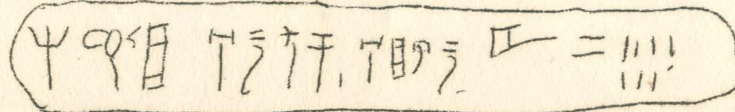


Hunter College of the City of New York
Department of Classics

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To the Hunter College Staff.

Ladies and Gentlemen:



This is a sample of Cretan or Minoan writing. The characters are still unreadable, and the language is still a mystery. But scholars are ardently engaged in the work of trying to decipher it; and we may note with pride that one of our own graduates, Dr. Alice E. Kober, 1928, Assistant Professor of Classics at Brooklyn College, is one of the leaders among them. Last year, when she held a Guggenheim Fellowship, she made considerable progress in her research. She has made one trip abroad, to be followed by a second one this summer on special invitation of a great English scholar, for the sake of examining the tablets at first-hand.

Professor Kober will tell us of her work in the annual Earle Lecture, sponsored by the Department of Classics. Her address, entitled "The Forerunners of the Greeks", will be delivered on Friday afternoon, April 9, at 4:30, in the North Lounge. It will be preceded by the Earle Tea, from 3:30 to 4:30, in the same place. You and your students are cordially invited to both tea and lecture.

We do hope you will attend, and will urge your students to do so also. While this lecture is of special appeal to students of language, history, and anthropology, yet there are few in any field of specialization who can fail to find interest in the fascinating detective-work done by those seeking to decipher an unknown language written in unknown characters.

Yours very sincerely,

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