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Dear Miss Wayland,

It is very pleasant to discover still another person brought into the fold by Mabel Lang. At the moment she's probably in Chora, eating figs or giacourti after finding all sorts of interesting things in the day's digging. So she's not converting people ~~to~~ Mycenaean studies right now, but she apparently got several in Athens over the winter.

The ease with which a background for Linear A can be had depends a great deal on what sort of library you have available near you. If it has the American Journal of Archaeology, Miss Kober's *The Minoan Scripts: Fact and Theory*, vol 52 1948 82-103, though it is twelve years old now is still worthwhile for Linear A hasn't changed at all as much as Linear B has. If it has Antiquity, John Chadwick's *Minoan Linear A: A Provisional Balance Sheet*, vol 33 (1959) 269-278 gives a reasonable summary of recent work. If it, or you, have Ventris and Chadwick's *Documents in Mycenaean Greek* there is a reasonable introduction there.

But all of these are discussions of Linear A rather than texts, and the texts are more fun. On the other hand the texts are hard to get. The primary publication, and a very good one too, is G. Pugliese Carratelli, *Le iscrizioni preelleniche di Haghia Triada* in *Monumenti Antichi* 40 (1945) 422-~~4~~ 610. It usually takes a pretty good library to have it at hand. There have been a few additional inscriptions found and published since, but they are best looked for after these are found. There is proposed, perhaps even in press, a new edition of these, on a somewhat smaller scale, and this, when it appears, should be enough for most purposes. It is also by Pugliese Carratelli, called *Le epigrafi cretesi in lineare A. Nuova sillogi. Parte I: Epigrafi di Haghia Triada*. It is to appear as *Suplemento III* to *Minos*. I'm rather anxiously waiting for a copy myself. It should probably be worth having for anyone who really is going to try to work on Linear A.

This is by no means a proper summary of the bibliography, but if you can get at *Antiquity*, or at *Minos*, which has bibliographical surveys of Linear A as well as Linear B, you should have no trouble in working your way into it, that is, if you can get at copies of the books. I have a couple of things out on loan to some others, and perhaps if there's no other way, I can put you on the list too. I shall be glad to help further in whatever way I can.

Sincerely yours,