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Missionary Letters of John Alexander Clark

as the pox made their appearance no one was allowed in the house and as much as I would have liked to visit him again I could not-for mother as well as my two little children were sick, and children are, as you know the most susceptible to contagious diseases and pox is a terrible sickness. When one considers that this sickness often leaves the sufferer, blind, deaf or with other serious effects, he is bound to look upon death as the best release.

After some remarks on her acquaintance with my own brother the lady closes with many kind regards to all of the relatives of Bro. John Clark.

Her mother writes in a similar strain some of her remarks I have embodied in the above translation and a few additional point I will not quote from her letter:

Bro. Clark was so enthused with the spirit of his work, we liked him well. On New Year's Day he came to us and wished me long life and happiness. (Sister) Mrs. Hilt (where he stayed) was not so kind and good to him as we should have liked her to be. He was much out of his mind during his sickness. The men who put him in his coffin said he was very heavy and much swollen. His clothes were burned; other things-that he had are in the possession of the American Consul. Before he took sick I warned him not to go among the Arabs too much, I said "Do you want to be like Peter and walk on the water to the Lord Jesus:" He answered, "Oh no" and then asked me how long it would take before the small pox would break out on a patient I could not tell him---I am 73 years of age. My husband and I were baptized by Dr. Tan-

ner. Bro. Clark was energetic like David of old and the Lord called him home, it was the young brother's wish that his father should get his watch back again, everything is in the custody of the American Consul. Much sympathy is felt everywhere for him---we send the best regards to Bro. Clark's family.

Dear Brother: This is about the contents of the letters, which I received; more will not doubt be learned when we shall hear from his fellow-laborers Bros. Robinson and Huish, from whom I daily expect some news now. Or they may address you directly, if so, please let me know what they write. I frequently think of you all, in connection with John's memory, especially of his dear mother and sister. May