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Biography/History

William Kelly Prentice was a Greek scholar and authority on classical inscriptions. A member of the Princeton Class of 1892, he was an instructor (1892-1893) at the Lawrenceville School, N.J., before becoming a member of the Princeton University faculty in 1894 as an instructor in Greek. He retired from Princeton in 1940 as Ewing Professor of Greek Languages and Literature. Prentice participated in archaeological expeditions to Syria, served in World War I, and was the author of several books.

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- Kane, Francis Fisher, 1866-1955.
- Magie, David, b. 1877.
- Scott, William Berryman, 1858-1947.
- American Archaeological Expedition to Syria (1899-1900)
- Princeton Archaeological Expedition to Syria (1904-1905)
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- Princeton Scientific Expedition of 1886.
- Archaeological expeditions -- Syria.
- Inscriptions, Greek -- Syria.
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