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to Daphne to see an old Bysantian^{sic} church; Θ /<O>nce we had left the awful town behind, we began to see Greece as it really was, the lovely hills with the sacred groves, the olive trees & the cypruses^{sic} & the goats & sheep wandering about with tinkling bells on their necks. The Bysantine^{sic} Church was very picturesque with a charming courtyard, the church contained the remains of some very fine mosaics, but nothing else of interest.

It was getting near to sunset, so we had to hurry as we still had to visit the temple of the Eleusian^{sic} {Eleusinian} mysteries. Here we saw the remains of an amphitheatre which must have been bery very fine, some of the marble chairs still H/<h><horeal the names carved on them – the rest was chiefly ruins – but we could hardly grumble at Nature for destroying man's handiwork, for she gave us a sample of her own, in the most glorious sunset I have ever seen, we stood on the site of the ancient temple & watched the sun set across the Sea of Eleusys <Eleusis> – then reluctantly we were driven back to the horrors of modern

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When we arrived back on our boat we were delighted to find that we had some more fellow passengers – but alas – they all get off to-day at Crete I must say our Captain improves with acquaintance he is really quite a dear but he is funny. Yesterday a rather attractive French woman came on board, she was very much made up – but she was good looking – we asked him if he admired her, but he pulled an awful face, "No" he said "I do not like all that red stuff on the lips it is not good for the kiss –" (Amice & I are considering using

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The other passengers are an English lady & her husband, he is building the harbour at Candia [= Heraklion]. & a lady from Crete (a native) who has revived the ancient art of Cretan weaving & embroidering, she found one old lady who was doing it in a crude sort of way, got her to attempt some finer sort of work & from that built up a regular industry, they work the wonderful designs from the temple of C/<K>onossos^{sic}, also some of the ancient peasant designs, the patterns are worked in, as the material is woven, she invited us to go & see the work when we reached Crete.

That evening we had a regular riot, after dinner we all played dominoes, it was a real romp & I am afraid we all ragged the Captain – he simply loved it, & we were helpless with laughter most of the evening. he had some wonderful theory of his own that & while he was involved in calculations Amice & I wher[?]/<0>

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The next morning Mrs Calucci (the Cretan lady went ashore at Canea [= Chania] as soon as the boat arrived, she sent the launch back for us at 9 o'clock; when we reached the quay a car was waiting to take us to her house. From our first glimpse of Crete we both fell in love with it, a lovely island with simple peasant people, courteous & quite unspoilt, the quaint narrow streets of the little town were gay with fruit stalls & flowers & most of the people wore the old greek^{sic} peasant costume, knee boots, very full breeches, baggy white shirt & embroidered <sleeveless> waistcoat & a round cap. An all too short drive brought us to M^{rs} Calucci's house, she took us to her store room & there we revelled in the most wonderful designs & patterns I have ever seen, I have bought you a cushion cover with strange bulls & birds & lions woven in it, also a felt few

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We arrived at Candia [= Heraklion] after dinner Major & M^{rs} D^e Lacy went ashore there & they invited us to go with them & see their house & their dogs, we went in their launch & had a jolly time playing with two wire haired terriers Bonzo & Pincher & a darling bull terrier Nipper, they were wild with delight to have their own gods back again after two weeks absence but they were polite enough to give us a little of their attention also. We were back on the boat again soon after 11 o'clock & sailed at midnight. Tomorrow we reach Alexandria.

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Amice is a lot better but gets tired very easily. I expect tomorrow will be a very trying day, but I expect M^r Tatton Brown will meet the boat to see us through the customs.

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Your affectionate daughter Myrtle.