

J. Leavitt, Dec. 7, 1875

My Dear Sister Ferguson,

If no one calls to interrupt, I think I can possibly eke out time to answer your kind and interesting letter, and will try to reply to your questions. In the first place, concerning the burial of the dead. Children born in the Priesthood have the right to wear the under garment of the Priesthood without the marks - of course, if they die, may be buried in that. But no one has a right to any other article of that suit until he or she has received the Endowments in full. Candidates, after receiving the washing and anointing, have no right to anything but the garment without the marks, but as most have to borrow clothing, and the marks are on the borrowed garments, they are impermitted to wear them - they all should receive the marks at the vails.

You ask the price of silkworm's eggs. I have neglected to inform myself.

No matter how long the cocoons have been kept, if free from moths.

We have a loom - a reel, and have engaged all machinery requisite for preparing silk for the loom, and expect to have some woven in time for the Centennial.

If we can obtain sufficient means we shall purchase all of the cocoons in the Ter. if not, the Association will reel it, and find market for it abroad. You probably understand that the perforated i.e. those cocoons in which the Miller eats thro', cannot be reeled - they must be carded, consequently are much lower price.

You will do well to forward the cocoons that are reelable to the Silk Association which Mrs. Dina D. Young is Pres. as soon as practicable, if the owners wish to dispose of them. The Machinery is drawing from our funds, formed of mile donations. I trust they may, thro' the blessing of God be like the 'widow's oil'.

Your last question concerning your dead, I would not take the responsibility of attempting to answer, but, privately read that portion of your letter to Ben Young. He said that if you should feel deeply impressed about doing for your parents, you could have the privilege the way is open for you. And if you live pious and faithful, and my are made known to you, it will be all right, and if you cannot do for your relatives, in says, it's no great loss of yours, and you need not trouble about it.

Years ago, I heard him say that the time would come when a servant of God would stand constantly in the Temple to receive revelations about things whose genealogies cannot be found now, and then we shall know just what to do, and who to do for.

E. K. Snow

I am thankful to God for the  
moves you are making in the direction  
of Home Industries. I say, God bless  
every one that puts forth a hand to  
help in this important duty.

About the  
Artificial Flowers, I will say that  
sis. Bina's daughter Zina, is expecting to  
go to Krieger's City, where this Branch is  
in the greatest perfection, and learn  
she is very ingenious in fancy work, and I  
think will be capable of teaching, which  
she anticipates doing. The professional in  
this line in B. City would have opened  
her school some time ago, but for  
sickness in her family. If you choose  
sending a girl there, I will notify you  
of the opening. I am uncertain what the  
terms are, or whether they are stated.  
Sis. Sophia Glyde at Kephis is good at the  
business—she proposed a school here, but  
was unsuccessful in obtaining students.