

understand them exactly. He was very good in the technique of excavation. And he was also very good in the study of ancient languages, and determining exactly what they meant, and he would ~~xxx~~ ~~xxx~~ study an ancient text and learn something about an area, and then he would dig, and he would excavate, and he would study the material he found, and fit the two together. But there are very few people who have both of those abilities. I've done a great deal of work in language, but when it comes to recognizing shapes of houses, and fashions, and that sort of thing, I'm just no good at it. I just don't remember anything of that kind much. What ability I have in this line is in the language area mostly, rather than in the area of the materials or of the technique of excavation. Well, Professor Albright told me how he met so many, many people at the American School ~~XXXXXXXX~~ of Oriental Research, where he was director for nine years, because scholars in these fields are bound to go there at some time or other. And he said that at one time there were two men coming for whom he had tremendous regard. I don't know what country they were coming from, or what different countries, probably different, because neither of them had heard of ~~them~~ the other, but the experts in these fields do come from many different countries, and Dr. Albright spoke fluently so many languages that he was quite at home with most of them. Well, he said that these two men came, and he looked forward so much to fellowship with them, and to the stimulus of dealing with them, and he thought, "My, won't they enjoy having contact with each other!" And so they got there, he said, they both got there at about the same time, and he met them both, and he introduced them to each other. And he said that one of them, who was an expert in linguistics, looked at the other, and when he heard about the places he had excavated, of his ~~xx~~ expertness in the study of pottery, walls, and that sort of thing, and he said, "Bah, a digger!" And he said the other fellow looked at him, and he said, "Bah, a language man!" And the feeling--each of them had a contempt for the other, because is ~~xx~~ was also the line in which his own abilities lay. The language people used to complain in Mesopotamia that the experts on digging and on walls and things would sometimes simply cast aside some precious texts they would