

I do not know. But it would be helpful if a young person could find out matters like this and see what areas he ought to develop.

Perhaps it is also part of the fact that I seem to take things in sometimes much more easily through the ears than through the eyes. [I forget how I intended to finish that sentence]

Despite the fact that I seem to take things in more easily through the ears than through the eyes, it is very strange that, starting even when I was a little boy I had absolutely no difficulty with spelling. Even in the lowest grades I found that if I wondered how to spell a word I ~~walk~~ would simply write it down and it usually looked wrong to me if it was not spelled correctly. ~~miss~~ A misspelled word is has often been to me like a blot on a page. When I think of the great absurdity of the English spelling system with its many contradictions, and irregulatities, it is is inedeed strange that I have al l my life had this ability to recognize so quickly by the appearance of a word, whether written or printed, whether it was spelled correctly or not. I don't quite know how to fit this quality in with other qualities.

I have never been much good at remembering numbers. One time when I visited Chicago I mentioned to Phillip Vivian a number that I read to Phillip Vivian off from a slip of paper, a number that \_ had been asked to call when I arrived ~~for~~ there-- in order to talk with a friend of someone I knew in Los Angeles. So Vivian dialed the number for me, and I got the person and we went out and spent an evening with them (one person or more than one?) I never saw them again or heard of them again. But the year ~~later~~ later, when I visited Phillip he said, "Are you going again to call? - -" and then he gave the whole number. I would not have remembered a single part of it. I said, "Oh, have you seen these people since last year?" "No," he said, " I never saw them again or thought of the number again till this time." But he remembered the number all that time. But if I'm phoning anyone I nearly always look at the number written just before I call, dial three figures numerals, look at it again, and so on. I never had much ~~success~~ success with remembering numbers. On the other hand I never