

San Francisco.

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<sup>Sunday</sup>

Sir J. W. Dawson.

Sir,

I trust you will pardon my  
intruding on your time which I know is valuable  
& occupied, but I have just finished a careful  
perusal of your work "The Story of the Earth & Man," &  
I find on page 397 (of ed. pub. by Houghton 1887) in a note  
that you say "recent geographical observations tend to  
fix the site of the Garden of Eden near the mouth of the  
Euphrates." I would very much like to know if you have  
read a work by Dr. W. F. Warren, President of Boston University,  
entitled "Paradise Found" which she Dr. dedicated to Professor  
Max Müller? I read the book with the deepest interest, but I am  
only a reader, not a student & am therefore not capable  
of deciding. I read your various works long ago & am re-  
turning them (the later eds.) to see if science had made  
it necessary for you to change your <sup>existing</sup> opinions. I am very  
grateful and pleased to be able to read an author with

with the conviction of his ability and also that he is on the  
side of religion. I have very often felt myself when reading a  
passage of great difficulty in modern science, that although  
I could not place my doubt, or point out the fallacy of the  
reasoning, that somehow I did not believe it. I never explain  
it might appear. I am, at times, a great sufferer from heart  
disease, & my only pleasure at such times is reading - &  
your works have afforded me many quick & happy hours - &  
just now on reading chapters 14-15 in "Primitive Man", I  
could not help regretting that those chapters were not published  
separately & sold as cheap as possible so that they would  
come within the means of people who could not afford to buy  
the entire work - for a great many people are interested in  
that branch of enquiry who would not care for geological study  
deeply interesting as it is. And life being so short & uncertain  
& education being so slow in lessening the <sup>of people</sup> ~~much~~ <sup>anything</sup>  
that would show them a visible God would strike them  
quicker than all else besides. - My husband is the  
President of the Book Binding Co. of this City, Brea, &  
Los Angeles - His name is Jacob Under.

I do trust you will pardon my intrusion on your time,  
and remain, dear Sir, with the deepest respect,  
Yours truly,  
Emma Under.