

be selected to form what they ~~xxxx~~ called the "Aleph Division," which would have Dr. Wilson from that time on. ~~A~~ A month later another examination would be given and another ten moved to the ~~the~~ Aleph Division, and eventually a final ten would be ~~xxxxxx~~ similarly moved.

Dr. ~~Allis~~ Allis' remarks jolted me, and, as I thought about it I soon realized that I was only getting a few outstanding ~~getting~~ only a few outstanding features of Hebrew, which were really all that he was giving in class. He was aiming his teaching, I believe, at the poorest tenth of the class, and the rest of us were getting only the bare essentials. I studied for at least four hours a day every day for the next ten days prior to the examination, and was one of the dozen selected to go into the Aleph Division with Dr. Wilson.

What a difference in teaching between Dr. Wilson and Dr. Allis! Dr. ~~Allis~~ Allis would take a ~~minor point and repeat it over and over~~

single point and would repeat it over and over, paying little attention to other matters. Dr. Wilson would take a whole complicated section and would summarize it in a few minutes, making a few marks on the board, and saying, "Oh, well, that's all there is to it." It would then take several hours, along with careful study of the book, and questioning students who had already had the course, to figure out some sense of what he meant. The textbook that he used was a textbook he had written himself, which was extremely complicated and difficult to understand. By dint of much hard work I held my place satisfactorily in the class to the very end, but I believe that if there had been if I had had the basic work during the first two months more solidly it would have saved many hours of later study and many problems.

Sometimes a person would ask ~~an~~ a question and Dr. Wilson would say, "Oh, I explained that; I guess you were absent the day I explained that point." He certainly gave the impression that he remembered whenever anyone was absent, and what had been discussed on that day. We all had great regard for his knowledge and for his memory, but he was one of the poorest teachers I ever had.