

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Washington, July 13th, 1890.

Sir J. W^m Dawson:

My dear sir; — Your little book, "Egypt and Syria," which you so kindly sent me was duly received and my wife and I have read it with great gratification.

We visited Alexandria, Cairo and the great pyramids, Ismailia Port Said and Jaffa. From Jaffa to Jerusalem we went by an excellent carriage road, and by an almost equally good one from Jerusalem to Hebron via Bethlechem and Solomon's Pools. The carriage road from Jerusalem to Jericho is not yet finished, and I got Mrs. White over that journey in a palanquin suspended between two mules. So you see we have witnessed many of the scenes, which you so graphically describe and so well discuss, and this makes your little book all the more interesting to us.

In me it has awakened many interesting trains of thought and it has afforded my wife peculiar pleasure, especially the chapters on the Geography of the Exodus and Judea and Jerusalem. She is delighted to know that you believe the little hill over "Jeremiah's Grotto" to be the true place of the crucifixion. She was grieved and disgusted with what she saw at the so-called Church of the Holy Sepulcher and the Church of the Nativity, but she came away from that little hill and its adjacent garden and tomb feeling, and she still feels, that she had

stood upon the very ground, where Christ was crucified, and
looked into the tomb in which his body was laid. Many
Other subjects which you discuss are scarcely less interesting to her
than this, and it has greatly pleased her to find her own views
confirmed by one in whose opinions she has so much confidence.
She desires me to thank you for your kind gift, and for
the great pleasure it has given her.

Very sincerely yours

C. A. White

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