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Missionary Letters of John Alexander Clark

body would have been connected with immense costs; besides it would have been too late by the time proper arrangements could have been made---even if we could have met the large sums necessary for that and the consequent transporting. I have therefore communicated with our brethren in that mission, also with President George Q. Cannon and the president of the European mission as to the propriety, costs, etc, of a tombstone to be erected over his grave and was about to take steps in the matter. I understand that marble is very cheap in these parts and if we could co-operate together and with Brother Symons Folks (he also died in the Turkish mission) I believe a beautiful monument to your son, to brother Symons and to my brother could be erected for from \$25-50. As it is there is not even a board to mark a grave and were it not for the saints who know where the graves are and who keep them loving by their memory would sooner or later be lost there. It certainly would be a fitting tribute to these young men, who left father, mother, brothers, sisters, wife and children, all that they had for the gospel's sake---to proclaim the message of salvation and whom God who doeth all things well---for some wise purpose has called to another perhaps more important mission field. Their memory will thus be kept bright and the

inscriptions on the stone will stand as lasting testimonies to all who read them or hear of such heroic deeds.

Upon mentioning this matter to Brother Willard Done, he thought it would be a privilege and an honor for the teachers and students of the Latter-

day Saints College to contribute to such a worthy undertaking in particular remembrance of their former companion and friend Brother John Clark, a graduate of this college. Brother Done upon announcing your son's departure to the school yesterday morning, made also mention of the above and stated, that I would at once communicate with you upon this subject to ascertain your feelings or what you had to say in regard to it. I now ask you to let me hear from you at your earliest convenience for I should like to see this matter attended to at as early a date as possible and before any of the brethren who were John's co laborers are released from their mission. I would prefer to see your personally on this subject, but my work here is such that I cannot leave---could you perhaps call on me either in school or at my home #218 F. Street?