

## TRANSACTIONS OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH ANNUAL MEETING

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The Annual Meeting of the Swedenborg Scientific Association was held on April 27, 2007, in Cairnwood Village, Bryn Athyn, Pennsylvania. Dinner was served at 6:00 PM, and the meeting was called to order at 7:30. The president, Rev. Dr. Reuben Bell, welcomed members and friends of the association and spoke of its current activities. Then, following reports from the publisher/editor and treasurer, President Bell invited Dr. Richard Shank to address the meeting on "A Tripartite Theory of Consciousness and Mind: The Neural-Menton Conjunction Hypothesis." Following a lively period of questions from the floor and discussion, President Bell expressed appreciation to Dr. Shank for his address. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

## PUBLISHER/EDITOR REPORT

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### Book reprinting

The first phase of reprinting out-of-stock titles is now complete with *The Brain*, *The Cerebrum*, *The Soul's Domain*, and *On Tremulation* newly available.

Scheduled for 2007 are the following titles: *A Philosopher's Notebook*, *Generation*, *Psychologica*, and Harold Pitcairn's *A Concordance of Selected Subjects Treated of in The Rational Psychology of Emanuel Swedenborg*. De Charms' *Doctrine of Reflection* would be nice to produce also.

Reprinting has been done in two ways: (1) by having the scanned text newly formatted by Kirsten Gyllenhaal, as was done with *The Five Senses*; and (2) providing the POD printer (Fidlar-Doubleday) with a copy of the book which is then scanned and printed from the files so obtained.

Method (1) involves more work in preparation for printing, but we get a book that has a "modern" look and can make additions or changes to the text. Method (2) is OK provided we are happy with the book's design and content, as was the case with the books on the brain. Problems arise when the text that is scanned by Fidlar has flaws which require costly work to be

done to bring the quality up to a satisfactory level. This occurred with *The Soul's Domain*.

It is the desire of the board to get the texts scanned and reformatted—method (1) above. This would involve only three of the above works, since *A Philosopher's Notebook* is in the process of being formatted.

### **Book cover design**

For cover design of *The Soul's Domain* we used the portrait of Swedenborg painted in 1817 by Carl Fredrick von Breda (property of the Glencairn Museum, Bryn Athyn, Pennsylvania). We plan on using this design in all future reprints of Swedenborg's scientific and philosophical works.

### **The Journal**

The January–June 2007 issue has gone to press—we await proofs before printing; it includes articles by Richard Shank, David Lister, and Jane Williams Hogan. A ship date will be given following acceptance of the proofs; this will be in May. Copy for the July–December issue is in hand.

### **SPI projects 2007**

The SPI Projects Evaluation Committee now includes Rev. Norman Ryder (British Conference & Manchester New Church House), Mr. Norman Turner (Swedenborg Society), Rev. Göran Appelgren (Europe), Dr. Alice Skinner (Swedenborg Foundation), and Dr. Erland Brock (ANC Press, the SSA, and Chairman). Mr. Les Alden kindly serves as Treasurer for SPI.

Projects for 2007 include the following: support for a Russian-language website for the Dnepropetrovsk Swedenborg Society (Ukraine; Svetlana Manaenkova, manager); translation of Spalding's introduction to Swedenborg into Czech and the publication of a Czech edition of *Divine Love and Wisdom* (Lenka Machova); the continuation of scanning of Le Boys Des Guays' French translation of the Writings for use in French-speaking West Africa and elsewhere (Rev. Sylvain Agnes); the translation

into Korean of *Divine Love and Wisdom* (Elaine Kim); the publication of selected Danish translations of books of the Writings (Rev. Gudmund Boolsen); computer support for the publication of Tor Halstvedt's translation of *Heaven and Hell* into Norwegian; and provision of funding for Rev. Göran Appelgren to make a SPI trip to the Czech Republic.

### **The SSA team**

The team of part-timers continues to do stalwart work in keeping the SSA operating in a professional manner. Administrative Assistant Kirsten Gyllenhaal is at the heart of the publishing aspects of our work; Web Master Louis Woofenden keeps our www presence updated and functional for book sales; Assistant Treasurer Lisa Synnestvedt keeps us in touch with our membership and provides necessary support for the treasurer; and Treasurer Les Alden attends to the many aspects of the financial operation of the SSA. As Publisher/Editor, I continue to love doing what I do for the association, and I am grateful for the opportunities the work provides in keeping the ideas found in Swedenborg's pre-theological works accessible to the world at large.

Respectfully submitted  
Erland J. Brock, *Publisher/Editor*