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Died on the Mission Field

President Woodruff this afternoon received a cablegram from Elder Arles und, president of the European mission, to the effect that Elder John A. Clark of Farmington, died at Hafta, Turkey, on the 8th of February, from small pox.

Elder Clark was the son of Ezra T. and Susan Legget Clark Farmington. He Was unmarried and was born February 28th, 1871. He was set apart in this city for the Turkish mission, February 21st, 1894, and departed therefore immediately afterwards. The deceased was an excellent young man, worthy of the high confidence placed in him, and the news of his death while he was yet on the threshold of manhood will be received with universal sadness and regret. The sorrowful tidings were communicated to the young man's parents this evening.--Deseret News March 5th, 1895.

Elder Clark started on his mission Feb. 3rd, 1894, one year and five days previous to his death.

He had learned the German language and the last letter received by his parents states that he had nearly mastered the Arabic language. The same letter, dated Jan. 24th, fifteen days prior to his death also states "My health is splendid and I am feeling well."

Referring to a letter from home that he had received he said "It came day before Christmas. I passed a very pleasant Christmas--Of course there is no place like home.Another quotation is "Flowers are blooming, fruit is hanging on the trees; barley is a foot high" etc.

John is the second son of Brother Clark's that has died in the missionary field. His oldest, Ezra James, died in a railway car at Fonda New York, July 14th, 1868, while returning with a company of saints from a mission to England on which he started May 22nd, 1865, when he was 19 years old. Five other sons have filled mission to the southern states.They have had a good example to pattern after. The father of the seven missionary boys having been on several missions to Europe and different parts of the United States [...]came to Utah in 1848.