349. The report of the Committee on the Transcription and Translation of the Lesser Principia was read and received.

350. The report of the Committee on the Translation of the Work on the Senses was read and received.

351. It was reported on behalf of the Committee on the Translation of Swedenborg's Early Swedish Scientific Treatises that nothing has been done during the past year.

352. An informal report by Mr. Edmond Congar Brown of the Committee on Incorporation, was read, and the matter of incorporation of the Association was left in his hands.

353. A communication from the New Church Philosophy Club of Pittsburgh was read and received.

354. On motion, duly seconded, *voted* that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet again on the morrow at 9:30 o'clock A. M., and at once consider the report of the editor of *The New Philosophy*.

355. The report of the editor of *The New Philosophy* was read.

356. Notice was given that three papers had been prepared for the meeting, one on Salt, one on the Ether, and one on the Appendix Vermiformis.

357. On motion, duly seconded, adjourned.

## SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, July 2, 10:00 A. M.

358. The meeting was called to order by the President.

359. The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

360. According to resolution [minute 354] the report of the editor of *The New Philosophy* was declared to be the order of the day.

361. The report was read.

362. Prof. L. F. Hite moved the adoption of the following preambles and resolution :

"Whereas, The Swedenborg Scientific Association is unwilling to modify its organic law and change the scope and purposes of the Association, and

"Whereas, The report of the editor of *The New Philosophy* presents the alternative of such modification and change so far as affecting the nature of our Magazine, or his resignation ;

"Resolved, That the Association, in full and hearty recognition of his valuable services and in high appreciation of his frankness in stating his views, accepts the resignation of Dr. John R. Swanton as editor of *The New Philosophy*, to take effect January 1, 1904."

363. The resolution was discussed by Messrs. Hite, Mercer, Whitehead, Caldwell, Harvey Farrington, and French.

364. The hour of 10:30 o'clock having arrived, the order of the day—the election of officers—was called for.

365. The Committee on Nominations reported the following nominations :

*President*, Rev. Frank Sewall, M. A., D. D.; *Secretary*, Rev. Eugene J. E. Schreck, M. A.; *Treasurer*, Rev. Charles E. Doering or Mr. Robert B. Caldwell, Jr.; *Additional Members of the Board of Directors*, Rev. Lewis P. Mercer, Hugh L. Burnham, Esq., Rev. John Whitehead, M. A., Harvey Farrington, M. D., Rev. Alfred Acton, Rev. Willis L. Gladish, Rev. Lewis F. Hite, M. A., John R. Swanton, Ph. D., George M. Cooper, M. D.

366. On motion, duly seconded, *voted* to ballot for President, Secretary and Treasurer on one ballot.

367. Pending the election, Prof. Hite's resolution [minute 362] was considered, and on motion, duly seconded, *laid on the table*.

368. On motion, duly seconded, *voted* that the Chair appoint a Committee to reply to Mr. Stroh's communication regarding his work on the MSS., and also to send greetings to the Swedish Academy of Sciences.

369. The tellers reported that the following officers had been duly elected: *President*, the Rev. Frank Sewall, A. M., D. D.; *Secretary*, the Rev. Eugene J. E. Schreck, A. M.; *Treasurer*, the Rev. Charles E. Doering.

370. The meeting proceeded to vote for additional members of the Board of Directors. In addition to the nominees of the Committee on Nominations the following gentlemen were nominated from the floor: Prof. Thomas French, Jr., Mr. Robert B. Caldwell, Jr.

371. Pending the election, the Chair announced the Committee to reply to Mr. Stroh and to send greetings to the Swedish Academy of Sciences [minute 368], the President, Prof. L. F. Hite, A. M., and Prof. Harvey Farrington, M. D.

372. On motion, duly seconded, *voted* that this Committee be accorded the privilege of reporting later to the Secretary, and that their report be printed in the Journal.

373. The Committee to audit the Treasurer's report reported that they were unable to verify the same owing to the absence of vouchers.

374. On motion, duly seconded, *voted* that in view of the inability of the auditors to examine the Treasurer's vouchers, further auditors residing near the Treasurer be appointed.

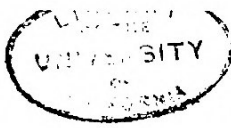
375. The Chair appointed Mr. John A. Wells and the Rev. Alfred Acton a Committee to audit the Treasurer's report.

376. A communication from the Swedenborg Philosophy Club, of Chicago, was read and received.

377. A letter from Louise M. Fuller, of Jacksonville, Fla., referring to the recent death of Dr. Hiram K. Jones, was read.

378. A letter from Mr. William Smith, of Johnstone, Scotland, appointed Biographer of Swedenborg by the "Evidence Society," of Scotland, was read.

379. On motion, duly seconded, the subject of honorary



membership in the Association was referred to the Board of Directors, to report to the next annual meeting of the Association.

380. The tellers reported that of the eleven nominees for the Board of Directors the following eight were elected: Rev. L. P. Mercer, Harvey Farrington, M. D., Rev. Willis L. Gladish, Mr. Robert B. Caldwell, Jr., Rev. Alfred Acton, Rev. John Whitehead, Hugh L. Burnham, Esq., Prof. Thomas French, Jr.

381. The meeting proceeded to vote for the ninth additional member of the Board of Directors.

382. Prof. Hite's resolution was on motion, duly seconded, *taken from the table* [minutes 362, 367].

383. The President called the Rev. John Whitehead to the chair and entered into the discussion of the question.

384. The President resumed the chair, and the question was discussed by Messrs. Whitehead, Harvey Farrington, Hite, Schreck and Caldwell.

385. The resolution was unanimously *adopted*.

386. On motion of the Rev. John Whitehead, duly seconded, *voted to refer* the matter of electing an editor of *The New Philosophy* to the Board of Directors, and that the members of the body be invited to communicate to the President their ideas as to a suitable editor, and as to the future policy of the Magazine.\*

387. The tellers reported that Prof. L. F. Hite, M. A., had been elected the ninth additional member of the Board of Directors.

388. On motion, duly seconded, *voted* that the determination of the time and place of the next annual meeting be *referred* to the Executive Committee.

389. The Rev. Wm. B. Caldwell moved that the thanks of the Association be tendered the Kenwood Parish of the New Jerusalem for the privilege enjoyed in holding the meetings in their commodious and handsome new buildings.

390. Adopted by a rising vote.

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\*At a meeting of the Board of Directors the time limit in which communications on the subject are to be sent to the President was fixed at September 1, 1903.

391. The Rev. John Whitehead moved that the Swedenborg Scientific Association hereby expresses its hearty appreciation of the kindly hospitality of the Swedenborg Philosophy Club, of Chicago, in their entertainment of this body last evening.

392. Adopted by a rising vote.

393. On motion, duly seconded, adjourned.

#### MEMORANDUM.

The Swedenborg Philosophy Club, of Chicago, had made preparations for a banquet on the evening of Wednesday, July 1st, when about fifty ladies and gentlemen sat down to dinner at the Albion, on Michigan Boulevard, Chicago. In the course of the evening the following toasts were proposed, the President of the Club, the Rev. E. J. E. Schreck, acting as toast-master :

1. The Swedenborg Scientific Association. Responded to by the President of the Association, the Rev. Frank Sewall.

2. The Swedish Academy of Sciences and Dr. Retzius. The Rev. L. F. Hite.

3. Our Young Champion in Foreign Lands (Mr. Alfred H. Stroh). The Rev. Louis G. Hoeck.

4. The Relation of Modern Science to the Philosophy of Swedenborg. Prof. Thomas French, Jr.

5. The New Church Board of Publication and its New Edition of the *Economy*. Dr. Harvey Farrington.

6. The London Swedenborg Society and its New Edition of the *Infinite*. The Rev. Willis L. Gladish.

7. The Use of the Swedenborg Scientific Association to the New Church. The Rev. Wm. B. Caldwell.

8. The New Philosophy. The Rev. L. P. Mercer.

9. Urbana University,

10. The Academy of the New Church.

11. Good Fellowship of Divergent Minds. Rev. John Whitehead.

12. Our Sister Philosophy Clubs of Bryn Athyn and Pittsburg. Rev. R. W. Brown.

13. Financial Support of the Swedenborg Scientific Association. Hugh L. Burnham, Esq.

## THE ANNUAL ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT.

It is gratifying to report on this our coming together in the Sixth Annual Meeting of our Association that in all the several lines of use named in our rules of organization progress has been made during the past year, and in some of these to an extent and by providential means of which we had little anticipation a year ago. We seem to have entered upon an era of new interest in the scientific and philosophic writings of Swedenborg, and we may feel the pleasant assurance that our endeavors to bring to light those of them which have never yet been seen and read, and to republish those which have been for years out of print and inaccessible, are designed to meet an already existing demand on the part of the scholars of our day, as well as to awaken new inquiry and new interest.

The interest shown last year by Dr. Neuburger, of Vienna, in Swedenborg's work on the brain and his inquiries of the Swedish Academy of Sciences for further information from unpublished MSS. of that great work, the visit of our own diligent scholar and investigator, Mr. Alfred H. Stroh, to the same Academy of Sciences for the prosecution of the work of copying for publication all the remaining unphotographed or unpublished scientific writings of Swedenborg, happily were both coincident with, and a lively stimulus to, the newly revived interest of the Swedish Academy itself, and notably of the distinguished physicist, Dr. Gustaf Retzius, in Swedenborg's scientific studies. The result has been gratifying beyond our expectation, inasmuch as we find not only our efforts in rescuing from destruction and oblivion these valuable but priceless works cordially seconded by the authorities of the Academy of Sciences, but also what we might call almost a rival work among the learned scholars of the Academy itself in investigating the contents of these works and having them given to the world under the auspices of the institution itself of which Swedenborg was a member, and under whose roof they have been preserved.

It is a matter of special gratification, therefore, that among those co-operating with our Association, together with the Academy of the New Church, and the General Convention of the New Jerusalem in America, which bodies have given liberal financial assistance, we may name the Royal Academy of Sciences in Sweden whose committee of distinguished scholars will further both in research and in publication the common aims we have in view.

## I

In the Section of our work devoted to *Preservation* we may report:.

(a) The completion of the copying of the work on "Salt," and its publication begun in the original Latin in a volume of some 300 pages containing the illustrations referred to by Swedenborg, reproduced from the publications in which they appeared.

The copying of all the remainder of the scientific MSS. in the Library in Stockholm embraced in our original enterprise is nearly completed, amounting in all to some 2,000 pages. The reason for publishing the work *De Sale* in Latin is that it seemed of the first importance to preserve Swedenborg's actual texts themselves so that they might be studied hereafter at first hand by those engaged in special research, and be equally accessible to those of all nationalities. When the original Latin works are once secured, by multiplication and distribution of copies, from destruction and decay, then the work of translation may easily be undertaken whenever or wherever a special demand shall arise.

(b) "*The Lesser Principia*," the transcription of which was reported as completed and the translation into English begun last year ("The New Philosophy," 1902, p. 127) by the committee of our Association, Mr. Acton, has, we are happy to learn, been also selected for publication from the photolithographs by the committee of the Academy of Sciences of Sweden, and in this way a very considerable burden is taken from our shoulders as well as a great encouragement given by the appreciation thus shown by our undertaking. The proofs have

already appeared of a number of pages of this Latin edition of this important work, which occupies 342 pages of the photolithographed MSS. (Vol. V., pp. 103-444), and contains 174 chapters.

## II.

In the Section *Translation and Publication* we have to mention:

(a) The completion by Mr. Stroh of a revised translation of the work on the *Worship and Love of God*, Parts I. and II., and his first translation from the photolithographed MS. of Part III. of this unique and remarkable work. While the final revision of the English version, in which were found many inaccuracies and inelegant renderings, has not been entirely completed, the earlier pages of the work have already been sent to the printers, and the proofs of a considerable portion made in large type and pleasing style have already appeared. As the volume will be one of beauty in its mechanical make-up befitting the rare beauty of its contents, the final and fairest outcome of the author's period of classical and literary writing and rational philosophizing, the volume will necessarily be expensive, and the present number of subscribers to the volume will have to be considerably increased in order that it may be published without serious loss to the Association.

(b) Under this head should also be mentioned the appearance in "The New Philosophy" (1903, p. 20) of the small hitherto unpublished treatise of Swedenborg "On the Causes of Things," and also

(c) The beginning of the "Summary of the Principia," Chapters I.-IV. (N. P., 1903, p. 8), both being transcribed from the original MSS., and translated by Mr. Stroh, and the latter furnished with an introduction taken from Swedenborg's own introduction to the "Principia" itself. This summary presents thus far in a very condensed form the system of the development of the universe from the first entity, or point, produced by the Infinite, through conatus and the motions of various orders.

(d) Mr. Price has continued his translation of Swedenborg's

work on "The Senses," being Part IV. of the "Animal Kingdom," bringing the translation as far as to Chapter V. "The Ear and Hearing," thus to less than one-fifth of the whole work. The chapters appear in successive numbers of "The New Philosophy."

As this will be the most convenient place to mention our quarterly publication, "The New Philosophy," I will make a few suggestions here in reference to the twofold use this journal is designed to perform, with a view to economy and greater efficiency in the performance. A glance at the past numbers of our quarterly since it has been published as the bulletin of our Association, will discover several valuable treatises of Swedenborg here first put into English, but because mingled with other articles and left in the ephemeral form of a periodical these are really buried out of the sight of practical scientific research, and thus a considerable amount of labor in translating and of expense in printing has been, comparatively speaking, thrown away.

The treatises already appearing in this way are: Swedenborg's "Notes to the Principia," being extracts from his Journal of Travels during the year 1733: transcribed from the photolithographed MS. and translated by the Rev. Reginald Brown ["The New Philosophy," October, 1900, p. 134].

The work "On the Senses," being Part IV. of the "Animal Kingdom," translated by the Rev. Prof. Price, and now appearing in sections.

The small work on the "Causes of Things," translated by Mr. Stroh, and the

"Summary of the Principia," translated from the photolithographed MS. by Mr. Stroh, and inserted in the last two numbers of "The New Philosophy."

These valuable new contributions to our store of Swedenborg's science in English are, as I have said, practically lost to the scientific world at large, so long as they are hidden away with other matters of minor value in the numbers of our bulletin, especially as these are furnished with no complete index of contents at the close of each volume.

It would seem, therefore, that steps ought to be taken at once

to have all these serial publications of Swedenborg's works hereafter appearing in our bulletin so placed and so printed that the sections as they appear may be preserved in extra sheets for binding when each work is completed in a volume by itself. Provision should also be made for reprinting the tracts that have already appeared, in an initial brochure, and for continuing regularly as the most important use of the bulletin, to print new installments of the works as translated, in a uniform style for binding in volumes. Measures should be taken for indexing the annual Vols. of the quarterly, including in the first index the contents of all the numbers thus far published.

The other use of our bulletin is identical with the remaining Section of our Association's prescribed duty that of—

*"The promotion of the principles taught in these works, having in view likewise their relation to the science and philosophy of the present day."*

This use is quite distinct from that of publishing in serial form the scientific writings of Swedenborg in first translations and of quite secondary importance. It can, perhaps, best be performed in the way of note and comment by our ablest scholars on the current theories in science and philosophy, bringing these into comparison with the principles of Swedenborg's system, and thus not only interesting the writers by candid and able criticism but opening to their view the true philosophy we are endeavoring to inculcate.

But to return to our second Section, viz.: The publication and distribution of the scientific works. We have to notice with pleasure the appearing during the past year of two important works which have long been out of print; the work "On the Infinite," for whose handsome new edition we are indebted to the Swedenborg Society of London, and "The Economy of the Animal Kingdom," in five volumes, published by the New Church Board of Publication in New York. Both of these works appear with unamended translations, and the New York edition of the "Economy of the Animal Kingdom" is an exact reprint of the edition of 1868, being the translation of the Rev. Augustus Clissold, and without other introduction or preface than that of Swedenborg.

While there is reason to believe, judging from the other works of the same translator, that the version of this work might have been improved by a careful revision, and while the retaining of the title "Animal Kingdom" as the most suitable translation of "*Regnum Animale*" is a matter of serious doubt and might preferably have been discussed with a view to uniformity with the new edition of the "Animal Kingdom" which our committee is preparing, still our Association will hail with much satisfaction this handsome edition of so important a work and one so long out of print, and we appreciate highly the enterprise and liberality of the Board of Publication in forwarding by so essential a contribution the work we have at heart.

The volume "On the Infinite" is in the translation of Dr. James John Garth Wilkinson, as published in 1847, and retains the introduction by the translator to that edition, besides furnishing a new introduction prepared by Professor Lewis F. Hite.

Of the new introduction we will not speak, as it was given us in outline by the author at our last annual meeting.

The introduction written by Dr. Wilkinson, whatever may have been its usefulness at that date, seems untimely now when the attitude of the British mind toward the Kantian philosophy, against which Dr. Wilkinson so violently inveighed, has decidedly changed, and when a more intelligent appreciation of the idealistic movements of the time in which Kant and Swedenborg were contemporaries find them looking toward the same great truth, however different their philosophic methods in showing it forth. Kant's world of "things in themselves," which is a distinct world and a world more substantial than that of the phenomena of matter and known to our senses, is nought else than Swedenborg's world of spiritual substances alike known to us only through their appearances or correspondences in time and space.

The "*sicut a se*" principle which pervades the entire philosophy of Swedenborg is the very principle that Kant contends for, and which Dr. Wilkinson in his mistaken zeal for "realism" cries out against. There is but one reality, one "thing in itself" absolutely, and that is the Divine; all the rest

is appearance: morally in man, appearance as of living of himself; physically in things appearing to man as having their being in themselves. What is matter but the appearing of the all Divine reality to man's senses? What are time and space but the appearing to man's limited sense of the eternal and the infinite? What is nature in this whole mechanical and geometrical world but the passing of the infinite reality under the lenses of our finite vision, and our being enabled to see the infinite as finite, the spiritual as natural and God as man—"Alles vergangliche ist nur ein Gleichniss," said Goethe, "All that does pass away is only a likeness," an appearing of the real and eternal. Says Swedenborg in "The Divine Love and Wisdom," 299:

"The Lord cannot present Himself to any angel or man, as He is in Himself and in His own sun; therefore, He presents Himself by such things as can be received, as to love by heat, as to wisdom by light, as to use by the atmosphere."

It is against this very distinction by discrete degree between the spiritual and the natural which Swedenborg insists upon and Kant was striving for that Dr. Wilkinson in his unfortunate introduction seems to assail by insisting on the reality *in se* of the material and the mechanical and in the non-reality of the ideal. He places himself in opposition not only to the attitude of the new introduction of Professor Hite, but to the fundamental principle of the very work he is introducing, namely, the principle of the infinite transforming or veiling himself in images of the finite in order to create a world and make possible a heaven; and being thus out of harmony with what precedes and what follows it we cannot regard even the "favor and friendship" which its literary style won from Ralph Waldo Emerson,—the only reason offered by the editors for retaining this introduction,—as warranting its reproduction in this otherwise so attractive edition.

While other treatises long or short of a physical nature, notably the "Lesser Principia" of 1720, the "Chemistry" of 1721, antedated by more than a decade this work entitled "The Forecast of an argument on the Infinite and the Final cause of Creation," yet belonging as they do to the Principia or Physi-

cal series of studies, they do not displace this treatise on the Infinite as the real initial work of the whole great series of Swedenborg's writings viewed in its entirety, for these writings, as indeed the whole message of this mighty philosopher of the heavens and the earth, had their course *from the Infinite to the Infinite*, and it is only against this background of the doctrine of the Infinite that we can see aright any of the positions taken in the physical and anatomical series, or understand what is really more important, the relation of Swedenborg's earliest work as a scientist to his latest work as a seer and revelator.

A great work remains for the students of Swedenborg to accomplish, and one, it were to be wished, could be taken in hand at an early day, that of classifying the works of Swedenborg, not merely chronologically or in the order of their appearing, but intrinsically according to their several places in a great human system of soul, body and world. In such system we should see why the work on the "Infinite," and the "Final Cause of Creation" must necessarily precede the works relating to the created world itself in the order of conception, whatever may have been the order of the actual writing or publication of the several works.

For the complete series presents to our view three vast realms, two of them infinite, and between them the realm of the finite. But the first Infinite differs from the last, inasmuch as the first is the vast abyss of ends existing potentially in Divine Love, but as yet "seen by no man," or at best only vaguely conceivable or definable by the human intelligence; in the other infinite these ends find their realization no longer in an abyss but in a heaven of distinct individual immortal forms and activities and the transition from one infinite to the other is through the interlying realm of the finite, a world of time and space and of individual minds created to live as of themselves and apart from the Infinite, only that they may find and know their place in the other infinite, as the realization of the ends of the Divine Love their Creator. These ends in the first Infinite are as yet unknown and unknowable because as yet—speaking in the order of time—unrevealed. But they are there in their individual entities and the very infinitude of them makes up the Infinity

of God Himself. For the definition of the Infinity of God as given by Swedenborg is not mere negation of the finite, not a mere blank or formless abyss. "*Deus infinitus est,*" says Swedenborg, "*quia infinita in se habet.*" God is infinite because he has infinite things in Himself.

This new substantial description of the Infinite is, it is gratifying to see, adopted by one of our most able philosophers, Professor Josiah Royce, who in his recent article, "On the Concept of the Infinite," remarks:

"My discussion of the concept of the Infinite will have relation not so much to the concept of infinite magnitudes (such as the ordinary Euclidean space when it is viewed as possessing volume) but rather to the *concept of collections*, whose units exceed in number the number of any finite collection of units. The conception of infinite magnitude, such as an infinite mass, usually requires for its statement certain conventions regarding the measurements of magnitude which do not here need attention. I shall confine myself to defining infinite collections and infinitely complex systems of objects. We shall see that the metaphysical, and in particular the theological, applications of our concept of the Infinite are especially related to this aspect of our topic, while the conception of an infinite magnitude in the narrower sense of that term, has less philosophical interest."

The course I have said in Swedenborg's treatise is from the Infinite unrevealed, through the Infinite revealed to the Infinite realized in its accomplished ends.

In this translation through the realm of the finite, the Infinite, by a plan conceived only in itself, assumes the plane or degree of existence adapted to the capability of human and finite knowledge and experience.

In terms of science it is the translation of conatus and motive and idea into the forces and forms of nature.

In the terms of cosmogony it is the translation of Divine Providence into exact mechanism and natural law.

In the terms of ethics it is the translation of the Divine sovereignty into human moral sense, freedom, self-control and responsibility.

In terms of the divine it is the incarnation of the Father in the Son of God by whom is the reconciliation and redemption

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\*See Hibbert's Journal, Vol. I., No. 1, p. 25.

of the otherwise forever alienated creature. In the first Infinite is the human as conceived in the divine Love and as a potential existence; in the realm of the finite this human is made actual by the bringing of the divine into finite human knowledge "the Word made Flesh," and so into multiform human experience—the Word fulfilled in a life in the world. In the other infinite it is this humanity ascended and glorified and made the realization of the ends of Divine Love by its being made One with the Father, and by an infinity of human souls being made one in them. "I in Thee and Thou in Me that they may be made one in us."

In such a course as this may we not see the present work "On the Infinite" in its true relation to all the other works? May we not see the sublime effort to conceive of that original motive and conatus in the Infinite which is really the generating purpose and origin of a world of perfect mechanism and order?

May we not see in the "Principia" series the tracing of the Infinite through this mechanical world of the finite in the evolution of the elements and of the kingdom of nature? Then in the anatomical series the tracing of the Infinite in the soul ordering and presiding over its own realm, its *Regnum Animale*, subordinating the body and all nature to the law of use and of worship? and, finally, in the books of revealed theology and Angelic Wisdom, the Infinite forever realizing its ends in a heaven of souls made blessed in a world beyond time and space, the eternal City of God?

FRANK SEWALL.

## LETTER FROM DR. RETZIUS.

TO REV. FRANK SEWALL, PRESIDENT OF THE SWEDENBORG SCIENTIFIC ASSOCIATION, WASHINGTON, D. C.

*Dear Sir:*

As the President of the Swedenborg Committee of the Swedish Academy of Sciences in Stockholm, I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter of 25th March, on the permission of transmitting the transcription of the fifth Vol. of the Photolithographed MSS. of Swedenborg containing *De Cerebro* and *De Morbis cerebri* that belongs to the library of the Urbana University, Ohio, U. S. A., and embraces in all 935 pages.

I beg now at the same time to acknowledge the receipt of the copy of these manuscripts through Mr. Alfred Stroh, and to express the sincerest thanks of the Committee. It will be for our work of a great value, and we will take the greatest possible care of it, that it may be returned to you in good and safe condition as soon as our work is brought to an end.

We have begun with the printing of some earlier manuscripts of physical and cosmogonical content, and will afterwards, as soon as possible, go on with the geological and then with the anatomical.

Our friend, Mr. Alfred Stroh, whose help in this work is quite invaluable, has had the kindness to promise to compare the above MSS. on the Brain with the original MSS. for revision. Without his great acquaintance with the style and writings of Swedenborg, as well as his enthusiasm for the work, it would be to us, the members of the Committee, who do not possess this special knowledge and who besides this charge are overwhelmed by work, almost impossible to bring the printing of the MSS. to an end. We are really very glad to have Mr. Stroh at our side.

Believe me, dear sir, yours very sincerely,

GUSTAF RETZIUS,

*Prof. Dr. of Med.*

Stockholm, May 7, 1903.

## REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

1. SINCE the last annual report of the Board of Directors, three meetings have been held, one in the afternoon of May 29, 1902, another in the evening of the same day, and the third on July 1, 1903.

2. In accordance with minute 314 of the last annual meeting, referred to it by the Association, the Board appropriated the sum of fifty dollars for the use of the treasurer's office during the ensuing year.

3. In accordance with minutes 285 and 286 of the last annual meeting of the Association, the Board decided to leave the transcript of the "Lesser Principia" in the hands of the present translator, with the understanding that he shall return the work, when completed, to the Board of Directors.

4. The Board unanimously decided to place "The New Philosophy" in charge of one editor, and appointed Dr. John R. Swanton to the office for the ensuing year.

5. The Rev. Willis L. Gladish offered to write an account of the meeting of the Association at Bryn Athyn for the "New Church Messenger" and "Morning Light."

6. The Board authorized the Executive Committee to publish the "Worship and Love of God," and "Diseases of the Fibre."

7. In accordance with minutes 310 and 311 of the Association, the Board referred the matter of incorporation to a Committee consisting of Messrs. Carl Hj. Asplundh and Edmond Congar Brown.

8. All these matters were attended to at the meeting on May 29th. In the meanwhile the Treasurer of the Association, Mr. Carl Hj. Asplundh, was called to the Spiritual World, and the vacancy thus created was filled by correspondence among the members of the Board, resulting in unanimous choice of the Rev. Charles E. Døring, of Bryn Athyn, Pa., to fill the vacancy until the next regular annual meeting of the Association.

9. At the meeting of the Board held July 1st, the Executive Committee reported that they had called the annual meeting of the Association at the Kenwood Parish House, for July 1st and 2d, and submitted a printed programme, which was adopted.

10. The Executive Committee also reported that the funds in hand had not permitted the publication of the "Diseases of the Fibre."

11. The Executive Committee further reported that they had appointed Mr. Alfred H. Stroh to edit the "Worship and Love of God."

The publication of this work is in progress, although the probable cost of the work will exceed the original estimate, and probably require that a higher price be fixed on the work as offered for sale.

12. A letter from Dr. C. Riborg Mann, a member of the Board of Directors, indicating his withdrawal from membership was received, and his resignation accepted.

13. The Board adopted the following preamble and resolution:

*Whereas*, It appears from the report of the Committee on the Publication of Swedenborg's MSS. that more money is needed to continue the work;

*Resolved*, That the Committee be enlarged to five, and they be instructed to solicit subscriptions for the continuation of the work according to the original plan.

*Resolved*, That the Board of Directors recommend to the Association to add to the present membership of the Committee on the Publication of the Manuscripts, the names of the Treasurer, Arthur W. Burnham, Esq., and Mr. Horace P. Chandler."

14. The Board also voted to reimburse the President of the Association the expense of sending the Urbana manuscript of Swedenborg's work "De Cerebro" to the Swedish Academy of Sciences.

EUGENE J. E. SCHRECK,  
Secretary.

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LETTER FROM THE SWEDENBORG SOCIETY OF LONDON.

(Received since the annual meeting.)

DEAR DR. SEWALL:—

Letters from you have been before the last two meetings of the Committee of this Society.

(I) With respect to *The Principia*, the following paragraph from the report will tell you the situation:

"With respect to 'The Principia,' it was expected that the forthcoming edition would have been so far advanced as to enable your Committee to report the possibility of an early publication, but the English editors, the Rev. J. R. Rendell, B. A., and the Rev. I. Tansley, B. A., have found the work involved greater than was at first anticipated, entailing revision of the present translation. The work, however, is in active preparation, and the new edition will be issued as speedily as the circumstances will allow."

(II) The copying of the Scientific MSS. and data of Swedenborg does not specially commend itself to the Society, and still less the means by which it is being done, which seems to them to give no guarantee of exactness, and, therefore, of being a substitute of the original, leaving the question of the value of these MSS. on one side for the present, which is challenged by some of our members.

(III) The committee are contemplating the execution of a much more

important work than this on their own account in the phototyping of *the Index Biblicus*, and if that is undertaken that will, together with *The Principia*, to what they are already committed, be as much as they can undertake for some years to come.

Believe me, faithfully yours,

JAMES SPEIRS,

*Secretary Swedenborg Society.*

London, June 27, 1903.

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### REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

*To the Swedenborg Scientific Association:—*

The minutes and reports of the last meeting, together with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association and lists of officers, committees and members, were published in *The New Philosophy* for July, 1902. The list of members was revised up to the date of publication.

During the year sixteen names have been stricken from the roll in accordance with minute 160, and twenty-five new members have been received.\* Five members have died since our last annual meeting, Mr. Carl Hj. Asplundh, the Rev. Myron G. Brown, the Rev. Emanuel F. Gørwitz, Mr. E. V. McCandless, and Mr. J. H. Ruby, leaving the present membership 189.

The Secretary communicated with the Rev. James Hyde (minute 263) and received the reply that all the particulars relating to the poem referred to were published in *Morning Light* for May 10, 1902.

As keeper of the archives I have to report a number of miscellaneous papers on hand of interest in the history of our movement as an Association, but no manuscripts of Swedenborg or copies of the same, and I have therefore not rented a fire-proof box.

The fragment, "A Characteristic and Philosophical Doctrine of Universals" promised to the Association (minute 322) was subsequently published in "The New Philosophy."

EUGENE J. E. SCHRECK,

*Secretary.*

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### REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

*To the Members of the Swedenborg Scientific Association.*

THE report of the Treasurer of the Swedenborg Scientific Association is herewith submitted to you, and it may perhaps not be amiss to make a few comparisons with last year's report.

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\*Nine additional members joined the Association in the course of the annual meeting at which this report was read.—SECRETARY.

The membership fees for the year ending May 31, 1903, have amounted to \$10.00 more than last year. Only one person joined the Association as a life member, paying the life membership fee of \$25.00; so if this \$25.00 were deducted the fees would amount to only \$157.00. or \$15.00 less than the previous year.

The receipts for the *New Philosophy* are about the same as last year, although we have added fifty-six new subscribers since the last report, but against this twenty-three persons have been discontinued, some at their own request, and some for the reason that they failed to pay their subscriptions, giving no attention to continued appeals for remittances. The number of subscribers to date is 268.

On figuring up the unpaid membership dues and subscriptions to *New Philosophy*, we find there is \$118.50 due the Association from this source. The former Treasurer, Mr. Asplundh, issued several appeals to members in arrears to remit, informing them that if they did not do so, he would be obliged to drop them from the roll of members, as the By-Laws of the Association provide that if a member does not pay his dues for two years, and after having been duly notified, he shall be considered to have resigned from the Association. Very little attention, however, was paid to these notices, and in consequence a number of persons have been dropped from the roll of members. A total of twenty-one persons (see report) have either resigned or been dropped, leaving a net total of 184 members.

It will be noticed that there is a balance on hand this year of \$179.73 against \$146.00 last year. \$95.88 of this amount, however, belongs to the Scientific MSS. and *Worship and Love of God* publication funds, leaving a balance in the general fund of \$83.85.

It is to be hoped that all those still in arrears will kindly remit as soon as possible, as it involves a great deal of clerical work to be continually obliged to send out statements and requests for dues and subscriptions.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

C. E. DØRING,  
*Treasurer.*

BRYN ATHYN, PA., June 22, 1903.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT. MAY 31, 1903.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand as per last Report,.....		\$1 46
Membership Fees, .....	\$182 00	
Subscriptions to <i>New Philosophy</i> ,.....	156 30	
Special Contributions,.....	38 71	
	<hr/>	\$377 01
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		\$378 47

## EXPENDITURES.

*New Philosophy.*

Printing July and October, 1902, and January and April, 1903, issues,.....	\$208 58	
Five Reams of Paper,.....	15 00	
Envelopes for Mailing N. P.,.....	4 07	
Freight, Telegrams, Commissions,.....	1 48	
Rental of Mailing List,.....	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$233 13

*General:—*

Postage, .....	\$15 99	
Stationery, .....	7 00	
Cards for Subscription Ledger,.....	1 20	
Rubber Stamps,.....	1.30	
	<hr/>	25 49
Clerical Assistance, .....		36 00
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		\$294 62
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Balance, .....		\$83 85

*Scientific MSS. Account:—*

## RECEIPTS.

Academy of the New Church, Balance of Approp- riation, .....	\$153 20	
General Convention in U. S., Appropriation,.....	300 00	
	<hr/>	\$453 20

## EXPENDITURES.

As per Report,.....	370 42	
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*Worship and Love of God Account:—*

## RECEIPTS.

From Subscribers .....	\$18 50
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## EXPENDITURES.

Two Copies, old Edition of W. L. G. for the use of the Translator .....	1 17
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Typewriting MSS. for Printer,.....	4 23	\$5 40
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Balance, .....		\$13 10
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Net Balance, .....		\$179 73

Audited and found correct.

JNO. A. WELLS,  
GEO. M. COOPER,  
*Auditors.*

Bryn Athyn, July 21, 1903.

REPORT OF THE EDITOR OF "THE NEW PHILOSOPHY."

ALL four numbers of "The New Philosophy" for the past year, except the first,—which could not be curtailed without leaving out some reports connected with the last meeting of the Association,—have been held down to the minimum number of pages, 32. The editor regrets that delays have occurred in the issuance of the magazine, but considers that this is not a serious matter in a quarterly. It has been the editor's policy to publish translations of Swedenborg's MSS. in preference to collateral material, and thanks to the valuable contributions of Mr. Stroh he has been enabled to carry this policy out quite thoroughly. Besides installments of Prof. Price's translation of the work on the "Senses," translations of Swedenborg's early paper on the "Causes of Things," "The Characteristic and Mathematical Philosophy of Universals," and portions of his "Summary of the Principia" have been printed. For notes, reviews, etc., the editor is particularly indebted to the President of the Association, to Mr. Hite and to Mr. Stroh.

But in spite of the service performed by the magazine in acting as a medium for the publication of Swedenborg's MSS., and in spite of the interest attaching to many other contributions, the editor gives it as his opinion that the present system under which it is carried on involves an unnecessary waste of the Association's funds and does not produce the results that ought to be attained by it.

The difficulty with "The New Philosophy" is, I think, shared by the Association, and is one that the latter placed itself under when it adopted the second of its two declared purposes, "The promotion of the principles taught in these works, having in view likewise their relation to the science and philosophy of the present day." It is the editor's opinion that the strength of our Association would be materially increased could this be entirely done away with or at least radically modified.

The scientific and philosophical works of Swedenborg interest men for very different reasons. Some hold that almost everything in those works, as in the later writings, is absolutely true, while to others they are simply historical curios, or of interest only for the comparative light they shed on Swedenborg's later career and later philosophy. Between these extremes are all shades of opinion. There is one point, however, upon which all who in any way support the Association are practically agreed, and this is on the desirability of having Swedenborg's early writings preserved, published and translated. This consensus of opinion is well expressed in the first article of purposes: "The preservation, translation, publication and distribution of the scientific and philosophical writings of Emanuel Swedenborg." On the second point, however, there is widespread disagreement, and this very point has, in my opinion, held us back incalculably. All interested in the publication of the works do not believe in the truth of the principles contained, others do not believe in all the principles contained, and many do not consider that we yet know enough to express an opinion as to whether we should or should not "promulgate" them. I doubt myself very much whether "principles taught in those works" is a proper expression regarding Swedenborg's earlier statements.

It was owing, I believe, to a desire to carry on this "promulgation" that "The New Philosophy" was adopted as an organ. And here our troubles begin again. There being so little agreement among the members of the organization how Swedenborg's earlier principles should be regarded, it is not to be wondered at that a definite policy for "The New Philosophy" is hard to outline and harder to follow, and that no very great number is likely to be satisfied in any case.

Another reason for changing the nature of our magazine is one of practical economy. We are now undertaking two financial burdens: (1) The publication of Swedenborg's early writings, and (2) the support of a magazine. Now in the opinion of your editor these can be largely combined.

On examining the material in "The New Philosophy," it will be readily seen that much which is placed under the headings "Note and Comment," "Reviews," etc., might well appear in some strictly New Church publication, and in some cases, as, for instance, in the matter of communications relative to interest in Swedenborg's works in Sweden, it has actually so appeared. The rest of the number is usually filled with translations of Swedenborg's own writings, which in itself constitutes one of the main objects of the Association.

The principal changes I would inaugurate are the following:

Leaving New Church periodicals to handle all the first class of matter, I would turn the magazine into a quarterly bulletin, each number to contain a section of some one of Swedenborg's works so printed that all may afterwards be brought together and bound in one or more volumes. One bulletin might be set aside for the transaction of our annual meeting, or those transactions might be appended to it. I know

very well that some of our translators find great difficulty in furnishing us with even a small number of pages at a time, but is it not possible that with our funds unencumbered by the double work above referred to, we might relieve them sufficiently to procure the amount of material we require?

We might guarantee our subscribers a certain number of pages during the year, but issue still more if our funds permitted, either by increasing the size of our numbers or by issuing more numbers.

The following is the exact programme I have to offer:

(1) Let the next two numbers of "The New Philosophy" appear as usual to complete Vol. VI., but let the last contain an announcement of the changes contemplated. If the Swedenborg Scientific Association would authorize me to increase this last number to 48 pp., I could publish in that all the remainder of Mr. Stroh's translation of the "Summary of the Principia" so as to close that article.

(2) Beginning January 1, 1904, I would change the title of the magazine to "The Bulletin of the Swedenborg Scientific Association," or to one equally suitable. At the same time I would turn over control of the covers of the Bulletin to the gentleman who is now business manager, since advertisements and new announcements can be made by him at the same time just as well. After the first alterations are made he will find very little extra trouble falling upon him.

(3) I would devote all future numbers, until it is completed, to a continuation of the work on the "Senses," and in order to carry this through would advise that the Association furnish enough assistance to the present translator to enable him to devote more time to it, or to procure an assistant translator.

(4) I would inaugurate a sort of "pay as you go," or rather "publish as you can afford it" policy, adapting the number of pages translated and published during the year, outside of certain limits, to the Association's income.

(5) I would have a sufficient number of copies struck off to make a first edition of respectable size.

(6) Provision must be made to have those parts of the work on the "Senses" already published republished together so as to be bound in with the rest. This can be done in one or two extra numbers.

(7) If it is the opinion of the Association that measures can be taken to keep a translator on this work long enough during the year to furnish 128 printed pages, the present editor agrees to engineer through these changes, and, if necessary, to keep an eye on the Bulletin during the coming year, unless called away on some distant duty.

(8) Although only directly concerned with this report, the editor strongly recommends the omission, or, at all events, radical alteration of the second expressed object of the Association. He would also reduce the Association meetings within narrower bounds, confining its work almost entirely to reports of progress, plans for future work and the discussion of ways and means of publishing the works we have yet to

bring out. A consideration of the second expressed purpose of the Association he believes can and should wait until the first is more nearly fulfilled. This point he adds merely to indicate his opinion on the matter and to bring it before the Association.

If it is desired to continue the magazine as heretofore, the present editor does not feel that he can give the time to the work which it ought to receive, and resigns his duties into your hands.

With best wishes for the success of your meetings, respectfully submitted,

JOHN R. SWANTON.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDITING THE NEW  
EDITION OF THE "PRINCIPIA."

THE report of this Committee at the last annual meeting showed that the notes and corrections made by the American members of the Committee, Messrs. Mann, Price and Sewall, on the entire work in the former edition, had been sent to the English members, Messrs. Tansley and Rendell, and that they were progressing in their own revision, availing themselves as far as they could of the notes sent by our members. The following letter from Mr. Tansley shows the progress made and also raises the question as to the advisability of adopting the Clissold text in the main as heretofore proposed, or of discarding it entirely and setting out with a new translation altogether. The revision of the mathematical part of the work will require much careful labor, and under these circumstances it would appear that the new edition of this important work can hardly be looked for at a very early date. It is important that the work be done thoroughly if at all, and the possibility of the text of the Lesser Principia being made available for publication and translation at a day not very distant, suggests the inquiry whether it would be well to delay the issuing of the new edition of the Principia until the earlier work can be issued at the same time, and possibly in connection with the later, thus presenting the whole system of our author in one publication.

Meanwhile the work of revision will go on and the effort continue to present this great work in a suitable form at as early date as is practicable.

FRANK SEWALL,  
*Chairman of the Committee.*

July 1, 1903.

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LETTER FROM THE ENGLISH COMMITTEE.

Mr. Rendell and myself have every desire to co-operate with the American editors, and we have accordingly made use of the valuable material which you sent to us. I write, however, to say that we do not

consider that we are limited to the notes forwarded to us in the important work in which we are engaged. We have very carefully examined Mr. Clissold's translation, and have come to the conclusion that it will have to be much altered in order to bring the language up to modern requirements. There is also very much detailed work required in connection with the mathematical calculations and other matters which will require very careful attention. All this means expenditure of time, and Mr. Rendell and myself are both busy men and cannot give continuous attention to this duty. We, however, intend to proceed as quickly as possible. As the work is to be printed here, and the Swedenborg Society to be responsible for the publication, as I presume is the case, it will be more convenient and more expeditious to send proofs than to send large masses of notes to be sent back again to us, etc. I believe you will be satisfied with the arrangement when it is put into force. There are many other points which will involve correspondence in the future, and which I shall endeavor to attend to as the requirement arises.

I am, sincerely yours,

ISAIAH TANSLEY.

London, May 18, 1903.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON A NEW EDITION OF THE  
"ANIMAL KINGDOM."

REV. FRANK SEWALL, PRESIDENT SWEDENBORG SCIENTIFIC ASSOCIATION.

*Dear Sir:*—

The Committee on the new edition of the *Animal Kingdom* beg leave to report that owing to press of other duties very little work has been done on the revision during the past year.

Yours respectfully,

C. E. DÆRING,

*Chairman.*

June 25, 1903.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE "LESSER  
PRINCIPIA."

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SWEDENBORG SCIENTIFIC ASSOCIATION.

*Gentlemen:*—

Since my last report, I have received from Rev. R. W. Brown that portion of the Latin transcript of the *Lesser Principia* which was prepared by him, so that I now have in my hands the transcription of the entire work.

At the end of January I associated with me as a member of the Committee the Rev. C. E. Dæring. Since then Mr. Dæring and I have met

together every week, and the work of translation is going steadily forward.

Yours truly,  
ALFRED ACTON,  
Chairman.

June 26, 1903.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE TRANSLATION OF  
THE "SENSES."

REV. E. J. E. SCHRECK, SECRETARY.

*My Dear Sir:*—

In regard to the translation of the fourth part of *Regnum Animale*, known as *De Sensibus*, I would say that the translation goes slowly on, but as at last report must say that the chairman of the Committee is too busy a man to get on with the work very rapidly. I have now reached according to the original numbering number 5 of Chapter V., *De Aure, et Sensus Auditus*, according to my numbering, paragraph 105 of the whole work.

Yours sincerely,  
ENOCH S. PRICE.

May 26, 1903.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PUBLICATION OF  
SWEDENBORG'S SCIENTIFIC MANUSCRIPTS.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SWEDENBORG SCIENTIFIC ASSOCIATION.

*Gentlemen:*—

The Committee on the Publication of Swedenborg's Scientific MSS. beg leave to report as follows:

Up to the time of our last report only one copyist had been engaged in Stockholm, but in August, 1902, Mr. Alfred H. Stroh, who was then in Sweden, was appointed by the Committee to take charge of the work there. Mr. Stroh succeeded in finding additional copyists, and under his superintendence the work of copying has gone rapidly forward. He has also paid particular attention to the collating of copy with the original MSS. in order to secure the greatest possible accuracy, and the Committee wishes to take this opportunity of giving public expression of its appreciation of his services.

Following is a list of the Codices that have been copied:

- Codex 36, Excerpts from Aristotle.
- Codex 37, Index Variorum Philosophicorum
- Codex 81, De Magnete.
- Codex 82, De Sulphure et Pyrite.
- Codex 83, De Sale Communi.

Codex 84, De Secretione Argenti et Cupri.

Codex 85, De Vitriolo deque modis vitriolum elixandi, etc.

Codex 86, Geometrica et Algebraica.

Codex 88, Varia Philosophica Anatomica et Itineraria.

Codex 99, Description of Swedish Iron Furnaces.

Only those portions of Codices 86 and 88 have been copied that have not already been phototyped or printed.

So far as is ascertained this completes the copying of all of Swedenborg's unpublished scientific MSS., not counting those that will be published by the committee recently appointed by the Academy of Sciences of Stockholm.

We estimate that the above Codices fill about 2,000 pages of copy, size 8 by 13 inches. Of these about 600 pages are now in the hands of your Committee, and the balance will be brought along by Mr. Stroh when he returns from Stockholm in the fall.

The Committee has commenced the work of printing, and about one-quarter of the MSS. "De Sale Communi" has already been put in type. This work will be pushed forward as rapidly as possible so far as the funds in the hands of the Committee will permit.

The Rev. C. E. Døring has been added to the Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Carl Hj. Asplundh, on February 12, 1903. We cannot pass by this mention of Mr. Asplundh without paying tribute to his memory. He was the originator of the movement which led to our Association undertaking the work of copying the Scientific Manuscripts of Swedenborg, and it is largely owing to his untiring energy and zeal that the actual work was successfully organized and carried on.

We append to this report a statement of the receipts and expenditures of your Committee, which shows that there is only a small balance of \$82.78 left of the \$600.00 appropriated by the General Convention and the Academy of the New Church. This amount is not sufficient to cover the expense of printing the remaining part of the MS. on Salt, the Swedenborg Society of London having declined to co-operate in the work by subscribing to one-half of the printed copies as originally contemplated.

A special effort will therefore have to be made to collect more funds in order that the work of printing may be continued and completed as at first proposed. As soon as the present small balance is exhausted the work of your Committee will be at a standstill on account of the lack of funds.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

FRANK SEWALL, *Chairman*;

C. E. DØRING,

ALFRED ACTON, *Secretary*.

June 26, 1903.

REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES, COMMITTEE  
ON THE PUBLICATION OF SWEDENBORG'S  
SCIENTIFIC MSS., MAY 31, 1903.

## RECEIPTS.

Academy of the New Church, Appropriation,.....	\$300 00	
General Convention in U. S., Appropriation,.....	300 00	
	<hr/>	\$600 00

## EXPENDITURES.

Previously reported, .....	\$146 80	
Print 16 pages De Sale,.....	32 05	
Engraving two Cuts, De Sale,.....	2 75	
Freight and Duty on illustrations for De Sale from Sweden, .....	7 46	

Expended by A. H. Stroh, Stockholm:

	Kronor.	
Postage, paper, mucilage, etc.,.....	37 52	10 13
Janitor expenses, opening doors at Library,	71 00	19 19
J. E. Boyesen, acct. Services,.....	62 50	16 87
Illustrations De Sale,.....	69 90	18 87
On acct. of Copying Codices,.....	974 50	263 10

Kr. 1215 42 

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 \$517 22

Balance, ..... 

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 \$82 78

## RECAPITULATION.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand as per last Report,.....	\$1 46	
General Receipts, .....	377 01	
Scientific MSS. Account.....	453 20	
Worship and Love of God Account,.....	18 50	
	<hr/>	\$850 17

## EXPENDITURES.

<i>New Philosophy</i> , .....	\$233 13	
Scientific MSS. Account.....	370.42	
Worship and Love of God Account,.....	5.40	
General Expense, .....	61 49	
	<hr/>	\$670 44
Net Balance, .....		<hr/>
		\$179 73

## MR. STROH'S WORK.

REV. E. J. E. SCHRECK, SECRETARY OF THE SWEDENBORG SCIENTIFIC ASSOCIATION :—

IN a communication to the last meeting of the Association I recorded the transcription of a number of Swedenborg's unprinted manuscripts. During the meeting the manuscripts were offered to the Association and the arrangement made that they be transferred to the Association after there had been opportunity to revise them. Since the last meeting I have had opportunity to revise the transcriptions by comparing them with the original manuscripts preserved in the Library of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, and it has been my intention to transmit them to the keeper of the Association's archives. But the Academy of Sciences has recently become much interested in the matter of printing a selected number of Swedenborg's manuscripts and works out of print, to be issued in a series with some such general title as *Emanuelis Swedenborgii Opera Quædam Obsoleta et partim Inedita*. In view of this I would ask the permission of the Association to retain the transcriptions in my possession somewhat longer in order that the Swedenborg Committee of the Academy of Sciences may have the use of them, for the question of printing one of them has arisen.

I take this opportunity of offering to the Association the transcription of Swedenborg's paper, *De Causis Rerum*, which was made directly from the original manuscript preserved in the Diocesan Library at Linköping. This paper was translated into English and appeared in "The New Philosophy" for January, together with the first installment of an English translation of one of the manuscripts, the transcription of which was reported last year, namely, the "Summary of the Principia."

Having been appointed by the Executive Committee of the Association to edit and see through the press the edition of the "*Worship and Love of God*," the publication of which was proposed and undertaken by the Association, I have been occupied with it during the past year. A revision of the First and Second Parts has been made by me, and hundreds of changes entered in the old translation. The Third Part has also been translated, and Swedenborg's marginal notes entered in their proper places in the First Part. Progress has been made and printing begun. I wish to record my indebtedness to Dr. Frank Sewall for his valuable improvements in the final revision of the First Part, especially in the direction of enhancing the beauty and gracefulness of the English; to the Rev. George G. Starkey and the Rev. William B. Caldwell for suggested improvements in the early portion of the First Part, and to Mr. James Speirs, of London, for the use of his copy of the original Latin edition of the First and Second Parts, containing a transcription of Swedenborg's marginal notes to the First Part, entered

with much care by the former librarian of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, Dr. J. A. Ahlstrand.

Much progress has been made in the copying for the Association of certain of the unphotographed scientific manuscripts of Swedenborg, which are preserved in the Library of the Academy of Sciences at Stockholm. Shortly after my arrival in Stockholm the copy of Codex 83, which had been collated and sent to America, was returned for further collation. Inclusive of the copy and of those mentioned in the Report of Committee on the Publication of Swedenborg's Scientific Manuscripts to the last meeting of the Association as having been completed, the following codices or parts of codices have been copied under my superintendence from the original manuscripts, namely, Codices 36, 37, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 88 and 99. Most of this copy has also been collated, and some time ago the collated copies of codices 82, 83 and 84 were mailed to the former Treasurer of the Association, Mr. C. Hj. Asplundh, under whose general management the work which I am superintending was begun and nearly completed before his sudden death. Since then I have been corresponding in regard to the work with his successor, the Rev. C. E. Døring.

In this connection a few words may be said in regard to the copying which is being carried on for the use of the Swedenborg Committee of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences. A large number of the manuscripts of Swedenborg which are contained in the volume of *Collectanea Physico-Mathematica, XL Bibliotheca Lincopiensis* have been copied; the copying of Swedenborg's indices to the Second Part of the *Economia Regni Animalis* and to the First and Second Parts of the *Regnum Animale*, which are contained in Codex 38, has been completed, as also Codex 57, and much headway has also been made in the copying of Codex 65.

The action of the Academy of Sciences, in appointing a special committee to investigate the scientific works of Swedenborg and the decision to print a series of manuscripts and works out of print, referred to above, have been reported to *The New Philosophy*. (See the issue for April.) It may now be added that in addition to the "Lesser Principia" it has now been decided to begin at once with the printing of another volume of the series which is planned to contain Swedenborg's contributions to geology together with the "Miscellaneous Observations" and "Principles of Chemistry." The copy for both volumes is in the hands of the printer, and I have lately been busy preparing it and afterward correcting the proof sheets.

For more than half a year I have been at work on a "Memoir respecting Emanuel Swedenborg as a Scientist and Natural Philosopher," which will be submitted to the consideration of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences. I have also planned and begun the elaboration of a "General Index to Swedenborg's Scientific Works," with something of the scope of Beyer's *Index Initialis*, a work which is still of value to

the student, and would be still more so if revised and brought up to date. For years I have felt the need of an index to Swedenborg's scientific works, especially when making a comparative study of any one subject as treated by him in various places and at various times. I now propose to make use of the indices which Swedenborg himself made and by further indexing the most important and striking passages in the scientific works to produce a guide for the student which will be in relation to the scientific works as a whole what the brain and nerves are to the body. Any suggestions from anyone interested in the work will be most gladly received.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED H. STROH.

77 Radmansgatan, Stockholm, June 1, 1903.

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## COMMUNICATIONS.

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### GREETING FROM THE PITTSBURG PHILOSOPHY CLUB.

THE New Church Philosophy Club, of Pittsburg, sends greeting to the Swedenborg Scientific Association on the occasion of its annual meeting, and takes this opportunity to express its appreciation and interest in the work being carried on by the Association.

Pittsburg, Pa., June 8, 1903.

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### COMMUNICATION FROM THE SWEDENBORG PHILOSOPHY CLUB, OF CHICAGO.

ACTIVE interest in Swedenborg's science and philosophy has recently been revived in Chicago by the formation of a new club, the Swedenborg Philosophy Club, of Chicago, to succeed the defunct organization which existed formerly.

The first meeting was held on April 25, 1903, with ten members present. Since that date two meetings have been held, one on May 4th, the other on June 2d.

The club has taken up for systematic study Swedenborg's *Economy of the Animal Kingdom*, a portion of the work being read and discussed at each meeting. At the last meeting some studies with the microscope were attempted, and these met with such hearty approval that similar work will doubtless be done in the future.

To the Swedenborg Scientific Association the club sends heartiest

greetings. It desires to co-operate in every way with the work of the Association. May the coming year be a prosperous and useful one.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. FARRINGTON,

*Secretary.*

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## CONSTITUTION.

### ARTICLE I—NAME.

This organization shall be called the Swedenborg Scientific Association.

### ARTICLE II—OBJECTS.

The objects of this Association shall be:

1. To preserve, translate, publish, and distribute the scientific and philosophical works of Emanuel Swedenborg.
2. To promote the principles taught in these works, having in view likewise their relation to the science and philosophy of the present day.

### ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP.

Any person desiring to co-operate in promoting the objects of this Association may become a member by written application to the Secretary and by the payment of an annual fee of one dollar; or, he may become a life member by the payment of the sum of twenty-five dollars.

### ARTICLE IV—OFFICERS.

The officers of this body shall be a President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Board of Directors, consisting of these officers and nine additional members, all to be elected by ballot at the annual meeting of the body. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to devise ways and means to carry out the objects of the Association.

### ARTICLE V—MEETINGS.

This Association shall meet annually at such time and place as the Board of Directors shall determine. The Board of Directors shall have power to call special meetings as may be required.

### ARTICLE VI—AMENDMENTS.

Any article of the Constitution of this Association may be changed on the recommendation of the Board of Directors at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

## BY-LAWS.

1. Five members of the Board of Directors and a majority of the members of any Committee of this Association shall constitute a *quorum* thereof, respectively.

2. The Board of Directors and all Committees of this Association *may act* either at a meeting at which a quorum is present, or without meeting, by correspondence between the members, but in the latter case no decision shall be arrived at without the acquiescence of a majority of the members of the Board of Directors, or Committee, as the case may be, communicated in writing to the Chairman of such Board or Committee.

3. The *annual dues* of each member shall become payable on the first day of the month following his reception as a member and annually thereafter. [A resolution adopted at the Third Annual Meeting (minute 160) provides that after having failed to pay his dues for two years, and after having been duly notified, a member shall be considered to have *resigned* from the Association.]

4. These By-Laws or any of them may be *amended* at any time by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

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## INDEX TO THE NEW PHILOSOPHY.

In response to many requests for an index to the NEW PHILOSOPHY, an excellent index to Vols. I.-V. was prepared several months ago by Mr. E. F. Stroh, and forwarded to the editor. But in view of changes likely to be introduced under the new management, which enters upon its work next January, it has seemed advisable to wait until the end of the current year, and extend the index so as to cover Vol. VI. as well. This will enable the new editor to enter upon the work *de novo* regardless, as far as may be, of all that has gone before. Having the contents of the October NEW PHILOSOPHY already in hand, the editor believes little delay, although some added expense, will be involved in printing an index at the same time.

JOHN R. SWANTON, *Editor*.