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Missionary Letters of John Alexander Clark

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Dear Mother;

Your very newsy letter came duly to hand. Elders Musser and Robinson remarked, "Your Mother writes a very good letter," and I thought how appropriate the heading is "Good news from home etc" as I often do.

Your speaking of my letters from Liverpool and London takes me back six months, so to speak but beautiful England is still in my mind. Antie has good reasons for thinking a great deal of her Native land.

You asked me where I was on my birthday. I was in London; that was the day I left London for Paris. I have had a splendid time since leaving there and have been treated kindly wherever I have been but I thought that this was due more to my Mother's good deeds than mine toward strangers.

With the exception of hankerchiefs stockings, etc. I had none of my things washed until I got here. I had just got my clothes washed when your letter came. They were washed well too; looked something like they do at home. My clothes lasted pretty well.

The lady adjoining the room we are renting does our washing. She is not a Latter-day Saint though. There are no saints in this city. I am getting quite anxious to convert some of the here. But there aren't many here who can speak English so I can

do much better when I get the language learned.

I very often go down on the Mediterranean seashore to study my Arabic. I sometimes wonder if you enjoyed walks on the seashore as well as I, or whether you did more. The seashore is beautiful isn't it? And the flowers and trees and vines are so beautiful. I should like to have you see them. But I suppose you would be satisfied with the beauties of England and you may sometime go there.

The weather is already quite warm here. It rained heavily for a week or two since I came but I suppose that we will not have much more