

Trichur  
March 15, 1896

Most Respected Sir

I am in receipt of your very kind letter dated Jan'y. 29<sup>th</sup> and the book and tracts accompanying it. I cannot sufficiently thank you for your generous sympathy with the work I have at heart, and I can assure you once more that I shall make a most faithful use of the help you have rendered me.

Before receiving your letter I had written to a gentleman in England kindly to send me, if possible a copy of Romanes's 'Thoughts on Religion'. Unfortunately I was disappointed, but I intended appealing again to some one else. I had also written to Professor Sayce on the subject of 'Archaeology and The Higher Criticism' and

I got a reply from him from Egypt where he is at present, to the effect that he would send me a copy of his "Fresh light from the ancient monuments" as soon as he returns to England!

Now I must remind you again of my special object in writing to you. From my first letter you have got I think a general idea of the religious state of our Educated young men. In that letter I had also alluded to an erroneous impression prevailing among Educated Students as to the attitude of men of Science towards Christianity. Some of them even go the length of supposing that no scientific man believes in Christianity and especially in Miracles in this latter part of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. In order to be able to dispel this delusion

I appealed to you and I am extremely thankful for your 'Eden Lost and won' and the tract which you have so kindly sent me. But I hope you will not regard me as taking advantage of your generosity when I go a step further and make another request. In plain terms it is this. Your other works viz 'Modern Science in Bible Lands' 'Fossil Men and their modern representatives' 'The origin of the World according to Revelation & Science' & 'The Story of the Earth & Man' will be of immense service to me. Now I am fully aware that this request of mine may offend against good taste. But I shall explain why I have ventured to make it. I believe in common with many

others. that we have come near  
the end of this dispensation & the  
signs of the times in my opinion  
are greatly in favour of this  
view. There are many secret ~~but~~  
sincere <sup>but secret</sup> inquirers after truth among  
educated Divines and I desire to be  
able to remove the prejudices &  
honest doubts that prevent  
them from accepting Christ.  
The Gospel law is Ask and it shall  
be given. Consequently if I can  
get the things I want by repre-  
senting my requirements to  
those who are interested in the  
subject it may not be right  
on my part to keep quiet when  
I shall have an opportunity of having  
my wants supplied. Now I  
do not know if you can afford  
to comply with my request.

But whether you can or not I can  
assure you dear Sir that 'I shall  
not in the least be' offended if  
you find yourself unable to  
render me any further help.  
I say this for the simple reason that  
the kindness and sympathy you  
have already shown towards me  
a perfect stranger has exceeded  
my anticipations. In this mat-  
ter I have a clear conscience and  
the appeal I have made is in be-  
half of the extension of Christ's  
Kingdom in these parts which in  
my opinion will be great'ly  
furthered by works like yours.  
I may further state some-  
thing about my own case.  
I devote a tenth part of  
my pay (45 Ropes worth)  
for religious purposes. After

George  
Fisher  
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meeting the demands of charity &c  
I find very little to lay out in buy-  
ing books on Christian Evidences.  
This is the reason why I am ob-  
liged to appeal to others for  
help in the matter, need me  
thanking you for the practical  
aid you have rendered me and  
for your very kind and synpa-  
thetic letter

“I remain  
Most Respected Sir  
Sincerely Yours  
T. D. Geary.”