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Dear Sir William Dawson

Many thanks for  
your letter as to Mr  
Rassau's paper. I  
have taken upon myself  
to write to him and  
to say you had referred  
me to your work  
Chapter 4. on the question  
of the site of Eden.

I fear that Mr Rassau  
not being an English born

may have made it difficult for him to weigh what he says.

Everyone seems to regard his paper as advancing a new theory as to the site of Eden. a subject which I should be sorry to see taken up in a special paper.

He himself says the sole object was to show the errors of others as regards

Eastern names known  
Eastern sites, with a  
reference to the Garden  
of Eden amongst others,  
but it is clear that  
because that site was not  
known he has devoted  
to much time, ~~without~~  
sufficient knowledge,  
to trying to find a site  
for it.

Had I not been more  
or less ill all the year

Pelme  
city 90

on account of the influence  
I should have been able  
to better work out this  
session. Next session I  
hope that the good helping-  
already made-may result  
in the Institute having  
a number of valuable papers  
& by 'stray' men, to the  
exclusion of second rate  
papers. I hope we may be  
so fortunate as to give the place  
all would desire to your own proposed  
paper. With great respects to Lady Owen  
Yours truly  
J. Petrie