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Early in my own research; it was in some cases the only way to demonstrate the lesion on the same side of the cord as the cerebral lesion; it detects a degeneration actual, apart from scar, for instance, before time has elapsed for formation of the scar.

Your method by reflected light I have also tried, but only upon thin sections; I shall at first opportunity apply it to more opaque thicker sections. I am anxious to meet with a better

method than I possess of demonstrating the "same-side" lesion, the lesion of what I have ventured to term "recrossed" pyramidal tracts - which in the dog is characterized more by granulation-corporcles than by sclerosis - However, for the present, the research is stopped as regards myself, by our Antivivisection Laws. Material in the shape of the spinal cord of a human hemiplegic I find difficult to obtain. With many thanks for so interesting a note,

Believe me, Sir,

yours faithfully

Charles S. Sherrington  
Dr. Charlton Bastian.