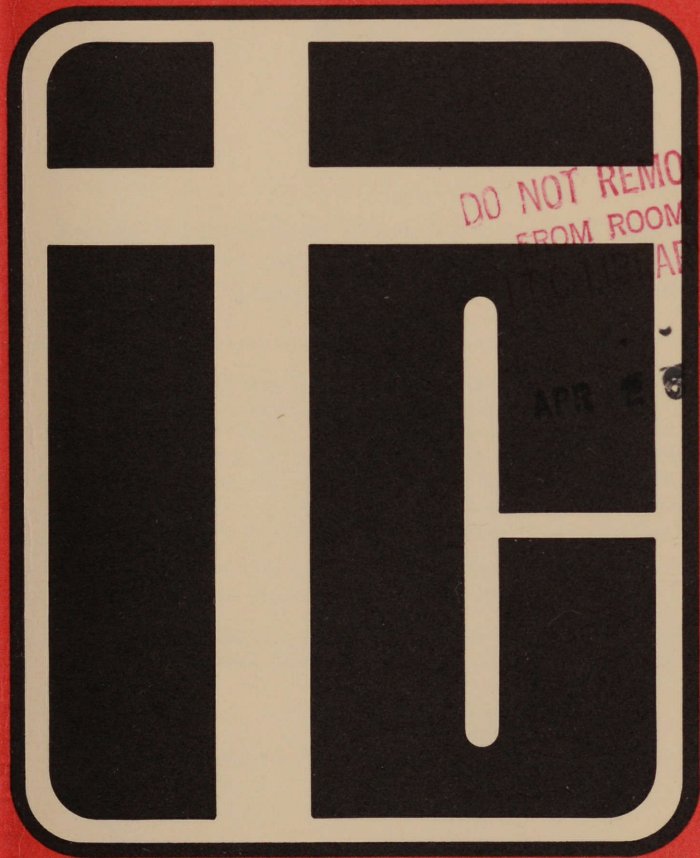


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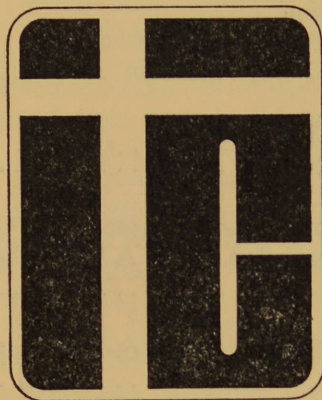
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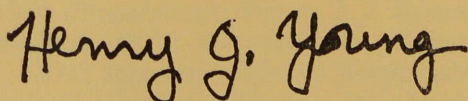
## Editorial Comment

We are delighted to begin this issue with "Order, Change and The Future: Naming Theological Education," the inaugural address of Dr. Grant S. Shockley, the third president of The Interdenominational Theological Center. In sharing his vision of the future direction of the Interdenominational Theological Center, he says, "In theological education, as in everyday life, where once we thought of the new only in relation to the old, we must now learn to think of the new in relation to the future. For what is truly new must be 'something that never was.'" Working toward the actualization of the vision of President Shockley, the Executive Committee of The Future Planning and Community Project consisting of Charles Sargent, Aljosie B. Yarborough, Milton C. Floyd and Danny A. Joslyn, led the I.T.C. community in a year of institutional planning; they share some of their goals and projections with us in "The Future of A Vision."

In "The Minister as A Change Agent" Dr. Charles Shelby Rooks explores the peculiar and historic role of the black minister as a change agent in the social, economic and political conditions of the black community. He discusses the goals, expectations and models of the black minister as change agent. Dr. James H. Cone, in a prophetic manner, challenges the contemporary African Methodist Episcopal Church in "God Our Father, Christ Our Redeemer, Man Our Brother: A Theological Interpretation of The A.M.E. Church;" he explores each phase of this theme in light of the historic role the A.M.E. Church has played in appropriating the Gospel in the liberation of black Americans and the refusal of the contemporary A.M.E. church to remain true to the faith of its mothers and fathers.

Mr. James S. Tinney argues that William J. Seymour is the father of modern day Pentecostalism. He contends that today there are over 30 million Pentecostals in the world and that pentecostalism in contemporary times originated "in a small black church in Los Angeles, under the leadership of a black American minister, William J. Seymour."

Dr. Robert T. Osborn in "White Need for Black Theology" shows the prophetic and redemptive possibilities of black theology. What is the place and function of black theology in a white world? Osborn answers, "Remember, Joseph, the oppressed, spoke a word of God to his brothers, the oppressed. Today, the oppressed (blacks) are speaking a word of God (theology) to the oppressor."



Henry J. Young