

to Germany he said it was important I get a foundation in Arabic and so he gave me some private lessons in ~~Arabic~~ Arabic, and I got a ~~good~~ good start in the language. However, it was only a start. When I got to Germany I think it injured (bw?) rather than helped me because I looked into ~~xx~~ a beginning course and what they would have for the first part of the time I knew so well that it seemed silly to take it. Over there you ~~could~~ could sign up for any course you wanted, so I signed up for the next available course, and it was way beyond me. my knowledge. I don't know how important it would have been in my life to have known more Arabic than I do, but I am quite sure that if I had taken the ~~beginning~~ beginning course that I would actually know more Arabic ~~by~~ than I did by ~~floundering~~ floundering in an advanced course in the subject. Incidentally it should be mentioned here that there were no test in Germany in the ^{For most} courses and no requirements as far as anyone's knowledge was concerned. Most course in the university could sign up for and it was not necessary to get the professor's signature at the end of the course, but if you wanted to get it ~~w~~ you would go to him and if you had attended the course at least once during the semester he would gladly sign your book at the end. You had had to have him sign it at the beginning, and then many students there, after taking all the courses they needed, would go/~~home~~ ^{home} and ~~review~~ review for a whole year before taking examinations. One could take them at the end of the course or take a while off to ~~study~~ study first, but there were stiff examinations on the whole course before one would receive the degree, but knowing (nc?) no one ~~required~~ (??) required examination while the course was being taken. However, ~~that~~ that is aside from the present purpose of the discussion. When I came back from Germany the courses were continued just the same as they had been at Princeton. Dr. Wilson gave two lecture courses, one in Old Testament Introduction, one in Introduction to the Pentateuch, and he gave a course in ADvanced Hebrew, while I ~~gave~~ taught the Beginning Hebrew. This was during my first semester there. Then I added other work my second semester and in subsequent years. At the beginning of the second year Dr. Wilson died. During the first year he had had quite a number of incidents of illness. Sometimes he would be sick two or three days; sometimes he would say in bed for as much as a couple of weeks, and during that time his other lecture courses would be