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## And Now She Writes

When LBI was in its infancy, a promising student named Ellen McKay was chosen editor of its first year book. Unknown to her then, this opportunity was invaluable in a future ministry—writing for the Lord.

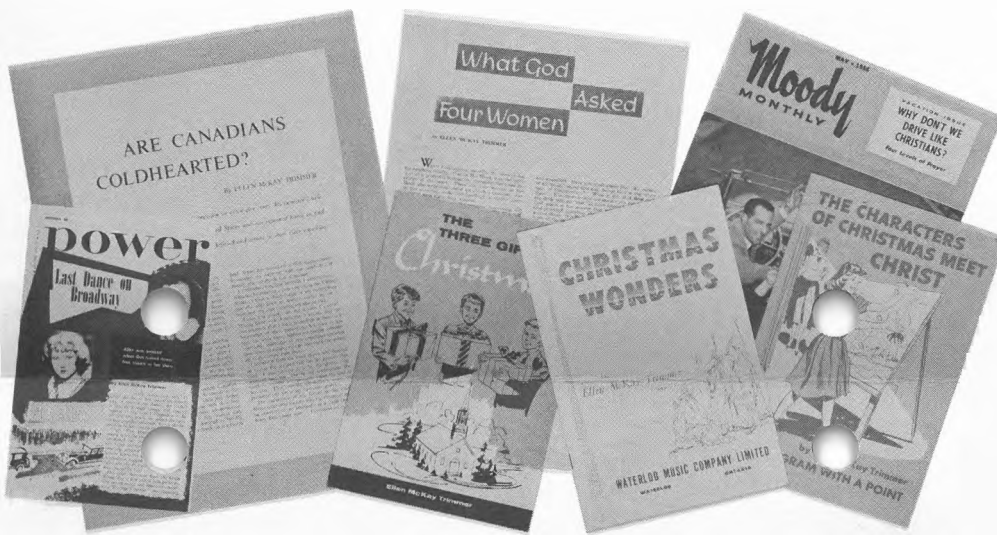
Today Ellen McKay Trimmer, '39, a member of the Executive Council of the Christian Writers' Association of Canada, is becoming a well-known Canadian Christian writer. Her three popular Christmas programmes, published in *Moody Monthly* and now in booklet form, have been translated into French, German

and Spanish for use on the mission field. The German edition was used last year behind the Iron Curtain. She has written on phases of Christian Education in the *Sunday School Times*, *Gospel Herald*, and in *Sunday School papers*. Even *Chatelaine*, a Canadian women's magazine, has recognized her ability by recently printing an article by her.

For Ellen Trimmer, writing is secondary. "My primary task is being a pastor's wife and the mother of two teenagers." Her husband, Rev. V. D. Trimmer, is pastor of First Baptist Church, Waterloo, Ontario.

Of her years at LBI she says, "The spirit and training I received have made a major contribution to my life and ministry". While at school, she wrote the words of a song that was sung for a time as a school hymn. It still expresses her feelings.

LBI we'll ever cherish,  
Precious years we spent with thee,  
Learning lessons from the Master  
Of salvation full and free.  
Precious times of sweet communion,  
Friendships formed and victories won,  
As we've borne each other's burdens  
To our God through Christ His Son.



## A Note from the President

Does LBI emphasize missions? This question is often asked by friends of LBI.

LBI does emphasize missions. Here are some of the facts.

In the last five years twenty-five per cent of those graduating have become missionaries, a record that compares favourably with that of other Bible schools.

Each year our students select a missionary project. Last year they gave \$1,500.00 to build an airplane hangar in South America, complete with workshop and living quarters for the pilot and his family. This hangar now houses the airplane that replaced the one destroyed by the Auca Indians when the five missionaries were martyred.

This year's project will furnish kitchen equipment and housing for a Christian

camp in Kenya, supervised by Frank and Margaret (Scannel) Frew, graduates of '51.

An active Student Mission Fellowship Executive leads a weekly programme to foster missionary interests. Opportunity is given for students to tell how and where God is leading them. Eight prayer groups intercede for our graduates, remembering requests from recent letters. Missionary

magazines and displays are kept before the students, and information on mission boards is always available.

We are grateful for the missionary vision that God has given to our students. But we believe that He wants us to advance. For this reason a missionary statesman plans regular visits to LBI next year to counsel our students about missions. Please pray for him as he comes.

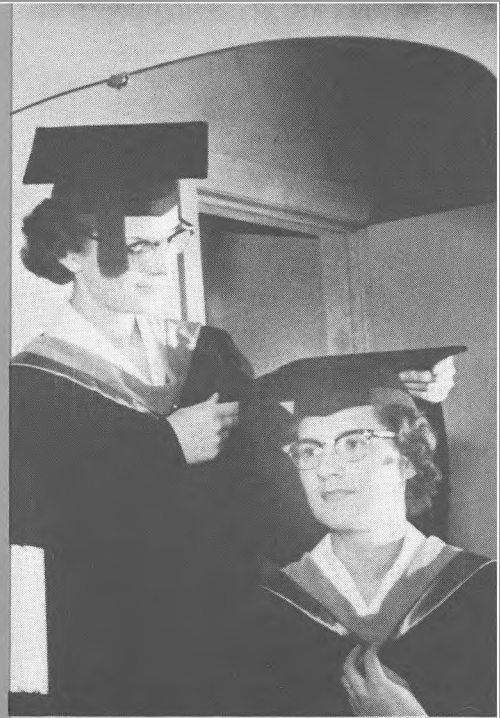
**This durable \$1,500.00 hangar-workshop-housing building in South America was provided by last year's student body as their missionary project.**



# A Graduate Shares Her Story

638 Armour R.d.  
Peterborough Ont,  
June 29th, 1956,

Dear Miss Spence, I enjoyed myself when you were my teacher because you were kind and I had a lot of fun with you. I liked it when you were telling the class and I about Jesus love and that God sent his only son to die on the cross. I love you.



"There, that's right," comments Marg Buhler as she helps Elaine Spence (seated) prepare for the important moment of Graduation.

When Elaine Spence read this letter of good-bye from her pupil, a major struggle in her life was over. She had decided to give up the teaching career that she loved to follow the Lord to Bible School—with this reservation: she would go for one year, not three.

From her childhood in a Christian home, the Lord had been stirring longings within to know Him. "My brother knows Christ," thought Elaine at the age of nine, "and I want to know Him, too." Troubled she finally knelt by her bed one Sunday after church. That night Christ satisfied her longings and became her Saviour.

Gradually He kept drawing her to a greater commitment to Himself. At camp fourteen-year-old Elaine caught a glimpse of something deeper for the Christian. As leaders talked about prayer, the quiet time, putting Christ first, she thirsted to know the Lord more fully, and dedicated her life to Him.

With a high school diploma and a bursary she set out, hesitant but happy, for Teachers' College. Every phase of her career as a primary school teacher proved rewarding. Yet within she sensed that God wanted her to train for His service. But she had her own plans. Her present happiness made it easy to quell His promptings.

One day she read John 21; it seemed as though Christ spoke to her instead of to Peter.

"Do you love me? . . . Then feed My lambs."

"But, Lord, I'm teaching and working for You here."

"Never mind anything else. Follow Me."

She did not answer. She knew that the Lord was leading her to Bible School. For months she struggled against giving in. A summer course in the States brought no peace. At last she conceded, "Lord, I want Your will for my life."

But what school should she attend? She leafed through school calendars. She prayed. In turmoil she accepted an invitation to a neighbouring church and to dinner. At both she unexpectedly met Dr. Alden Gannett, then president of LBI. His dynamic devotion to Christ impressed her. That spring she heard the LBI chorale, and a testimony of one of its members, a teacher, who had had problems similar to hers. God made Elaine realize that LBI was His choice. "But I can't quit teaching completely," she pondered. "That is too big a step." Cautiously she applied for a year's leave of absence. Reading her pupils' farewell notes, she thought, "I hope I'll be back in a year."

Upon her decision, her faith was tested during a long period of doubt. Arriving at LBI, she thought, "I must find out that the Word of God is true and that Christ is the only Way, or else I'm going to do what I want with my life." Then studies began, and she learned of inspiration, salvation, and Christ Himself. She watched the lives of those around her. At the end of her first year she reaffirmed, "Lord I

believe the Word of God. I'll preach Christ wherever You send me, for now I know that His is the only Name through which we must be saved."

Convinced that God wanted her to complete her course in Christian Education, Elaine resigned from teaching. Classes and experience in Christian work taught her how to study the Word and how to teach it to others. Each week this year she has taught the Bible to 570 children in the suburban schools of London for a local Christian organization.

Is Elaine glad that God won the struggle for her life?

"I gave nothing in return for all He did for me," she says. "He has met my longings to know more of Him. Although these three years at LBI have not been easy, they have been the happiest years of my life. I'm glad I came that first year and that I finished my course."

The happiness of graduation will soon be hers. In August she plans to be married to a graduate of LBI, Ivan Nancekieville, '55, now studying medicine. As they anticipate serving the Lord on the mission field, their desire is expressed in Psalm 34:3, "Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His Name together".

Are you not glad that you have had a part in preparing this young person for God's service? Twenty-one others like her, graduate in May to live their class theme, "Not I, but Christ", wherever He leads. These graduates are the fruit of your prayers and gifts.

# Join Us in Honouring the Graduating Class of '59

## At Our Banquet

The social event of the year at LBI is our graduation banquet. Intense preparations are being made by the sponsoring Junior class. Rev. James P. Vold, pastor of Metropolitan Tabernacle, Ottawa, is the featured speaker. Special music will be provided by Mrs. Lorraine Morrison, Toronto.

This year's banquet will be Friday, April 17, in the H. B. Beal Technical and Commercial High School dining room, promptly at 6:30 p.m. All seats are reserved. Only 400 tickets are available, each \$2.50. Make your reservations now by contacting Miss Barbara Kerr at LBI, 518 Men's Avenue, Telephone GE. 2-2697.

## At Our Commencement

Dr. S. A. Witmer, Executive Director of the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges, is our 1959 Commencement speaker. Our twenty-first graduating ceremony is at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5, in the H. B. Beal Technical and Commercial High School Auditorium.



## At Our Baccalaureate

Rev. E. L. Simmonds, M.A., B.D., Principal of Toronto Bible College, is the speaker at our 1959 Baccalaureate service at Central Baptist Church, Sunday, May 3, at 4:00 p.m.



# Choir Returns From Tour

Music gets into the human heart! And when it is *sacred music*, sung by consecrated, joyous Christian young people, it thrills the soul.

"Your young people are certainly happy!"

"They sing their testimony, don't they?"

"Make this an annual event."

Such were the comments on LBI's spring chorale tour.

Of course, it wasn't all singing. Some of it was laughing! A joke by Tom Peake would start the fun. His turn to laugh came often—every time he collected a 10c per minute fine from a late-comer to the bus. (Mr. Carey, the director, paid too!) Relaxing moments over the dinner table and over cups of tea at the homes of gracious hosts left sparkling memories.

But, oh, the concern of the choir when it was going to a home church of one of its members. At prayer time in the bus and in the church before the concert there was fervent intercession for loved ones and friends who would be present. The concert was to be a *message*, not merely a musical performance.

From 50 degrees in Elmira, New York to 4 degrees below zero in Lindsay, Ontario, the weather had everyone guessing, but young hearts were happy in the Lord. "He hath put a song into our heart; even praises unto our God."

# Alumni Interest Blossoms

Toronto! Ottawa! London! have formed LBI Alumni Chapters to combine with Hamilton and Dallas, Texas, in our expanding Alumni Association. Interest key-notes the latest reports of March meetings from all centres.

Toronto—Meeting in the home of Pastor Fred Davison, '51, twenty-two eager alumni had a gratifying time at their first meeting.

Officers: President, Dave Ganton, '50; vice-president, Bob Redding, '52; secretary-treasurer, Ruth Whitehead, '58.

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 26.

Ottawa—The choir's visit was the occasion for the first meeting of this chapter. Seventeen gathered in the home of Mary Jane Peel, '47, for a time of fellowship and a buffet luncheon prior to the choir's concert.

Officers: President, Don Gorrie, '48; Vice-president, Dick Lambert, '48; secretary-treasurer, Isabel Purves.

London—The organizational meeting held at LBI furnished a send-off for the choir the night before its tour, and an enjoyable opportunity for the thirty-five alumni to renew acquaintance.

Officers: President, Bill James, '51; vice-president, Elwood Toman, '57; secretary, Helen Dickinson, '53; treasurer, Lois Jean Hummon, '57.

Hamilton—The meeting was held in

Truth Gosepl Church at the invitation of Pastor George White, '52. This vigorous group heard a report of school activities from Dr. Harris, saw some school pictures, and had a time of prayer and fellowship.

Officers: President, Werner Weland, '50; vice-president, Charlie Bowler, '53; social convener, Norma Dorey.

Dallas—The enthusiasm portrayed by the news letter of the Dallas Chapter indicates a vital interest and prayer support.

Officers: President, Bill Kennedy, '54; secretary-treasurer, Eva (Riegert) Irwin, '58; social convener, Helen (Janzen) Matheson, '57.

**ALUMNI BANQUET**  
Dundas Centre United Church, London  
Monday, May 4, 6:30 p.m.