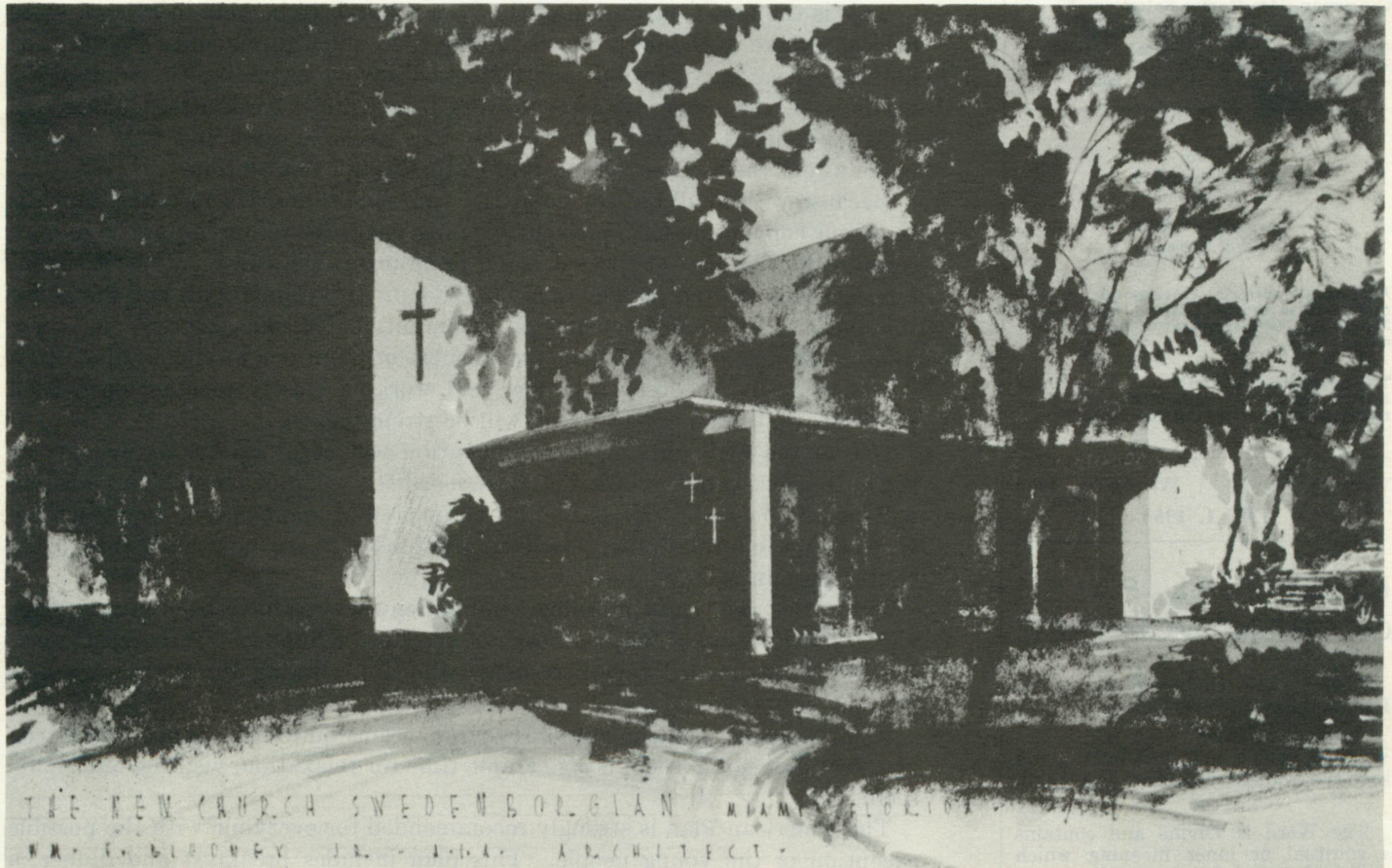


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preview of our convention in beautiful miami



The new chapel of our hosts, the Miami Society.

—PAINTING BY ROBERT NICOL

CONVENTION THEME:

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ESSENTIAL FAITH OF THE NEWCHURCH

There is one God, and He is the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Saving faith is to believe in Him and keep the Commandments of His Word.

The Word is Divine and contains a spiritual or inner meaning which reveals the way of regeneration.

Evil should be shunned as sin against God.

Human life is unbroken and continuous, and the world of the spirit is real and near.

convention 1963

PLAN NOW to attend the best-ever Church Convention this year. The dates are July 4 through July 7. The site is the wonderful and completely air-conditioned Americana Hotel in the Bal Harbour section of beautiful Miami Beach.

The hotel is a complete convention headquarters as well as a complete city within itself. Besides over 700 spacious guest rooms, suites, and parlors, there are many conference rooms, big and small. There are a series of fine dining rooms, lounges and public areas. Also there are a dozen shops contained right in the hotel.

The Americana is located right on the beach and has two lovely and inviting pools besides many recreational facilities. As our Convention is being held in the off-season here, the hotel for all practical purposes is ours. Our Convention meetings will be held in the lovely air-conditioned Floridian Room.

The climate is wonderful, tropical living at its best. Here the four seasons of the year blend subtly, one into the other. Contrary to some people's thinking, the average winter temperature varies less than ten degrees from that of summer. During the summer months, the cooling, pollen-free breezes of southeasterly trade winds 'air condition' the area. Besides this, *everything* in the hotel is completely air-conditioned.

This is the first Convention of the New Church to be held in Miami, to be held anywhere in the deep South. There is so much to see and do here. The hotel has been very gracious and has given anyone attending Convention the privilege of the same low rates, a week before and a week after Convention. This now makes it possible for many of us to come early and stay late and make a real vacation out of our trip to this year's Convention.

Because we will all be staying at the same hotel, and because the hotel is to be our convention headquarters, evening meetings and programs have been scheduled. The first of these evening programs is the continuation of the interest groups started on Thursday afternoon. In keeping with our theme for this year, "Freedom-Responsibility-Commitment", our concern in these interest groups is the problems facing most of us in our local churches. It is felt that by living closely together and working closely together on mutual problems that our Lord's Church will be strengthened.

One of the highlights of this Convention will occur on Friday evening at the open meeting of the Board of Missions at the Miami Church. This meeting will include the dedication of the just completed Miami Church. It was mainly through the efforts of the Board of Missions that we now have this lovely church here in Miami.

Again this year early morning communion services have been arranged for all those who would like to partake of the Lord's Supper. In the past, these services have bonded together many who are working for the Lord's new church.

At first glance, the Convention Program seems quite full. While this is true in a very real sense, there is also ample time for relaxation, visiting, and sight-seeing.

The American Plan is strongly recommended for everyone with the possible exception of the young people. This plan includes breakfast and dinner, a wide selection of menus. Lunch will be on your own. We will all be eating our meals together in the same dining room. There is a lunch counter in a drug store about a block away from the hotel where the young people may take some of their meals.

The rooms are spacious and of course air-conditioned. Each room is really a palace in itself. The decor and setting of the hotel insures a relaxing time for



The completely air-conditioned Americana Hotel in the Bal Harbour section of beautiful Miami Beach, Fla., where the 1963 Convention of our national church organization will be held. See you there! Highlights of Convention, tentative program, and reservation postcard may be found in this issue.

The beach and two pools. The hotel is a complete convention headquarters, but it also offers these beautiful facilities for recreation for the New-Church families who will combine their summer vacation with participation in the thinking and decisions of their Church.

all. The many conference rooms set the mode for the serious side of our Convention work. The many displays which Convention has will be right near our meeting rooms.

Your Convention Planning Committee has worked hard to make this Convention as meaningful and enjoyable as possible. The hotel has been very cooperative and flexible, giving us every possible consideration. The local committee on arrangements has been busy and will remain so to make your stay in Miami one to remember for years to come.

There is much more to be said but space is running out here. Everything is ready for this year's Convention. Reservations are being held for you. All that you have to do is fill out the post card in the center section of this issue and mail it in. We are waiting to hear from you.

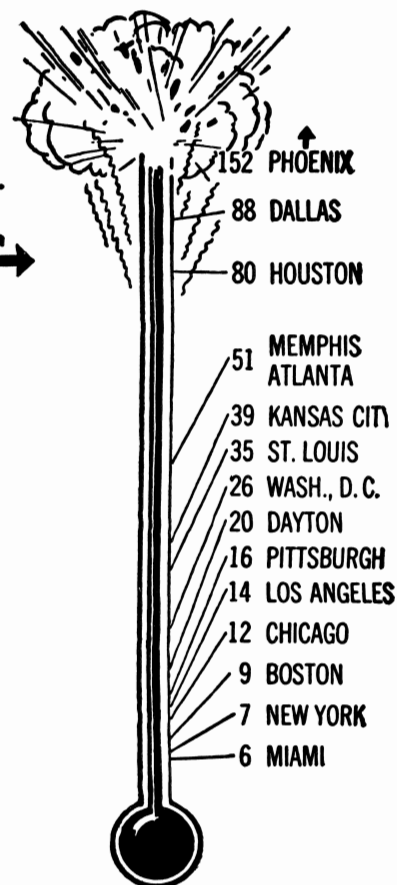
The Council of Ministers will meet at ten a.m., Monday, July 1, in the Pan American Room at the hotel. Convention opens at two p.m., Thursday, July 4, in the Floridian Room.

A word of appreciation is given here to the *MESSENGER* for making it possible to get this information to all of you.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Miami.

—RICHARD H. TAEI, JR.

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conventions - - - what for?

OF WHAT VALUE, spiritually, are church conventions and conferences? Do they merely provide a respectable and pious background for getting away from our everyday tasks and worries, for meeting friends we have not seen for a long time, for relaxation and fun, with a little church "politicking" thrown in?

If our answer to the last question is an unqualified *yes*, then our answer to the first one must be *none*. However, we do not believe that any who go to the Convention of the New-Church will give an affirmative answer to the second question. Rather, they will say that the purpose of church gatherings is to seek the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and that the other things are simply added.

Church gatherings are the Christian's effort to confront the world, and to present the plea that only as God's Kingdom and righteousness are found can the world be saved.

The world is what the church is called on to save. It endeavors to do this by establishing communication with the world—a communication that will bring men into touch with the Holy Spirit and His redemptive power. It is when the Holy Spirit is allowed to have free sway at such church gatherings or in the community, that the creative power of the Gospel manifests itself.

The history of last decades, filled as it is with the horrors of dictatorships, clearly show that man must have something to believe in, something to belong to, and something to work for. The Christian church provides these things. The church conferences and conventions call upon all to seek for these things within the church. They call upon all to commit themselves to these things in responsibility but in freedom.

—B. J.

freedom - - - responsibility - - - commitment

THIS THEME which has been adopted for our coming session of Convention in Miami, Florida, brings together three vital aspects of our churchmanship. Each loses something of its power and meaning unless linked closely with the others.

"Freedom" tends to become license, unless it is controlled by a due sense of responsibility. It is the "self" which remains selfish until it merges its interests into those of the group. "Responsibility" does not get off the moral plane, unless it is caught up in "Commitment" to something larger than the group interest.

Substituting ourself, then, in place of "Freedom", and substituting our Church in place of "Responsibility", what is our "Commitment" which gives these meaning and purpose? Can it be less than the Lord and his New Church which he is building among men in this day of his second coming?

In all we do in His name, in all our efforts to build up HIS Church, may this sense of commitment govern everything we do. We do not "Crown Him Lord" at all unless we "Crown Him Lord of All."

—RICHARD H. TAFEL

interest groups

IN KEEPING with Convention's theme of Freedom-Responsibility-Commitment, four interest groups have been planned for Thursday afternoon and evening.

The question which all of these interest groups raise is "Are we really committed to promoting a new age?" All four groups bear directly on this question and deal directly with situations we find in our own local churches.

The topics for discussion will be:

1: Implementing our faith through stewardship in the light of Freedom-Responsibility-Commitment.

- 2: **Convention's Theological School in the light of Freedom-Responsibility-Commitment.**
- 3: **New ventures and approaches in the light of Freedom-Responsibility-Commitment.**
- 4: **New ministries in the light of Freedom-Responsibility-Commitment.**

—RICHARD H. TAFEL, JR.

council of ministers

THE 1963 SESSION of the Council of Ministers will open Monday morning, July 9, at 10 a.m. An address by the chairman, the Rev. Edwin G. Capon, and the presentation of reports will highlight the morning's meeting. Following an afternoon workshop on worship, the evening is being kept free for meetings of such committees as the General Pastors, the Executive Committee, and the Nominating Committee.

Tuesday will be a day devoted to the business matters of the Council with a series of brief reports on new projects interspersed here and there in the order of the day. Nothing has been scheduled for the Council that evening to give the Alumni Association of the Theological School an opportunity to meet. Another day of business sessions (traditionally called "executive sessions") follows on Wednesday.

After three days of meetings in the Pan American room at the Americana Hotel the Council of Ministers will move over to the newly expanded and newly remodeled Miami Church Wednesday evening for an open session of the Council of Ministers with the Miami members and such Convention members as have arrived at that time as guests. This meeting will concern itself with a report from Project Link and will be the last scheduled activity of the Council.

Major matters coming up for consideration by the Council this year include a proposed revision of part of Article V of Convention's Constitution to provide for Lay Ministers, and the interest of the Council in the possible moving of the New Church Theological School to California. The Constitutional revision was drawn up by a committee of the Council appointed by its Executive Committee on instruction from the Council; this amendment has already received the approval of Convention's Committee on Amendments and of the General Council. It was published in the March 15 issue of the *MESSENGER*.

nominations

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

THE MEMBERS OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE offer the following slate of nominees for election to boards and committees of General Convention at its 1963 sessions in Miami Beach, Florida:

For GENERAL COUNCIL (1967 term).....	Rev. Galen Unruh H. Page Conant James Wilson
For BOARD OF MANAGERS—THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL (1966 term)	Mrs. John C. King Rev. Ernest Martin Roger R. Unruh C. Fred Burdett
For BOARD OF HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS (1966 term)	Rev. Antony Regamy Richard H. Tafel, Jr. F. Waldo Marshall Robert W. Tafel
For AUGMENTATION FUND COMMITTEE (1968 term).....	John M. Smailer
For NOMINATING COMMITTEE (1968 term).....	Mrs. Ernest Haskell, Jr.
For TRUSTEES OF PENSION FUND (1967 term).....	Mrs. Gideon Boericke Daniel Nielsen Rev. Eric Zacharias
For BOARD OF EDUCATION (1966 term).....	Dr. Dorothea W. Harvey
For BOARD OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLICATION (1967 term)...	Rev. Robert H. Kirven

—ROBERT LORING YOUNG
Chairman, Nominating Committee 1963



MIAMI YOUNG PEOPLE who will help in planning ANCL activities at Convention. Young lady standing up is Janet Young in charge of programming.

THE REV. ERNEST L. FREDERICK, Miami pastor, breaks ground for new Miami Chapel building expected to be completed by June 15.



the miami church

THE MIAMI SOCIETY, host church to the 1963 Convention, is in a turmoil, or to put it mildly, is on the move. This upheaval is caused not by Convention's acceptance of the Southeast Association's invitation to meet here in July, although this is a factor, but the turmoil is the result of natural causes, namely—the growth in membership.

The church has outgrown its present quarters, and is now busy building and enlarging its chapel, offices, and Sunday School facilities. A new addition is being constructed and the old building is being redesigned and modernized. This means everything must be moved out, including fixtures, equipment, book room, office records, and supplies. The problem is where to store things so that they can be found readily when needed.

To add to the picture of chaos and confusion, construction and renovation are being rushed to meet the deadline of Convention time, July 4-7. That is the date when it is hoped moving and turmoil will be over, and peace and harmony will have been restored. On the cover of this issue is an artist's conception of the new chapel as it will look when completed. This picture was painted and donated by Mr. Robert J. Nicol of Sarasota, Fla.

While most of the Convention sessions will be held at the Americana Hotel, at least two meetings are planned for the new Miami Chapel. The first is scheduled for Wednesday evening, July 3, to give the ministers and their wives an opportunity to see the chapel and meet Southeast Association members on their home grounds. The other meeting, tentatively arranged for Friday, July 5, will be for the dedication of the new chapel. It is felt that there could be no more fitting time for this than during Convention when our people from many parts of the United States and Canada will be present to share in the dedication of a new New Church chapel of worship and service to the Lord.

There is a possibility that the Board of Home and Foreign Missions may hold its open meeting at the chapel on the same evening. This, also, would be appropriate as it is largely through the efforts and support of the Board that so much has been accomplished here.

A word about the recent history of the New Church in Florida might be in order. Although mission work had been carried on spasmodically for some years, it was not until the arrival of two full-time ministers in the field, the Rev. Messrs. L. Marshall and E. Frederick, that things began to happen.

Association membership, listed at 22 in 1954, grew to 151 by 1960, and is still on the upswing. The St. Petersburg Society took on new life and recently acquired its own church building at 419 Fifth Street S. to house its increased membership and to carry on the functions of a full-fledged church, as well as the activities of the Missions' Stamp Outlet.

Miami organized as a society in 1957 with 12 members, bought its own property in 1959, and is now in the process of enlarging its facilities at the same address, 2609 N.W. Seventh St. Present membership is over the 60 mark.

The growth of the New Church in the South is not limited, however, to Miami and St. Petersburg alone. The work has gone ahead in many other cities and towns. Services and meetings are held regularly with groups in West Palm Beach, Daytona Beach, and Jacksonville, Fla., as well as special meetings and gatherings for the isolated in Georgia and North and South Carolina and other southern states. In addition, special calls and visits are made to individuals whenever practicable, and a steady stream of correspondence testifies to the earnest desire of many new people to learn of our teachings and to put them into their daily lives.

In July a number of our people from many parts of the South will be coming to Convention to meet their fellow members. For many this will be the first Swedenborgian Convention they have attended. It will be a unique and happy experience. For all who come this will also be a memorable experience, for it will mark the first time that Convention has been held at Miami, and the first time it has been held in the South. Surely, our church is on the move.

HOW TO GET TO THE AMERICANA HOTEL

Directions by car

The Americana Hotel is located on the A1A Highway at Bal Harbour, Fla. If you are arriving by this route, watch for "Village of Bal Harbour" signs and the Americana Hotel will be found on the ocean side a short distance along. If you are driving to Miami by any other route, look for State Route No. 826. It circles around the city and provides quick and easy access to A1A near Bal Harbour. Listed below are the main routes into Miami with instructions for finding Route 826.

Route No. 1: When approaching North Miami, watch for Route No. 826 and drive east on it to A1A then turn south to Bal Harbour.

Route 27: Turn north on Route No. 826 to A1A then drive south to Bal Harbour.

Route No. 41: When approaching Miami, turn north on Route No. 826, drive to A1A and turn south to Bal Harbour.

Florida Turnpike: Drive to end of turnpike and turn east on Route No. 826 to A1A, and drive south to Bal Harbour.

Directions when arriving by plane at Miami International Airport.

Take airport limousine to the Americana Hotel. If three persons share a taxi, the cost per person is slightly less than the per person rate by limousine. (Limousine rate per person, \$2.50)

Directions when arriving by train.

Get off at North Miami station and take taxi.

The New-Church Library, Oak and Winslow Sts. Cincinnati 6, Ohio, would like to acquire two copies of *The New Church in the New World* by Marguerite Block.

—FLORENCE MURDOCH

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General Council

Galen Unruh

Galen Unruh is a grandson of the late Rev. Benj. P. Unruh, the first minister of Pawnee Rock, Kan. Galen was brought up in the New Church, and has served as city councilman and mayor of Pawnee Rock, as well as being active in other community work. He attended the New-Church Theological School, was ordained into the ministry, July 15, 1962. He is now the minister of the Pawnee Rock Society.

The Rev. and Mrs. Unruh have five sons and daughters, all members of the local church. Two, Stanley and Sharon, have attended church camps at Almont and Blairhaven. Sharon attended one of the first sessions of the Leadership Education Institute.

At present, Mr. Unruh is president of the Sunday School Association; chairman of the Board of Education; member of the Nominating Committee for Convention (not on the ballot by design, but by consent!); secretary and treasurer of the Theological School Alumni Association; member of the nominating committee of the Council of Ministers; member of the *Hosanna* Committee, and chairman of the Committee to Revise Article Five of Convention's Constitution.

James Wilson

Mr. Wilson joined the Humboldt Park New Church in 1946. He has been treasurer of the Chicago Society from 1955 to 1958. Since 1957 he has been president of the Board of Trustees of the Good Shepherd Community Church, Des Plaines, Ill. Mr. Wilson is General Manager of the C. & E. Marshall Co. in Chicago.

Board of Managers—Theological School

Mrs. John C. King

Mrs. King grew up in the Brockton New Church where her grandmother and mother were members. She attended Brockton High School, Chapel Hill School, Waltham, and Boston University, where she was granted her A.B. and A.M. degrees. In 1944 She married John Clyde King, who later joined the New Church and attended the New-Church Theological School. Much of her time was spent in reading to her husband and helping to bring up their three sons who are now teenagers. Since her husband's death she has been busy as district director for the Council for Greater Boston Camp Fire Girls. Part of Mrs. King's church experience has been at the Fryeburg Conference in 1957 and as a faculty member of the L.E.I. held at Blairhaven in 1960.

Roger R. Unruh

Roger R. Unruh was born July 21, 1911, near Pawnee Rock, Kansas. In 1932 he received his B.S. Degree in Education from the Kansas State College at Fort Hays, Kansas. After teaching for four years in Western Kansas he returned to the farm at Pawnee Rock and operated the farm and dairy for twenty years. During this time on the farm at Pawnee Rock he served his church in various capacities which included: Sunday school superintendent, secretary of the church and one term as president of the Kansas Association.

From 1941-43 he taught in the Pawnee Rock public schools; then was appointed a director of the School Board. While serving on the School Board he was

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american new-church league

THIS YEAR'S American New-Church League's Conference promises to be one of the best ever. With the beautiful Americana Hotel as the setting and Miami Beach as the background, a well-rounded program has been worked out.

In an attempt to give more meaning to the League's work with Convention, the League will be participating more in the actual business part of Convention. At the same time, it still has its own business meetings and maintains its own program.

This year we are trying something new. This will place more responsibility on the Leaguers and their parents. When the scheduled program for the evening is completed, the responsibility of the chaperones ends. The Leaguers will then be free to do what they wish, with their parents' consent. This is putting more responsibility and freedom into the hands of the Leaguers and their parents.

An executive committee meeting and two league business meetings have been scheduled plus a time for the league ceremonies, the Shaw Trophy award, the pins and keys.

In addition to the business end, free time and programmed outings have been planned. One outing that is

in the planning stage now is a moonlight boat cruise and dance.

There is plenty to do here in Miami. The hotel is located right on the beach with excellent bathing. Besides the ocean there are two fresh salt water swimming pools, one enclosed for inclement weather. There is golf, tennis, volley ball, pingpong, shuffle board, and dancing.

Local leagues this year have seemed to pick up interest and concern about their church. This is good! At our meetings at Convention time, ANCL as a whole will have an opportunity to discuss at length the role of the leagues in the work of the church. One important thing to be discussed is ways and means of better communication between the various leagues throughout the country. For it is only as we work and grow together that we will be able to do our Lord's work.

So plan now to attend this year's Convention. Tell your friends about the program—show them a copy of the *MESSENGER* and ask them to come with you. Get your reservations in early! Come and make this the best American New-Church League Conference ever.

—RICHARD H. TAFEL, JR.

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highlights

Monday

The opening of the Council of Ministers is scheduled for ten in the morning. In the afternoon there will be a workshop on Worship. The evening is free for committee meetings.

Tuesday

Only ministers and theological school students are invited to attend the Alumni Banquet this year. It begins at six p.m. Our topic for the evening's discussion will be "Discussion on the Relocation of the Theological School".

Wednesday

In the evening there will be an open meeting of the Council of Ministers at the Miami Church. Everyone is invited to attend. The topic for discussion will be "Project Link".

Thursday

Convention is officially opened; the President's address. In keeping with Convention's theme, four interest-discussion groups are planned for the afternoon and evening. Everyone will have an opportunity to attend each interest group.

Friday

Proposed ANCL boat cruise and dance. In the evening an open meeting of the Board of Missions at the Miami Church with the dedication of the new Miami Church as the highlight of the evening.

Saturday

Convention elections and final business. ANCL ceremonies including the awarding of the Shaw Trophy. Convention's consecration service. In the evening will be Convention's outside supper, served by the pool.

Sunday

In the morning will be Convention's Worship Service with the Reverend Paul Zacharias giving the sermon. In the afternoon and evening there will be the various post-Convention board meetings.

tentative program

MORNING

10:00 a.m.-12:30

Pan American Room

Executive session Council of Ministers

9:00 a.m.-12:30

Pan American Room

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

9:30 a.m.

Yucatan Room

Ministers' wives meet for programming

9:00 a.m.

Pan American Room

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

7:45 a.m.

COMMUNION

Yucatan Room

9:00 a.m.

GENERAL COUNCIL

Conference Room 2

9:00 a.m.

WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

Yucatan Room

10:00 a.m.-12:30

meeting and worship

Pan American Room

12:30

ANCL
BUSINESS MEETING
WOMEN'S ALLIANCE LUNCHEON

7:45 a.m.

COMMUNION

Yucatan Room

9:00 a.m.

CONVENTION BUSINESS SESSION

Floridian Room

Reports from Interest Groups

9:30 a.m.

ANCL BUSINESS MEETING

Pan American Room

10:30 a.m. Roll Call of Delegates

10:30 a.m. ANCL OUTING

11:00 a.m. Report of Nominating Committee

7:45 a.m.

COMMUNION

Yucatan Room

9:00 a.m.

CONVENTION BUSINESS SESSION

Floridian Room

10:30 a.m. Report of Credentials Committee and Elections
ANCL present

8:30 a.m. COMMUNION

9:30 Breakfast

11:00 CONVENTION WORSHIP SERVICE

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AFTERNOON

2:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. Workshop on Worship

2:00 p.m.- 4:30 p.m. COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

2:00 p.m. GENERAL COUNCIL *Pan American Room*
 2:00 p.m. ANCL Executive *Conference Room 2*
 2:00 p.m. *Yucatan Room*
 Executive Committee of Women's Alliance

2:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. *Floridian Room*
 Opening of Convention
 Worship—President's Address
 3:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. Editorial Board MESSENGER
 3:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. INTEREST GROUPS
 ANCL PARTICIPATING

2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. *Floridian Room*
 CONVENTION BUSINESS SESSION
 2:00 p.m. ANCL Program
 4:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. AMERICAN NEW-CHURCH
 SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

2:00 p.m. *Floridian Room*
 Election Report and Final Business
 ANCL Ceremonies
 Shaw Trophy, Keys, Pins
 Consecration Service
 4:30 p.m. Free Time For Sightseeing

12:30 p.m. BOARD OF MISSIONS Luncheon Meeting
 12:30 p.m. BOARD OF MANAGERS of
 THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL Luncheon Meeting
 2:30 p.m. GENERAL COUNCIL *Pan American Room*

EVENING

7:30 p.m. COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
 Committee Meetings
 Executive Committee General Pastors
 Nominating Committee

6:00 p.m. ALUMNI DINNER
 Ministers and Students Only
 Discussion on the Relocation of the Theological School

7:30 p.m. GENERAL COUNCIL *Pan American Room*
 8:00 p.m. Open Meeting of
 Council of Ministers at Miami Church
 8:00 p.m. ANCL Program

7:30 p.m.- 9:30 p.m. Interest Groups
 ANCL PARTICIPATING
 9:30 p.m. ANCL Program
 9:30 p.m. Board of Missions
 9:30 p.m. Board of Managers of Theological School

7:30 p.m. ANCL Boat Cruise and Dance (Tentative)
 8:00 p.m. at Miami Church
 Board of Missions including
 dedication of Miami Church

7:00 p.m. Outside Supper and Entertainment
 9:00 p.m. ANCL Program

GENERAL COUNCIL *Pan American Room*

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

THUMBNAIL SKETCHES OF NOMINEES

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appointed to the Kansas Association of School Boards planning and research committee which worked with the State Legislature on school legislation.

Ernest O. Martin

Mr. Martin is the minister of our national church in Washington, D. C. He is chairman of the Board of Managers of the New-Church Theological School, a member of the Board of Education, and secretary of the Council of Ministers.

Charles Fred Burdett

Mr. Burdett was born in Woburn, Mass., April 3, 1904. He is president of Burdett College, which position he has held since 1935. He has an A.B. from Amherst, 1929, studied business administration at Harvard, 1929-30. Mr. Burdett is past president of the Woburn YMCA, member of the Business Education Research Association, of which he was secretary, 1947-59, and president, 1960-61. He lives in Woburn, Mass.

Board of Home and Foreign Missions

Antony Regamey

Antony Regamey is pastor of the Boston Society of the New Church. He is chairman of the Council of Ministers' Committee on Worship, chairman of the foreign section of the Board of Home and Foreign Missions, and an active member of the *Hosanna Revision Committee* of the New-Church Sunday School Association. For several years Mr. Regamey has been teaching courses at the New-Church Theological School in the field of Worship and Homiletics.

Richard H. Tafel, Jr.

Richard H. Tafel, Jr. is the minister of the Cincinnati Church. He is a member of the Board of Missions of the Ohio Association. For the past two years he has been very active in the work of young people in our church; he has served as ANCL Chaplain. He is chairman of the Youth committee of the Department of Education and is a member of the Leadership Education Committee, also of the Department of Education.

F. Waldo Marshall

F. Waldo Marshall was born April 2, 1900, and educated in the elementary and high schools of Portsmouth, N. H., and Medford, Mass. He saw service during World War I in the U. S. Naval Aviation. He was employed by U. S. Civil Service for 40 years, retiring as Supervising Contract Negotiator in 1961. His church work has been in various choirs, and as treasurer of the Bath, Me., Society, Lay-Leader since 1960, and General Chairman University of Life, sponsored by the Greater Bath Council of Churches, 1962, 1963.

Robert W. Tafel

Robert W. Tafel grew up in the Philadelphia Church. He is a graduate of Drexel Institute. His profession is mechanical engineering, and he works in research and development for naval photography. He has served as secretary and later as chairman of the church committee of the Philadelphia Society; also as president of the American New-Church Tract and Publication Society. Mr. Tafel was born Jan. 19, 1909, in Haverford, Pa., and received a B.S. degree from Princeton University, 1929. Studied painting under Howard Giles, grandson of Chauncey Giles. Also architectural studies and M.A. Art Education, New York University, 1939. Engaged in architectural work since 1940. Registered Architect, Washington, D. C. and in private practice.

Mr. Tafel is president-elect of the Philadelphia Society, taking office in January 1964.

Augmentation Fund Committee

John Smailer

John Smailer, a native of Philadelphia, attended the Frankford Church as a young boy. He later joined the Philadelphia Society, and has taught in the Sunday School for many years. He has served on the Church Committee and Board of Trustees and as president of the Society. He is employed by the Sun Oil Co.

Nominating Committee

Mrs. Ernest Haskell, Jr.

Mrs. Haskell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner Perry of Needham, Mass. She grew up in the New Church, attending the Boston Society, where she was active in local and national League affairs. She studied for the teaching profession at Perry Normal School, received a B.S. in education from Boston University, and taught at the Wellesley College Demonstration School. Later she was assistant supervisor of practice teaching at Perry Normal School. For the past six years she has been chairman of the Lesson Committee of the American New-Church Sunday School Association, and has also served a term on its nominating committee. She is active in the Bath, Me., Society and also in Girl Scouting in Bath and the Fryeburg New-Church Assembly. Mrs. Haskell is at present on the Board of Directors and an incorporator of the Perry Normal School.

Trustees of the Pension Fund

Mrs. Gideon Boericke

This charming lady lives in Philadelphia. She has formerly served on the Pension Board. She has always had a deep interest in the Church, which not infrequently avails itself of her sound practical judgment.

Daniel Nielsen

Daniel Nielsen, who is a member of the Washington, D. C., Society sends us the following information about himself:

"I was baptized May 23, 1909, at the age of five years, by the Rev. Frank Sewall. It has been my custom to be in church every Sunday since, in the same sanctuary, sick or well, happy or unhappy. I do not remember turning down a job in the church, and have tried my best in each, so that today I am president of the Washington Society, and its appointed lay leader. My son graduates from San Jos State in June, one daughter is working, and another is in the fifth grade."

Eric Zacharias

After graduation in 1950, the Rev. Eric J. Zacharias tilled the Kansas field—serving our good people in Pretty Prairie, Pawnee Rock and Montezuma. During this time he served as president of the American New-Church Sunday School Association. In 1958 he was called to the El Cerrito, Calif., parish where he served as minister until 1962, when he returned to Kansas. He is now the minister of the Pretty Prairie Society. He is on Convention's Pension Board, and the Board of Managers.

Board of Education

Dorothea W. Harvey

Miss Harvey is Assistant Professor of Religion and Philosophy at Milwaukee-Downer College. Her B.A. is from Wellesley College, B.D. from Union Theological Seminary, and Ph.D. from Columbia University. She has recently completed a year of post-graduate study in Biblical archaeology at the American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem. She is a contributor to the *Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible*, and to *Israel's Prophetic Heritage* (Harper, 1962). She has been active in adult education in Milwaukee, Wis., where she lives,

through an adult Bible class, and through the extension program of the University of Wisconsin, teaching Bible and Biblical theology.

Board of the Department of Publication

Robert H. Kirven

I am 36 years old, formerly of St. Louis, Mo., presently of Cambridge, Mass. Education: B.A. from University of Chicago, B.D. from New Church Theological School and Andover Newton Theological School, currently working for a Ph.D. in History of Religious Ideas at Brandeis University. I was ordained in 1962, and serve on the faculty of the New Church Theological School. I have served on the Board of Missions, Convention Appeal Committee, and as Public Relations Director at recent Conventions in addition to my present post on the Public Relations Bureau and my expiring term on the Board of the Department of Publications. My qualifications for the Board include some professional involvement with printing and publishing before entering the ministry, and some writing since.

AN INTERPRETATION

TO ARTICLE V OF THE CONSTITUTION

OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

THE PURPOSE of these amendments on the Ministry is to make possible the ordaining of qualified laymen who have served as lay leaders but who have not graduated from our Theological School. To indicate this difference in training, they will be known as "lay ministers", a term that is widely used in churches. While being able to perform all the functions of a minister, as far as a local church is concerned, there are certain qualifications placed upon them, and there are certain privileges which are reserved for the ministry as set forth in Section 1.

Under the proposed amendments it will be possible in a time of acute ministerial shortage, to provide our churches with this type of minister, while at the same time encouraging men to prepare themselves for the ministry by attending and graduating from our Theological School.

These amendments, which have appeared in full in a previous issue of the Messenger, have been prepared by a special committee of the Council of Ministers and have been approved by the General Council, and are recommended to Convention for adoption at its coming session at Miami in July.

—RICHARD H. TAFEL
President

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Let's talk about Almont!

IT CAN'T BE THAT TIME AGAIN! But it is! Time to make plans for this summer's two-week session at the Almont New-Church Assembly, Almont, Michigan. The dates: Sunday, July 28 through Sunday, August 11.

These will be two weeks of diligent study, inspirational lectures, recreation and good fellowship, provided by a faculty International in scope. Almont is not just another vacation resort, for as such it has little to offer; but rather it is a way of life. Those of us who have been going there year after year have so many wonderful memories over the years that our summer would not be complete without spending some time there.

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Cleanup Day will be Sunday, July 21 and anyone with a broom or rag is welcome to join us at Almont for the day, getting the camp spic and span and ready to greet all our friends on the 28th. It's great fun!

Anyone who comes to Almont ready to join in all the activities whole-heartedly can't help but have a wonderful time! So circle these dates *now* on your calendar, July 28 through August 11, and be prepared to have the best week or two of your life.

If you are not on our mailing list we would be more than happy to mail you the "Almont Bulletin" giving full information, as soon as it is available. Write to: Miss Dorothea Pfister, 1838 E. 101st St., Cleveland 6, Ohio.

—MYRON E. LAU

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DEAR FRIENDS:

Divine Providence is giving to the New Church, new channels for the planting of the seed of a New Heaven and a New Earth. For the first time in our existence we are making contact with the Moslem world through the mission of an Egyptian New Church minister in Port Said. He is the pastor of the Salaam Church.

Kahlil Rizq is indeed imbued with a true mission spirit. It is typical of the zeal of Kahlil Rizq and his wife Tafeeda that they saved enough from their Theological school allowance for a sewing machine. This will be used to teach the New-Church women of the Salaam Church, who are poor, how to make clothes for the truly poverty stricken people of the Port Said community.

With the purse given Mrs. Rizq as a farewell gift by the Alliance she bought a Communion set. This set will shine forth as a symbol of Faith and Love and a beautiful example of sacrifice and dedication to the New Church at the services, still being held in a damp, dark, shabby basement room.

We have one great bridge to the Moslem world; our belief in God the One Person—not three Persons, but One. This is a great opportunity to bring these people to the worship and love of the One God, The Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. This humble beginning of the New Church in Egypt is being carried out among the needy and the outcasts of society.

From a stable in Bethlehem the whole of Christianity was born. From a mud brick basement room in Port Said the New Christian Church is born in the land of the Moslems.

This church now has 30 devoted members whose offerings maintain this foothold; and a Sunday school of 25 children. The Rev. Kahlil Rizq is making and distributing translations from the Writings of Swedenborg and conducting two Sunday services and one on Wednesday evening for women.

When we think of the small group gathered in the "Upper Room" surrounded by the teeming millions of the pagan world and the consequences generated from that Upper Room, must we not wonder about the Basement Room of Port Said warm with love, zeal, and eagerness to spread the New Church among the teeming millions of Moslems?

This year our "Mighty Mite" is dedicated to the building of a Mission Church in Port Said. Will you help this First Mission Church of the New Church to rise in Port Said in the land of the Moslems?

Our mites are a concrete expression of our thankful-

ness for our spiritual and material blessings. With our dollars let us send our prayers and love and concern to Port Said.

Hoping that the members of our church receive many blessings this year and that this cause appeals to you. Contributions should be sent to:

—IRENE T. LISTER

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SALAAM CHURCH

DEAR MRS. LISTER:

We were very glad to hear the good news from the Rev. Mr. Regamy about giving us the mite box for this coming Convention. Also we have received with his letter the good message which you sent to all the Ladies' Aid groups in Convention.

Therefore on behalf of the Council and all the members of the Salaam Church in Port Said, Egypt, I want to express our thanks and appreciation for all your good efforts for the progress of the work here in Egypt.

By the way I should like to mention something of the Church activity. We have our WORSHIP service on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. But because the children of Sunday School are busy in their school on Sundays and cannot come therefore we have the Sunday School on Friday morning at 10 where we have 3 classes; Primary, junior, intermediate. On Thursday afternoon at 4:30 we have a class for the young people, girls and boys. The attendants of our Sunday School are over 60 children, besides the adult class. The people are interested in the New-Church teachings, specially the young people who said that they have never heard anything like it and they enjoy it very much.

On Wednesday morning we have a special devotional meeting for women. Every week I translate the Sunday School notes for each class, then write the stencils and then Tafeeda, my wife, helps me with the mimeographing machine which we bought from here with the money given us by the Board of Mission.

On this past Christmas, my wife, Tafeeda, sewed on her sewing machine 17 gowns and dresses for boys and girls in the poor families in the Church. Also we distributed from the Church 100 meters of heavy material for 25 women, each one took 4 meters for a dress. Also

we had a blessed time for we made a party for the Sunday School children where I showed them a film strip of Christmas Story on the projector, also presents were given to those who attended regularly.

These are some of our activities in the Church.

Once again we thank you very much in advance for your gift to our Church. Accept our love and greetings to each one of you from us all.

Yours Sincerely,
Kahlil Rizq and Tafeeda
Salaam Church, P.O. Box 205,
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CONVENTION IN FLORIDA

DATES General Convention Public Sessions, Thursday, July 4 to Sunday, July 7.

Council of Ministers meetings, Monday, July 1 to Wednesday, July 3.

RATES: TWO TO A ROOM \$9.00 per day. This special rate for everyone includes room at \$5.50 per person, two to a room, plus \$3.50 per person for breakfast and evening dinner. There is a wide selection of entrees. This is the Modified American Plan.

The only alternative, room at \$5.50 with equivalent meals a la carte at \$8.00 would cost \$13.50 per day per person. There are no eating places nearby other than a drug store counter.

It is therefore strongly recommended that everyone take advantage of this special rate made available to our Convention!

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MORE THAN TWO PERSONS TO ROOM Where more than two persons over 12 years old wish to room together, the rates are \$9.00 each for the first two persons; \$7.50 for each additional person, including meals on the Modified American Plan as noted above.

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MRS. ROBERT L. (BETSY) YOUNG

Our Alliance President



SOMEWHAT OF A BIOGRAPHY

FIRST saw the light of day on July 15, 1917. Pittsburgh, Pa. was the fair (?) city. Trekged west with my engineer father to British Columbia where he built ships for the Canadian government and I learned how to walk. Next, we moved to Oregon and the lumber business, then southward to California which we all took to our hearts and where I have resided ever since.

Formal education includes a B.A. from Pomona College and an Elementary Teaching Credential through graduate work at San Diego State College. Informal education includes a host of plays — acting, directing, building scenery, etc.; editing a small town newspaper, short stint as a librarian; directing and counselling at Church Camps; years of singing in choruses and opera groups, and of course the usual Church choirs which I have trained, directed, soloed in, or tried my hand at tenor, alto or soprano, depending on the current need.

Mother of three boys — they are seventh generation New-Church; tenth grade, eighth grade and fourth grade.

Currently engaged in fifth consecutive year as first grade teacher. Most memorable summer was spent traveling around Europe after I graduated from college. Favorite avocation, camping — primitive style — in the High Sierras, with my family.

PLAN PRODUCTS NOW!

THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY of the Fryeburg New-Church Assembly wants to remind its friends of the need for new saleable articles for the Sales Table in August 1963.

Because of generous donations last year we were able to make enough money to buy two steel kettles, six new chairs, two dozen pillow cases, pay for a baby-sitter and donate \$100. toward necessary plumbing replacement.

Packages may be sent to Mrs. Gardiner Perry, 105 Pine St., Needham 92, Mass., at any convenient time before July 15th.

— E. MARION GREENE,
Secretary

NOW IS THE TIME

THE MOST important day is *today*. Only today can have the fullest amount of richness and excitement. It alone can be felt and understood by man's whole being.

This moment, now, may be soft and pliable as clay that one may gently shape. It may be hard and rigid so that one must use great strength to shape it. It may be full of color or in subtle shades of gray. But for one skilled in the art of living, the creation of beauty is the important thing.

The doubtful and the fearful may seek security in the past or yearn for the promise of tomorrow's better day. For one who sees reality with confidence and honesty, today alone holds the chance for improvement and fulfillment.

The artist, any creative person, knows this. Yesterday has given him the experience which heightens his perception and enlarges his feeling. But he must work right now. He cannot do anything with tomorrow until it becomes today. He sees the future as a succession of todays which will follow one after the other, and so gets some conception of the meaning of Eternity. "Forever" is present tense.

—ALBERTA CASPER

Robert Frost Reminiscence

THE CHURCH IN THE CITY

THE RECENT DEATH of Poet Robert Frost brings to mind a "reminiscence" which appeared a year ago in the columns of the Massachusetts *New-Church News*. It was written by Miss Susan P. Holmes who is a member of the Boston Society of the New Jerusalem. Miss Holmes wrote as follows:

"My recollections of Robert Frost begin when he was a senior in the Lawrence (Mass.) High School, and I was about eight years old. At that time there was quite a group of New-Church people in Lawrence and they held services in a hall every Sunday afternoon, various ministers officiating. Robert, his sister Jeanie and their mother, Mrs. Belle Moodie Frost, were usually in the congregation, as were my family. Mrs. Frost, a Scotch woman, was a very fine Christian lady and a devout Swedenborgian. Her children were brought up in those doctrines; and though Robert has since rejected them, he was a New-Church boy in those days.

"For several years Mrs. Frost conducted a private school in the city, in which Jeanie taught, and Robert also for a while. My brother Will was one of the students and was very fond of Mrs. Frost and admired Robert greatly. Robert was a tall, personable young man, with a lock of tawny hair which was always falling into his eyes. He and his classmate, Elinor White, were tied for Valedictory honors and she withdrew in his favor. My mother attended the exercises and I remember her telling my father that 'Robert was way up in the clouds.'

"My brothers and I had many happy hours with 'Rob' as we called him then, because he did not feel too big to play games with us and because he was very generous about telling stories. He would lie on his back under the pear trees in our yard and tell the most enchanting tales of knights, kings and great exploits, all entirely original. He had a vivid imagination and keen sense of humor, as anyone knows who has heard him speak or has read much of his poetry.

"I had a special reason for holding him in high regard — he made me a doll's house. It was constructed from an orange crate which stood on end so the partition served as a second floor. There were small windows, for which my mother made draperies — and wonder of wonders — an elevator which was pulled up and down by a stout string! I was the envy of all my friends, and that doll house was a treasured possession.

"Quite often the New-Church group gathered for what in those days were called 'socials,' many of which were held in my parents' home. A favorite form of entertainment was a Candy Pull. If some of my younger readers never heard of this 'sport' I suggest they ask their elders to describe it. Suffice it to say, one literally pulls a mixture of molasses and sugar between one's hands, and there is a trick to it! If one is adept, the result will be smooth, light-colored, delicious candy; but if one is less skillful, he is likely to acquire a most unappetizing, sticky mess.

"I remember one particular Candy Pull which the Frosts attended at our house when Rob (who calls himself democratic) was very much 'stuck up.' I don't know whether he was too slow about the pulling or whether he did not use enough butter, but he certainly had bad luck. The sticky mess not only clung to his hands but reached up to his elbows, and at last, in desperation, he rushed outdoors and thrust his arms into a snowbank! His 'candy,' alack and alas, was a dismal failure, and he was awarded the booby prize — a huge mince turnover. Receiving it with a whoop of joy, he sat down in the middle of the kitchen floor and devoured it with gusto. As a 'valedictorian' he may have been 'way up in the clouds' — but in gustatory matters he was on the same plane as most healthy young fellows!"

THE NEXT GERMAN KIRCHENTAG, or Lay Congress, is to be held at Dortmund in the Ruhr industrial area, July 24 - 28. Some 40,000 participants are expected, and perhaps 500,000 at the closing open-air service. Dortmund, in the Ruhr, is in the middle of one of the great industrial areas of the world. That is why we propose for Dortmund to *concentrate on the art of living in a great city*, with all the fascinating and yet perplexing problems of living in town apartments or suburbs, of shift-working, of labour relations, of automation and redundancy, of sales technique and supermarkets, of European integration and of foreign workers. These are international problems, which are urgent now in Chicago and in Singapore, in Stockholm and in Turin, in Dundee and in Dortmund,—and the world Church must learn to face them. We must give up all thoughts of a wistful retreat to the nineteenth century and the "good old days" of the rural parish: we need to learn to enjoy and not merely to endure the new urban civilisation of the 1970's and 80's. The Rev. Michael Jackson of the Sheffield Industrial Mission has pointed out in a recent article that the Bible begins in a garden and ends in a city—we have no right to try and reverse the process.

The Kirchentag at Dortmund in 1963 will face problems of far more than German importance. We are most anxious that a good number of international visitors—especially lay men and lay women—will join us in our discussions. It is possible for such visitors to be active participants in the arguments of the Kirchentag. They can join (even if they don't speak German) in a series of small informal discussions groups with German delegates, so that they can really argue out some of the Kirchentag themes.

We hope for a lively contribution from our ecumenical visitors, and above all contributions from Christians who are involved in their daily lives in the work of the modern world, and who seek to find a style of living which will confidently face the industrial civilisation of the future.

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Soon, our committee will send out cartons,—similar to the mite boxes,—with the insignia of the Assembly printed on it, to individuals and societies. These boxes should help to build up a travel fund for 1970.

Whatever savings accrue in it, can be used as a gift for ministers and delegates to help them with travelling. Or it can be used for the saver to go himself!

Convention's General Council has authorized the establishment of a 1970 Fund to pay for expenses of meetings, publicity, communications and preparations of plans; and later to help with transportation and renting. This Fund to be financed by 1) public subscriptions donations and gifts 2) Convention assignments. (*Minute No. 13, July 1962, meeting.*)

We are "open for offerings". Send your contributions and gifts to our secretary: Miss Jane Sugden, Church of the New Jerusalem, 2107 Lyon St.; San Francisco 15, Calif., marking it "1970 FUND".

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THE SWEDENBORG ASSOCIATION

To the elective and life Members:

Please take notice that the annual meeting of the Swedenborg Publishing Association will be held on Wednesday, May 15th at 10 a.m. at the Franklin Arms Hotel, 66 Orange Street, Brooklyn Heights, N. Y. There will be an election of officers for the year; the consideration of reports from officers and committees and such other business as will be brought to the meeting.

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Very truly yours,

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—CORINNE TAFEL
Secretary

ANNUAL MEETING

THE NEW CHURCH BOARD OF PUBLICATION

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the corporate members of the New Church Board of Publication will be held on Wednesday, May 15th, 1963, one o'clock in the afternoon for the election of officers and five directors to serve in place of John C. Hart, Rev. Clayton Priestnal, Corinne Tafel, Thomas H. Spiers and Rev. William F. Wunsch. To adopt the annual report to the General Convention; and for the transaction of such business as may be presented.

Preceding the corporate meeting, there will be a meeting of the Board of Directors to adopt the annual report to the Corporation. All corporate members are urged to be present. Following the corporate meeting, the newly elected Board will organize for such business as may be brought before it.

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RAYMOND HERRICK ALDEN

October 17, 1898—December 12, 1962

WE MAY BE GRATEFUL for the life that Raymond Herrick Alden lived among us, for what we could receive from him and give to him. His life was one of service to his home, his neighbor, his church, and his country. These were in no way rivals, but all necessary parts of service to his Lord.

He was among the first American soldiers to land in Europe in World War I, and for injuries by gas and by gunfire, received the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster.

In 1928 he married Kathryn McLaughlin. His wife, their three children (Priscilla Garrett, Esther-Jayne Moody, and David Herrick Alden), and eventually their grandchildren were central in his life.

He was Past Commander of the American Legion in Windsor, Vt., and the 40-8 Society. He was also Past Master of the Vermont Lodge No. 18 of Free Masonry and Past Master of the Garden City Grange No. 364, Newton, Mass.

In his church he was president of the Newtonville New-Church Society, an active member of the Board of Directors of the New Church Theological School and of the Massachusetts New-Church Union. Over many years, he put in countless hours working for Blairhaven, not only as chairman of the Blairhaven Committee, but also doing much manual labor. He was often spoken of as lots of fun as well as being a good man and a hard worker. He was a past president and a devoted member of the New-Church Men's Club.

Through the Christian Children's Fund, he has a foster child, Takayuki Igashari, in a orphanage outside Tokyo, Japan.

All this is but the skeleton of his life. The flesh and blood is the spirit he brought to all his service.

His service is only beginning, for heaven is a kingdom of service. In this world, we are confronted with a veil of appearances and uncertainties. Our own frailties of body, mind, and heart hamper our true and best purposes.

But in heaven the light is clear and the true person grows constantly in youth and in strength. All people appear as they really are. Gone is all fear of misunderstanding, and of being misunderstood, and in its place is a direct meeting of heart with heart with true mutual service in the Lord's presence.

—GEORGE DOLE

HOW CAN IT AFFECT SOMEONE ELSE?

To the Editor:

Your excellent issue of February 15, brings to the fore the question of the effectiveness of prayer for others. Man's very self, his proprium, is evil. He should act of himself, realising that all good is from the Lord. The good in his prayerful act then merely is returned to its Source. It affects the one who prays, but surely it has no effect on the Source. How can it affect someone else?

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Evidence Committee Notes

ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT references to Swedenborg which has come to the Evidence Committee's notice for sometime appears in the much esteemed and widely circulated *National Geographic Magazine* for April, 1963 p. 474. In its leading article "Sweden, Quiet Workshop for the World" (with map), and having pictured Upsala University with its Rector Magnificus (president), Prof. Torgny Segersted, we read, "Founded in 1477, the university produced such world greats as mystic-philosopher Emanuel Swedenborg, botanist Carolus Linnaeus and Dag Hammarskjöld."

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SEVERAL interesting references to the New Church and Swedenborg recently have come to the Evidence Committee's attention: In his *Primer for the Perplexed*, Rev. Alston J. Smith, retired clergyman and author, of Sheffield, Mass., seems to ask "Does Christian belief in eternal life rest upon establishing connections with some post-death realm . . . ? (Swedenborg)". We say "seems" because one cannot be sure whether this is a query propounded by the author or by the learned reviewer of the book, Rev. John D. Eusden, of Williams College. In any event, it is evident that neither writer has much familiarity with what the Prophet of the North, as Emerson terms him, really teaches.

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WE HAVE long known of William Butler Yeats' interest in Swedenborg's writings but for the first time, we believe, learn now of his "long essay on Swedenborg (1914)" selected for a book among much else from the famous Irish poet's literary remains, by his wife. (Macmillan, 1962). Parenthetically, one might remark, of the more than a hundred of the world's famed known to have had similar interest, only a few seem to have made this publicly known in their lifetime. One is left to his own conclusions as to the reason for that.

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THE PROVIDENCE, R. I., *Journal* for Dec. 15, carried an interesting feature story with picture concerning a "time-honored Christmas card" circulated back and forth over the years between Miss Mary Daboll and other members of the family. Miss Daboll's father was the Rev. John Daboll, minister for many years in the Brookline, Mass., Swedenborgian church. Incidentally Mr. Daboll's method of writing his sermons paragraph by paragraph on index cards which he could "shuffle at will," he said, always intrigued the present writer, then attending our Theological School.

In quite a different direction is an interesting account from Mrs. E. Enright, of Cranberry Portage, Manitoba of the antecedents of the new society recently organized there by the Rev. Henry Reddekopp, missionary for that area. It is to be called the Northern Manitoba New-Church Society, with Tom Eidse of The Bas, as its first president. Mrs. Enright tells of her parents migrating from the Crimea in 1876. They were followers of Menno Simon, founder of the Mennonite sect. Persecuted there, and in Holland, too, they migrated to southern Manitoba. However, when the Enright and two other families there adopted the faith of the New Church, they were excommunicated by the Mennonites.

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