

But he agreed after considerable urging and he took over the position, he began to take care of the different aspects of it. It was interesting to me though. He was a man - not a young man by any means. It was interesting to me to see how he managed to get a hold of this and managed to handle this thing and managed to deal with this in ways he hadn't dreamed himself previously to be capable of. He did not do a wonderful job, but he did do a good workmanlike job. And then the period of the 6 mo. came to an end and the time came when they were to receive the other man, and our executive committee came together to take the action to invite the other man whom they all thought was most capable of this work to take the position. And this man said I have a paper here I'd like to present. Now, he said, what are the requisites for doing this job right. He started and he listed one, two, three, four. He had 12 qualities. Qualities ^{or} for experiences, things that would fit a man to do this and he went through them and he named them and everybody thought That's very interesting. They all knew that the man they had in mind was ~~a~~ not a perfect in any of these regards but was quite good and would be entirely satisfactory. But, he said, when he finished it, Now who is there who ~~is~~ is capable of this, who has all these qualities? He said, I know of two men. He said, One man is a man who is not available ^{now.} because he is over in Asia. (Incidentally we got that man he mentioned a few years later. The first time I had heard of him was when he told us about him.) He said, that is one man ~~who~~ who has all these qualities. He said the other one is myself. Then he went on to tell us how supremely capable ~~and~~ he was of filling this job and how -- then began to make aspersions on the character of the man whom we were getting. One of the members of the Committee said to me later, We never would have had him for any position after that, after the spectacle he made of himself." But I was ~~am~~ amazed to see a man -- a man who was at least in his 50's then going from one extreme to the other in this way. Unwilling to step out and do a job that other people were quite convinced he was able -- capable of doing because he did not feel up to it. And then taking a hold of it and finding he could do what they knew he was ^{capable} capable of, then deciding he was one of the two men in the world who were capable of doing that. Well, it would have been ^{laughable} laughable if it hadn't been so pathetic, but Oh how easy it is for anybody to make that very mistake.