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Dear Dr Black -

I was much surprised & pleased
to receive with yr compliments, a copy of 2^d Edition
of yr dental Anatomy - Accept my thanks!

In answer to your queries about nomenclature
I would say - that in describing cavities I use
to some extent the terms you use in your descriptions,
The reason I have not used them more was because
I felt sure the ~~more~~ most of the students would
not understand them - & that anterior & posterior,
proximal as applied to molars and right & left lateral,
as applied to incisors & cuspids in describing what you
term mesial & distal - would be better understood
by them - Hereafter as the freshmen are being more
& more fully taught from yr Anatomy, the use of
your terms I should suppose would become more
general. I certainly ^{shall} ~~should~~ use them in my
lectures more & more until they become the only
descriptive terms for my purposes. I have been
in the habit of using cervical where you use

gingival in many places - with reference to
Cavities & think it the better term in many.

Gingival in some cases would mislead the student
I think -

I do not think I could answer your suggestions
about the nomenclature business more fully.

If I have however failed to make clear to you
what you wish to know - write now & I will try to
hit better next time.

I have a few suggestions to offer regarding
your Anatomy - which may be of no value -
& all whimsical - but as they struck me upon
first sight - they might strike others.

The work seems to me so admirably
adapted to the needs of teachers & students &
being the only one of its kind - and being so
free from faults - that it seems hardly
worth while to call attention to the points
which I thought might be improved -

But as I should wish any friend to point
out the same to me - I will jot down
what I refer to on a separate sheet -

In haste
Yours Truly

A merry Christmas
& Happy New Year
to you & yours

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