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GIFT TO THE L.D.S. UNIVERSITY.

Ezra T. Clark of Farmington, Davis County, Utah, Donates Library of Natural Science, Making This Department The Best in the West.

This morning Mr. Ezra T. Clark, of Farmington, Davis County, sent to the president of the board of the Latterday Saints University, a check for one thousand dollars to be used in the purchase of textbooks on natural science for the classes of that department of the University.

Mr. Clark states in his letter that it is his wish to found a library of natural science in the Latter Day Saints University, and that it is his desire further that his family shall maintain this library by such donations from time to time as it may require.

President Snow in behalf of the University board, acknowledged by letter the generous and thoughtful donation of Mr. Clark, and stated that the board would meet shortly and take some formal action on the matter.

It is learned that the University has already a fine collection of works on natural science, and that with a thousand dollars worth of the most recent and best books on the subjects of scientific research in these lines, the University library of natural science will be one of the best in the intermountain region.

This section of the library will be designated "The Clark library of natural science." It will be put into an alcove by itself in a room of the Brigham Young Memorial building, and will no doubt contain, in addition to the books, a fine portrait of the donor. Mr. Clark has a large family of sons and daughters

well known in the community, who will be pleased to take up the care of this department of the library in accordance with the wish of their father.

The professor of biology, R. V. Chamberlin, B.S., and of geology, Osborne J. P. Widtsoe, B.S., will no doubt be summoned to recatalogue the books of the library and to recommend the list of new books to be purchased.

The complete library of the University is in twelve or more sections, one of the most important being that of natural science to which Mr. Clark has made his important contribution.

The library is at present located in the Lion house, in which the High

School and Normal departments of the University will be conducted this year or until the new buildings are completed. It may be recalled that over a year ago, by formal action of the officers of the Salt Lake Stake Library and Free Reading Room association, the entire collection of books belonging to that association was permanently added to the University library.

Last year the library was located in the lower story of the Social hall. This year, for the readier access of the students, it is in the Lion House. It is said that the permanent library will occupy one entire floor of the Brigham Young Memorial building as soon as that building is erected.

Mr. Ezra T. Clark is one of the oldest citizens of Utah.