

which would have broken the heart of many a man, - was a labour of love.

To - day Capt. St. Clair still carries on " with failing hands. " His spirit is the same, but his bodily defects unfit him for his task. Ahead of him must lie years of blackness and of desperate uncertainty. But he is not the kind of man to voice complaint.

It may be that there is no precedent for Government to acknowledge in a tangible way services of the nature of Capt. St. Clair's. But is he not one worthy of something out of the ordinary? I can assure you, Sir, that should any recognition be given Capt. St. Clair, it would not be lost on him, but would be a source of pride to lighten the darkness of his future: to many of your former soldiers it would be a satisfaction that the patriotic services of a gentleman whom they hold in the highest regard had been publicly and adequately acknowledged: by your part in this, you, yourself, would have added another fair deed to many already performed: and, - if that is anything, - you would have earned my own profound and lasting gratitude.

Respectfully,

*George E. Morris.*