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work, he was stricken with typhus, from which he died October 3, 1892. Elder Don Carlos Musser, then president of the mission, attended to his burial. An appropriate monument marks his resting place.

Upon Brother Booth's return to Aleppo, he took up his abode among the refugees, and began to make preparations for the exodus from Aintab, eighty miles distant.

What difficulties he encountered in accomplishing this duty, perhaps no one can now realize. There were carts and horses, and other transportation facilities to secure. There was permission of a not too favorable government to obtain. There were winter rains and cold weather to endure, and muddy roads to traverse.

How he was impressed to seek the aid of General De La Mathe, of the French army, who issued an order for passports for fifty-three "Mormons" to come out of Aintab; how Lieutenant A.P. Guitton conveyed President Booth from Aleppo to Aintab, furnishing food, bedding and protection free of charge; how the little colony packed household furniture and personal belongings on the mule-drawn vehicles that made up the train that started from Aintab to Aleppo on a wet December day; how much of the poor but treasured household articles were abandoned by the roadside to lighten the mud-bedraggled wagons; how the Saints endured the exposure in comparative cheerfulness because they were going to safety; the difficulties of housing them after their arrival in Aleppo; all these experiences though unpleasant and full of anxiety were cherished memories, during his lifetime, in the man's mind who alone carried the worry and responsibility of it all! They constitute also a

bit of Church history that merits proper recognition, and which reflects the great outstanding fact that the intrepid, unselfish missionary, Joseph Wilford Booth, literally gave himself to relieve, comfort and cheer a people whom he loved.

ELDER JOHN A. CLARK

Not far from the grave of Elder Haag, one come to the stone which informs the visitor that there lies the body of Elder John A. Clark, born February 28, 1871, at Farmington, Utah. he, too, died at Haifa, Palestine, under the shadow of Mt. Carmel and overlooking the Mediterranean, the date of his demise being February 8, 1895. This elder died of smallpox, and from the fact that he paid ten francs tithing on January 18, and that his name appears again on the tithing record on January 26, it would seem that his illness was not of long duration.

From November, 1921, Elder Booth labored constantly for the alleviation and betterment of the members of the mission over which he presided. For over a year he labored alone. April, 1923, Elder Earl B. Snell joined him, and together they worked diligently in securing more commodious quarters for the colony, in teaching and in making more effective for good the organizations in the Aleppo branch. In the renovating and the remodeling of the large house rented, these two dauntless missionaries not only directed the efforts of carpenters, masons and plasterers, and cement mixers, but became themselves workers in these trades.

But the greatest results of this devoted service are seen not in material things, but in the development of the members of the branch. To one who saw them in