

## **CHAPTER 5**

### **EDUCATION IS ETERNAL**

*The task ahead of us is never as great as the power behind us.*

*—J. Reuben Clark*

With so much emphasis on staying home and raising children, many question the value of women—especially LDS women—earning degrees, becoming trained, pursuing various interests or careers. Why should women waste all that time, effort and money on something they are not going to need or use? In fact, when I decided to go away to college (an expensive Ivy League school in the middle of New York City), some family friends thought my parents were crazy to send me off and pay all that money for an education I “would never use.” Fortunately, my parents understood that my education was important to fulfill my individual potential, to prepare me for life and its uncertainties, and also because it would make me a better wife and moth-