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Miss Alice E. Kober
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Dear Miss Kober:

Many thanks for the reprints of your articles on the Cretan writing which I received a few days ago. In return I sent you recently the three parts of my Hittite Hieroglyphs. I hope this may be the beginning of a fruitful exchange of articles and perhaps ideas in the future. Unfortunately I am so overloaded now with work on the Assyrian Dictionary that it is not easy for me to find some spare time to work in the field of hieroglyphic Hittite. But I cannot neglect entirely the latter field, what with the claims of Bossert and his associates about the imagined and greatly exaggerated value of the new finds at Karatepe.

I enjoyed greatly the highly "spirited" talk about the matters of mutual interest which we had at Speiser's party. I have always been of the opinion that the great value of such meetings as the one at New Haven does not lie in the official papers and communications, but in the free exchange of ideas outside of public meetings.

In the hope of seeing you again next year at the meeting of the American Oriental Society in Cincinnati, with best wishes,

Cordially,

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