

120 East Nineteenth Street

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Dear Miss Thomas:

You ask for my opinion, however brief, on the present opportunities in the writing profession for women. It depends largely in my judgment on willingness to begin at the bottom and taking time to work up. Many young people nowadays want to have a position handed them rather than to make one for themselves. To succeed in journalism you must make your position.

My own notion is that as good preliminary experience as one can have is on the journals of one's home town, there at least she can learn the rudiments of collecting, preparing and presenting news. Journalism is not an easy profession, but for the woman who works, is willing to give time and strength to it, it by no means closes its doors. Like most things in this world it takes work if you are to achieve anything of value.

Hoping the above may be of some use to you, believe me

very sincerely yours

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