

*the note
written by
Herman Dahl*



My dear Miss Tarbell:

I am conscious
of yielding to a wholly selfish
impulse in writing you about your
book, "The Business of being a
Woman." Admiration is belated,
and praise is superfluous. May
I simply thank you most sincerely
for the light it has brought into
my own dim thought.

I experienced while reading it a very strong revulsion of feeling, because I had been told that it was intended as an attack upon the movement for woman suffrage. On the contrary, it could be more correctly described as an indispensable manual for the new woman. If you are an adversary of the cause of woman's emancipation may heaven send us many such, as discriminating in reproof and as sound in counsel.

We, who sincerely believe that the state will draw profit from the political enfranchisement of its women, need most of all to be reminded, as you have reminded us, of the relativity of man's freedom and of the inevitable dominion of law.

With many thanks for a book which is as ennobling as it is practical and timely, I am,

Yours most sincerely,

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