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Established 1885
TO THE GRADUATE.

You have successfully completed your high school course, and unless you have already settled the question, are asking, "What next?" as the young woman of to-day expects to make practical use of her education. Hitherto the road has been straight, now there are many forks: thousands of vocations are open to women,—which one to take becomes the all-important question. May I suggest a few points which may help you in deciding? First of all, choose a vocation in which you will continue to grow and develop until you become an all-sided woman, capable of blessing every life with which you come in contact. Choose a womanly occupation. Woman has been, is and always must be the home maker; she can never hold a higher office than that of a wife and mother; hence, in selecting a vocation, choose one in which, if this privilege and honor come to you, all you have learned will be of use in the new capacity, and not be laid to one side. Choose an occupation which will enable you to be self-supporting; this may not be necessary now, it may be in the future. To know that you need never be a dependent financially through necessity will be a comfort to you. Are you contemplating a college course and later a profession? If so, why not combine a college course and a profession in one?

The realization of the boundless aspiration of the American girl and the frequent obstacles in the way of her accomplishing all she desires in her preparation for her life work, resulted in the establishment of the Chicago Kindergarten College, which was founded to meet this very need; namely, to give broad culture and deep insight in connection with the technical training required for a profession. The success which has attended the enterprise has proved its need. While the older departments of education are overcrowded with teachers, here is a new and unlimited field in which the demand exceeds, and will continue to exceed the supply for many years to come. No woman need want for a position if she has thoroughly qualified herself for any of the following departments of
kindergarten work; namely, that of kindergarten-ner, kindergarten-trained primary teacher, supervisor, training teacher, writer or lecturer; or as a specialist in any of the branches taught in a kindergarten training school; this is especially the case in art, music and physical culture. In fact, whether considered from the standpoint of one's own culture, usefulness, influence or financially, we know of no department of work open to women so attractive, or which offers such unlimited possibilities as the kindergarten.

We feel warranted in saying from the testimony of many students, that you will never regret investigating its merits before deciding upon future work. It would be impossible to give you in this brief note any adequate idea of all the richness which this study will add to your own life, and the power it will give you to help other lives.

Hoping that we may welcome you to the kindergarten ranks,

Most cordially yours,

MRS. J. N. CROUSE.