

In that first year I offered a course in Babylonian. This was taken by one or two of the seniors and by a man who had graduated from Princeton Seminary and was assistant pastor in a presby^o church in Germantown, named Marchant King. In the course I gave an introduction to the cuneiform writing and the Babylonian language. Marchant King had already had some graduate work and had taken a course in Arabic. I remember vividly that during a time during the semester when I tried to explain a particular feature of the Babylonian language, I forgot now what it was, let us simply call it ~~had~~ "x." I explained this and Marchant seemed to think about it and was unwilling to believe that it could be true. He said, "How could a language have such a practice? It just doesn't make sense." I did my best to explain how the language might be very different from English, and have features utterly different from ours, and here was a strange feature that it had that we have nothing corresponding to it in our language, but we simply have to recognize this is the way that that language operated. He continued his objection. How could any group of people use such a feature? Have a language that had such a feature? as I described. Finally I said, "You have had some Arabic; this corresponds exactly to "y" in Arabic." "Oh," he said, "of course." That seemed to settle the matter for him. He had not been able to see any sense to such a practice but when I reminded him that he had already learned of the practice in Arabic he had no further objections. I said nothing, but it seemed to me that if the matter was so irrational that it could not occur in a language the objection would apply just as much against Arabic as against Babylonian! As I think of it, probably he simply learned the Arabic more or less by rote, but now was more advanced and was ready to try to think things through and found it difficult to believe that such a practice was actually used. Yet if this is the case one would have equally great difficulty with Arabic.

The Faculty

~~At the~~ faculty meetings on Saturday mornings during that were held on Saturday mornings during the whole eight years that I was there. At the beginning of each meeting Paul Wolley would read the list of those who would handle chapel during the next week. In this he went in straight in a certain order which he always followed

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