kidda cead naat naas (Irish) guskin cioscain kak ceis pirkar brucur faine Anna aine khaab ciob kur caora dubh taba kusiitiim cois eideadh ceis gis

As there appear to be several lacunæ in the Inscription on Tablet VII., as it has been published by Prof. Sayce, there must naturally be greater difficulty in ascertaining the exact meaning of the various words and phrases that go to make up the Inscription. Sufficient evidence has been adduced, I think, to prove that it is Gaelic. As it belongs in all probability to the sixteenth century B.C., it is some fourteen centuries older than the Umbrian portion of the Eugubine Tables to which the date 180 B.C. has been assigned, and which has been regarded since its Gaelic character was clearly established, as the oldest specimen of Gaelic that was known to exist. As fresh evidence of a convincing and corroborative kind is making its appearance from time to time in favour of the ancient origin and greatness of the Celts in Asia and elsewhere; that the Cuneiform Inscription on Tablet VII. of Tel-el-Amarna in Egypt is Gaelic, need no longer occasion any surprise or be regarded as being in any degree primâ facie improbable.