creature. Make yourselves like angels in
goodness and beauty. Let the mothers in Is-
rael make their sons and daughters healthy
and beautiful, by cleanliness and a proper
diet. Whether you have much or little
clothing for your children, it can be kept
clean and healthy, and be made to fit their
persons neatly. Make your children lovely
and fair that you may delight in them.

Cease to send out your children to herd
sheep with their skins exposed to the hot
sun, until their hands and faces appear as
though they lived in an ash heap. I call
upon my sisters to lead out in these things;
and create your own fashions, and make
your clothing to please yourselves, inde-
pendent of outside influences; and make
your hats and bonnets to shade you. I wish
you, sisters, to listen to these counsels, and
place yourselves in a condition to adminis-
ter to the poor. Get your husbands to pro-
vide you with a little of this and a little of
that of which you can make something by
adding your own labor. I do not mean that
you shall apply to them for five dollars and
ten dollars to spend for that which is of no
profit, but manufacture something that
will be useful, as well as beautiful and
comely.

You ought to enter into the cultivation
of silk. Our bench lands are well adapted
to the growth of the mulberry tree, the
leaves of which produce the natural food
for the silkworm. There is no better land
nor climate in the world than we have for
this branch of business. We can make our-
selves independently rich at this business
alone, if it is properly pursued. There
ought to be a plot of land in each ward
devoted to the cultivation of silk, and a
cocoonery built in the center of it, and in
the season thereof let the children of
the wards who have nothing to do, and
aged people, gather the leaves and feed the
worms. The work is light and interesting,
while the sales of wound silk, for which
there is always a market to be found, will
do much towards feeding and clothing
poor persons that would otherwise be en-
tirely dependent. If the worms are well
taken care of, the season of feeding only
lasts from thirty-five to forty days. If I can-
not succeed in getting the sisters with their
children to attend to this business, I shall
be under the necessity of sending to China
for Chinamen to come here and raise silk
for us, which I do not wish to do. To pay
people the wages they want here would
prevent us from raising silk profitably. We
look forward to the period when the price
of labor here will be brought to a reason-
able and judicious standard.

Now, sisters, go to forthwith and get
you an acre of land, and get the Bishops
and the brethren to fence it, and prepare it
for the reception of the trees, and go and
help them; but, be sure to wear a wide
brimmed hat while doing it, so as not to
get tanned with the sun and the wind. Go
to and raise silk. You can do it, and those
who cannot set themselves to work we will
set them to work gathering straw, and mak-
ing straw hats and straw bonnets; we will
set others to gathering willows, and others
to making baskets; we will set others to
gathering flags and rushes, and to making
mats, and bottoming chairs, and making
carpets. I pray you in Christ's stead to let
gold hunting alone, and pray the Lord to
cover it up in our region of country that it
cannot be found. Those among us who are
anxious to find rich gold deposits, are
equally anxious to destroy themselves, and
are no wiser than our little children are
in handling sharp-edged tools. They
would not only destroy themselves, but all