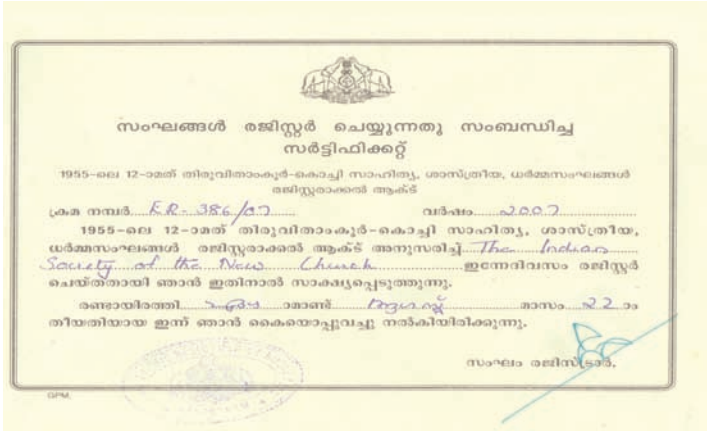


Church News

THE FIRST OFFICAL MEETING OF THE NEW CHURCH IN INDIA



The registration certificate for the New Church in India requires an official address, which is in the city Cochin in Kerala District,

The Statement of Purpose: "The object of the NEW CHURCH IN INDIA IS TO WORSHIP The Lord Jesus Christ as the One God of heaven and earth, to live a righteous life as it has been set forth in the Sacred Scriptures and in the theological *Writings* of Emanuel Swedenborg, and to spread the NEW CHURCH IN INDIA to all people in India who embrace the faith of the NEW CHURCH IN INDIA."



Here is Mr. Peter Devassy, with Rev. Goran Appelgren. We may call Mr. Devassy the Founder of the New Church in India.



After a Church Service at the New Church in India Conference.



A larger group at the Conference. There were eight baptisms and Rev. Appelgren administered the Holy Supper

A NEW BOOK PRESENTING CONTENTS
OF HEAVEN AND HELL

Back in 1766 a man in Europe printed a book on the afterlife made of quotations from the *Writings*. Alas, the book was confiscated. Swedenborg told the man not to be discouraged. Swedenborg himself had printed a volume of the *Writings* in small installments to reach people “in an easier manner than in whole volumes.” Ed Cranch suggests that Swedenborg was then “perhaps looking for ways to make this precious gift from the Lord available to more people” (*NCL*, 1999, page 259).

In 1938 the Swedenborg Society of London produced a considerably shortened version of the book: *The New Jerusalem and Its Heavenly Doctrine*. The many quotations from the *Arcana Coelestia* “have been omitted in this edition, which accounts for the gaps in the numbering of the paragraphs.” This resulted in a handy paperback of only 112 pages which proved popular and was reprinted a number of times. In 1990 a new translation was printed with a striking cover.—Well, I have put together a book in certain respects similar to the one confiscated in 1766. It is called:

“AFTERLIFE, a Guided Tour of Heaven and Its Wonders.”

It was published by the Swedenborg Foundation in September.

I would like to mention a useful paperback published by Seminar Books of London in 1993. It was called, “The Shorter Heaven and Hell”. It is about the same size as “Afterlife”.

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