

should by all means be thrown open, and instead of frightening the virtuous and noble-minded from its flowered promenades, we should add to its innocence by throwing around it every ameliorating influence.

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### Self-Supporting Employment for Women.

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In entering upon the subject of self supporting employment for women in the south, I would like to quote the words of Mrs. T. J. Browne. She has said "That although she was in full sympathy with the southern women, for southern birth and rearage made her familiar with the difficulties in the way of southern women being self supporting while years of experience in a northern state have proved how hard it is for southern born and educated women to adapt themselves to a system of practical life, a life of incessant toil and continual effort.

Not that southern women are less capable than other women, for, in all modesty, I claim that there are no more capable women than the women of the southern states, and yet with humility, it must be admitted that southern women lack the drill, the practical application necessary for successful self support. But this lack is not the result of natural incapacity, but of long established customs and prejudices.

Southern women ardent in temperament, bouyant in spirit, quick in perception, aspiring in mind, attractive in manner, graceful in motion are the embodiment of self supporting elements."

Not many weeks ago a gentleman said in a political speech at Waynesville Ohio that four years experience as a Federal soldier had given him a high respect for southern women. For, said he, "but for their devotion, their heroism, their self-sacrifice, their endurance, the men of the south could not have held out in a four years contest against such powerful odds."

God has endowed woman with large capacities for suffering