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## DR. ROGER SHINN WILL ADDRESS

### 1960 GRADUATING CLASS

Dr. Roger Shinn, professor of Christian Ethics at Union Theological Seminary will speak at the 135th Anniversary commencement of Lancaster Theological Seminary, which will extend from June 5 to 7.

The commencement program will open with a concert by the Seminary Choir at St. Peter's Church, Sunday June 5, at 3:30, which will be followed by a reception for all visitors. The Baccalaureate Service will be held in the evening at 8:00 in the Santee Chapel. The sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Donald M. Englert, professor of Old Testament.

Monday, June 6, has been designated as Alumni Day. Class reunions will begin at 12:30. The day's program will begin with the dedication of the new buildings and memorial at 3:30 followed by the President's Reception for all guests in the quadrangle.

The highlight of the day will be the Alumni Dinner Meeting in Marshall Buchanan Hall at 6:30. The guest speaker will be Dr. Paul M. Limbert, the secretary general of the World Alliance of YMCA.

The annual meeting of the Historical Society will be held on June 7, in Santee Chapel at 9:15 A.M. The address will be given by the Rt. Rev. Kenneth G. Hamilton of Bethlehem. His topic will be The Moravian Archives in America.

The Commencement Service will be held in Hensel Hall of the Franklin and Marshall College at 11:00 P.M.

Dr. Roger L. Shinn will deliver the commencement address to the Senior class and guests. The topic of his address will be "The Amateur and the Professional".

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## BARD THOMPSON ACCEPTS CALL

### TO CHAIR OF CHURCH HISTORY

Dr. Bard Thompson will take the professorship of Church History, beginning with the fall 1961 term, to succeed Dean Dunn after his retirement at the close of the 1960-61 academic year.

A graduate of Union Theological Seminary, Dr. Thompson holds a PH.D. degree from the graduate faculty of Columbia University. He is also a graduate of Mercersburg Academy and Haverford College.

The professor-elect has been assistant professor at the Candler School of Theology, Emory University, and professor of Church History and director of graduate studies in the historical field at Vanderbilt Divinity School.

Dr. Thompson has published a variety of articles in religious journals. At present he is in the process of translating and writing commentary on the major Reformed liturgies of the 16th Century. He is also making a survey of the entire Reformed tradition in worship.

In 1948 he was a student delegate to the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam. He was a member of the Liturgies committee and is now on the Sign and Seals committee of the United Church.

Dr. Thompson is married to the former Bertha Denning. They have two children, Andrew, two years, and Frances, one.

### COMMENCEMENT SCHEDULE

June 5:	3:30	Concert and Reception
	8:00	Baccalaureate Service
June 6:	3:30	Dedication Ceremonies
	4:00	Reception
	6:30	Alumni Dinner Meeting
June 7:	9:15	Historical Society Meeting
	11:00	Commencement

## A POET COMMENTS

## ON A CHRISTIAN PROBLEM

The following is an excerpt from Robert Frost's "A Masque of Reason". (Those who have seen, read or heard about the play "J.B." may find it of particular interest too. And those who have never read the book of Job might find that now is a good time to do so.):

GOD:

Oh, I remember well: you're Job, my Patient.  
How are you now? I trust you've quite recovered,  
And feel no ill effects from what I gave you.

JOB:

Gave me in truth: I like the frank admission...

GOD:

...I've had you on my mind a thousand years  
To thank you someday for the way you helped me  
Establish once for all the principle  
There's no connection man can reason out  
Between his just desserts and what he gets.  
Virtue may fail and wickedness succeed.  
'Twas a great demonstration we put on.  
...Too long I've owed you this apology  
For the apparently unmeaning sorrow  
You were afflicted with in those days.  
But it was the essence of the trial  
You shouldn't understand it at the time.  
It had to seem unmeaning to have meaning.  
And it came out all right. I have no doubt  
You realize by now the part you played  
To stultify the Deuteronomist  
And change the tenor of religious thought.  
My thanks are to you for releasing me  
From moral bondage to the human race.  
The only free will there at first was man's  
Who could do good or evil as he chose.  
I had no choice but I must follow him  
With forfeits and rewards he understood--  
Unless I liked to suffer loss of worship.  
I had to prosper good and punish evil,  
You changed all that. You set me free to reign--

JOB:

All very splendid. I am flattered proud

DR. AND MRS. GABLE WILL LEAVE  
FOR SABBATICAL YEAR JUNE 27

On July 27, Dr. and Mrs. Lee Gable will leave Lancaster for a year of study and travel that will take them into Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and Asia. They will spend the summer months traveling through the British Isles and continental Europe.

In early August, they plan to attend meetings sponsored by the World Council of Christian Education in Berlin. Among the delegates will be Dr. and Mrs. Wilson Cheek, Dr. and Mrs. Franklin I. Sheeder, Dr. and Mrs. Roy G. Ross and Dr. Gerald Knoff of the National Council of Churches, and Miss Umiko Kagawa, daughter of the late spiritual leader of Japan. The meetings will include consultation with East German leaders, to discuss the possibilities for Christian education behind the Iron Curtain.

Beginning in September, they will be located at the Bad Boll Evangelical Academy near Stuttgart, where Dr. Gable will spend six months studying the relationship between such academies and the Protestant parishes in Germany. The academy movement is one of the forces of new growth in the European Church and is spreading to this country as well.

For part of this time, Dr. Gable will be a resource leader at a retreat at Berchtesgaden of Men of the Chapel of the United Church, a movement of laymen in the armed forces. Also, he will be one of a team of leaders in religious education seminars for Air Force chaplains in Germany, Libya, Morocco, Spain, and England.

Following their stay at Bad Boll, the Gables will travel eastward through the Holy Land. They plan to visit Church World Service centers in India and Hong Kong, and possible other locations.

In the fall of 1961, Dr. Gable will assume the post of Dean of the seminary. To have been in on anything with You.  
'Twas a great demonstration if You say so.  
Though incidentally I sometimes wonder  
Why it had to be at my expense.

GOD:

IT HAD TO BE AT SOMEBODY'S EXPENSE.  
SOCIETY CAN NEVER THINK THINGS OUT:  
IT HAS TO SEE THEM ACTED OUT BY ACTORS,  
DEVOTED ACTORS AT A SACRIFICE---  
THE ABLEST ACTORS I CAN LAY MY HANDS ON...

## THE DEAN'S CORNER

By Dr. David Dunn

The new charter of the seminary has been approved by the two Boards. It provided for the uniting of the Boards into one and makes our official name, "The Lancaster Theological Seminary of the Evangelical and Reformed Church."

The second annual sessions of the Lay School of Theology will be held on our campus, June 12-18. Professors Gable and Bricker will serve as dean and associate dean. Fifty-eight registrations and a waiting list were recently reported.

Pending a final and official decision as to what to call this "year out"--usually between the Middle and the Senior ones--whether internship or clinical year, we are all set to welcome back the men who have been engaging in it, viz. Messrs. Hengen, Lawhead, Racz, Musser, Saxton, Smith and Stump. Jim Mengel is expected to return for next winter's term. From this year's Middle Class Tom Arner will spend next year at Zion Church, Stemmer's Run, near Baltimore, while Sam Fisher and Ron O'Reilly will be working under the Board of Christian Education, observing and reporting on the new curriculum in use at Glenside and Bethany, Ephrata, respectively.

In the last issue of THE SEMINARIAN, Editor Sam Fisher made eloquent and grateful acknowledgement of the service rendered by various members of his staff. We hope "you all" read it and realize how much time, talent and effort have gone into the production of our school paper. Now we want to express to the Editor-in-chief the deep appreciation of the seminary family of his outstanding service throughout the year, and to express our hearty wish for a good and fruitful internship year for him at Glenside.

Reports from Germany bring the good news that Professor Vassady is making progress in recovery and doing a limited amount of work.

Charles Neiswender is recovering in the General Hospital from an operation on May 27th.

Warren E. Baker of the Junior Class has had to withdraw from school for health reasons.

## THE ALTAR

By Ken Martin

It is impossible to portray an accurate picture of the extent to which pessimism plagues the lives of our people. Beneath the outward veneer of laughter and sarcasm is man's deeper concern for the meaning and purpose of his existence. This results in vast anxiety, fearfulness and solicitude stirring in the heart and minds of busy mankind in an active world. These people need answers to the problems of life and death. They crave for solutions that will give them purposefulness in life and hope in death.

As ministers, it is a mistake to preach condemnation, rebuke, or reproach if we fail to give the answer for which they desperately long. Rather we should recall simply the answer Jesus gave when he said, "I am the way, the truth and the life (John 14:6)." These words need to be interpreted in the language and experience of men where they now are.

Yet we as ministers cannot preach Christ if we do not daily experience Him in our own lives. This proclamation forces us to face up squarely to serious questions: Is Christ the way and the truth in our lives? Are our experiences with Christ leading us to purposefulness and understanding? Does Christ speak to our anxieties and frustrations? If Christ is not the way, truth and life for us, we are as violins in unskilled hands.

As for "slips that pass by day or night", how's this one from Faculty minutes: "Gable was elected to succeed Dunn as Dean after the latter's retirement by acclamation"? Or was it a slip?

As of May 30, 29 new students have been enrolled for next school year; they come from 21 different colleges.

Jim Johnson has been chosen "district superintendent" for preaching appointments, to succeed Jack Riu.

Our heartiest congratulations to the 18 BD and one MRE graduates! May we all express our felicitations by co-operating in every way possible with the Commencement program and activities!

A happy and helpful summer to all!

## CLASS OF '60 TO SERVE PASTORATES

## FROM ILLINOIS TO CAROLINA

The 1960 graduating class will serve in charges from Illinois to North Carolina.

The following members of the Senior Class will serve as full pastors:

Bach, G. R.	Salem (Hellers'), Leacock
Batzler, L.R.	United St. Luke's and St. Johns, Baltimore, Md.
Beck, Elmo	Mt. Hope Charge, Salisbury, N.C.
Puckhold, Louis	Trinity, Rockwood
Davis, Herbert	Trinity, Mountville
Groff, Dale	Christ, Cavetown, Md.
Groff, Fred	Holidaysburg Charge
Hampshire, George	Grace, Rockwell, N.C.
Ishler, James	St. Peter's, Seamsville
Kelly, Donald	Mission Ch. Sank Village, Illinois
Kurkowski, Fred	Boonsboro-Mt. Moriah, Md.
Rui, Jack	Trinity, Freemansburg
Santo, James	Grace, Eden
Souers, Sanford	St. Johns, Chesterton, Ind.
Wagner, Stanley	undecided
Wolfgang, Calvin	St. John's, Cattaraugus, New York

These members will serve as co-pastor and assistant pastor in their respective churches.

Kriebel, H.L.	Schwenkfelder, Palm
Lackenbaugh, Carroll	Zion, North Canton, Ohio

The following will receive the M R E degree.

Mine, Toshio	First African Presbyterian, Philadelphia
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Farantakis, Kimon	Returning to Crete after a summer touring the U.S. The Churchmouse...
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Saint Paul in his letter to the Ephesians writes, (5:20); "At all times and for everything giving thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father." As we look back over the days of the past school year I am sure all of us have numerous blessings to thank God for. There have been new experiences in study, the making of new friends, and the privilege of community worship. God grant that we have grown in grace as well as in knowledge.

I would like to thank the seminary and the United Church of Christ for

## THE GARGOYLES

Gargle: What is the new PT course?

Argyle: Tongues: for the Wesleyans

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Gargle: I understand the CH students are to receive Oscars.

Argyle: Yep. Lesh is to receive one for serious acting, Crone for the best documentary production, Riedel for the best western production.

Gargle: And the Dean is to receive the Oscar for directing.

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Argyle: Why, are all the students praying so fervently this week?

Gargle: They've praying that the Parousia will occur before the 5 o'clock deadline on Friday.

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Argyle & Gargle: Praise the Lord! The year is about over. Amen and Amen.

## COMMENCEMENT (cont. from p. 1)

Dr. Shinn is also a member of many church and community organizations. At present he is serving as secretary of the Board of Christian Education and Publication, and is co-chairman of the Corporate Members Elect of the Board for Home Missions of the UCC. He is also a contributing editor to "Christianity and Crisis" and has published a number of books including "Christianity and the Problem of History", "Life, Death, and Destiny," and his latest, "The Existential Posture."

Dr. Shinn, ordained in Northwest Ohio Synod, is a member of the E & R Church.

opening it's doors to students from other denominations. I realize that this is possible because many of your people have been faithful in their giving to the cause of Christ. Someone has said, "Don't let the abundance of God's gifts cause you to forget the giver in your satisfaction over the gifts." I thank God for His gifts and His call, and the faithfulness of His people.

--Another Churchmouse

We need not despair of any man, so long as he lives.

--St. Augustine