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Dear Mr William

I have been intending
to write to you for three or four
days past to wish you, in the
first place, a happy new year
and yet more to come, and the
same to Lady Dawson and your
family, but have had much to
do, and a good deal of writing-
to be had all in England - feel
alarm some time back at seeing
in the newspaper that your son
George was dead - The statement

was in circumstances that I was
going to write to express my sorrow
and sympathy when I heard - quite by
accident - that there had been a mistake
New news more welcome - It would
have been a loss far beyond the circle of
your family - In the next place I
learn to thank you for a copy of your
new volume, which reached me a
few days since, and of which I read
a considerable part last Sunday -
It is very interesting and much
learning is put in - very agreeable
sense - The chapter relating to
the Exodus struck me as particu-
larly good. As to that ^{part} which

deals with the earlier - pre Abrahamic
history, I fear that nothing what you
said altered my view of the allegorical
rather than historical character of
the first eleven chapters of Genesis.
You make a good advocate for your
cause, but I think the 'council' from
the other sides could make some
serious holes in your arguments -
But whatever ~~that~~^{view} is right I am sure
your book will find many attentive
readers -

By the way you seem to have misundertaken
my paper on Cole & Owen in one rather
important detail, so I had to send a
short letter to G. M. to indicate that

and make the thing quite clear - my
has even the 'chamber' of 800 or some
times contain remnants of pyroxene
(malacouite) -

What an anxious time it is, wars and rumours of
wars! and for such Trumpety causes. If
we are forced into war on either side we may
feel at least that the quarrel is none of
ours seeking for conduct more insolent
than that of Mr Cleveland or of the
German emperor could not very easily
be indicated during the last twenty
years. If we must fight I hope it will
not be America - one feels the ties of
race is strongly - with all good wishes
to Lady Dawson I am
Sincerely yours
Thos Bonney