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Dr. G. V. Black
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Dear Doctor Black.

Just a word to let you know that we are still pegging away on mottled enamel. I have been writing to Dr. Carl Röse who is now in Sweden and answering a letter from Dr. Gurrini author of the History of Dentistry in Naples asking him for more information regarding this condition in Naples.

It seems that certain suburban districts there are badly afflicted and he ascribes it to sulphurous waters which abound in those places which are near the sea, but he says it is due to the gases acting upon the enamel. I question this latter, but in a way it tallies with our findings of a high sulphate content of some of the worst waters.

I am asking him to get analyses of these waters if possible so that we can compare them with our worst ones and only hope that he will take the trouble to do so. It will be very interesting.

I am trying now to get some data relative to Amarillo Texas which is probably an afflicted area.

I am also in the track of some Indians who were formerly in an Indian School at Grand Junction Colorado since discontinued and the inmates transferred to other schools in Arizona & New Mexico. A Grand Junction dentist told me that the brown stain was common among the Indians who attended the school.

It is very discouraging to find men to whom I write in different towns asking for information unscientific and uninterested enough as to fail to answer my letters.

Hoping your health has improved as when you wrote me recently I am

Faithfully yours

Frederick S. McKay

P.S. Dr. Gurrini sent his cordial regards to you