free from sickness. I have had a great
deal of sickness in my life. I do not ex-
pect to be free from the ills, the weak-
ness, debility and disease that prey upon
the human family, but we can amend our
ways, and amend our life by being pru-
dent; and I wish the sisters to under-
stand this, and to adopt these instruc-
tions; and if you do not learn before the
month of July is gone that your sickness
has departed, I shall be very much dis-
appointed. So much for the health of the
people. Will you listen?

Here are mothers. Who give the key
to the nations of the earth with regard
to their feelings, pride, prejudices; their
religion, habits and customs, and, I may
say, who, in a great degree, govern, that
lay the foundation for the ability that is
exhibited among the nations of men? It
is the mothers. Who have laid the foun-
dations in the hearts of children to pre-
pare them to be great and good men? It
is not the fathers—it is the mothers. It is
like the saying of the Savior with regard
to the poor. Speaking to his disciples, he
says: "For the poor always ye have with
you; but me ye have not always." Now
the children are always with the mother,
and the mother is always with the chil-
dren, but the father they have not. He is
in the field, at his work; and the mother
is all the time making impressions upon
the minds of the children. Permit me
here to say, mothers, and my sisters, you
who are young, it will do you good if you
will only observe it. You see, hear and
witness a good deal of contention among
children—some of you do, if not all—
and I will give you a few words with re-
gard to your future lives, that you may
have children that are not contentious,
not quarrelsome. Always be good-na-