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Dr. F. S. McKay,
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Dear Doctor:-

It is only just now that I have been able to reach your letter and have a continuous reading of it, although it has been here for several days. It gives me great pleasure to go over it, for I see that you are enthusiastic in the work, and that is one of the pleasantest things about the whole matter.

I may have some criticisms to offer finally, but cannot take the time just now. I cannot do so without a very careful and continuous reading of the paper which you have sent, which at this time has been impossible.

I think we will have no great difficulty in arranging what we write. I doubt the necessity for some things I have seen in your paper as I previously read it, but that may be all dispelled when I come to read the paper you have now sent to me. Taking it all in all, I am quite pleased, but I will reserve any criticisms that I may have until I know a little more.

I thank you for your care in all this matter, and will only suggest one thing. It strikes me that the histo-pathology, which is all I will touch, is a matter of sufficient importance - as it fully describes all the lesions - to be published as the beginning, and complete in itself, and yours exactly the same way but to follow. In doing this I would have to say a very little as to the general appearance of the lesions as seen, but that would be all. I would have no illustrations or anything of that kind. In fact I shall illustrate very little - I don't know yet just how much.

I have one or two surprises for you perhaps that you have not seen - particularly regarding the coloring matter in these teeth, the brown stain, which certainly deserves a name. I have determined that this name shall be brownin. I have found that this material is wide-spread in normal teeth and constitutes that which gives the differences in coloration which we find in the normal teeth. It is the same in atrophy and the same in every point where a coloration of any kind is found excepting the dead white and the lightest tooth known, and even here it is probable that there is some of it, but of course very difficult to find. It includes also the yellowish tinges that are frequently seen. There is no yellowish tinge in the structure, no material that is yellow, but wherever the color - brownin - is a little depth within the tissue, not reaching the surface, the color is yellow, or some tinge of yellow. This showing-through process I find is very wide in its distribution, always giving the same shade of yellow.

Dr. F.S.McK #2

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Remember, Doctor, it has now been six years since I began this study, and it has not been out of my mind you may say in all of that time, and every grasp that I could get on it has been gone over to a finish. Yet this doesn't at all argue that there will be no further discoveries in the future.

Very truly yours,

G.V. Black

P.S. Now one suggestion in regard to the title. If you go over the literature all your life you will find this continuously true - that the highest type of writer will make the shortest title. A title should have just as few words as possible. I would advise that both of us use this:

MOTTLED TEETH

An Endemic Affection of the Enamel of the
Teeth not heretofore known

In collaboration with
Dr. F.S.McKay of Colorado Springs, Colorado. (for mine)

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In collaboration with
Dr. G.V.Black of Chicago, Illinois. (for yours)

I just suggest this for your consideration.