

very foolish to miss it. So we said we would be very glad to go. The group in a German Hospice in the city, which had a large number of Germans in it, was the group which was planning this trip and they were getting people from other groups, till they had about a hundred altogether, in order to share the expenses and make it possible at a very reasonable price, to make this very interesting trip on the Dead Sea.

Then about three days after I had agreed to go to that, an automobile drove in with some young folks from Yale University who had been participating in some archeological work up in the upper ~~Med~~ Euphrates River. And they spent a day in the American Schools and then they said, we are going to Petra and we have an empty seat. If there is anybody here who would like to go we'd be glad to take you. Petra, the rose-red city in the desert mountains of Moab. Anybody who is interested in views Petra would appeal to greatly. Anybody who was interested in ancient archeology, it has not near the importance of the places directly in Palestine, but yet ~~th~~ of very considerable importance. I thought should I go with them to Petra, can I do that and the Dead Sea Trip? So I said when will you get back. They would get back just the day after the Dead Sea Trip started. So I said to Prof. Albright, do you think I should go with these people and ~~miss~~^{take} this trip to Petra that I have the opportunity to take? Dr. Albright said, every now and then people are driving to Petra, you can have opportunity to go there many times in your life, but he said a boat trip on the Dead Sea is something that comes once in many years, it takes a hundred people together to do it, you would be foolish to turn that down. So I turned down the trip to Petra, the Yale folks went on in their trip in the morning, and that afternoon we received word that we should go over to the (5 1/4) German Hospice for a meeting, and when we got over there we found that the folks there, most of whom were permanent there, ~~were~~ saying, oh it's February and it's cold and camping on the Dead Sea is going to be disagreeable, let's decide to postpone the trip till May. Well, I didn't say anything, I was one of the hundred, but in May I was back in Germany. So there was a case of a profit and loss, would I get greater profit from the Petra trip or greater profit