

years I followed the occupation of mechanical draughtsman, and I may say that there was absolutely no preference in the use of either hand ; and in marking labels, or lettering a plan, one hand was just as correct as the other." I may add here, that in my own case, though habitually using the pen in my right hand, yet when correcting a proof, or engaged in other disconnected writing, especially if using a pencil, I am apt to resort to the left hand without being conscious of the change. In drawing, I rarely use the right hand ; and for any specially nice piece of work, should find it inadequate to the task.

The remarks with which Professor Morse follows up the above reference to his own personal experience furnish an apt, though undesigned, commentary on those above quoted from Dr. Brown-Sequard, relative to the education of the two sides of the brain, and the controlling of the right or left hand by the better developed hemisphere. The varying caligraphy of the letter of Prof. Morse exhibits features familiar to me in my own use of the pen ; and he thus proceeds : " You will observe that the first page is written with the right hand, the upper third of this page with the left hand, the usual way [but with reversed slope], the middle third of the page with the left hand, reversed [i.e. from right to left], and now I am again writing with the right hand. As I have habitually used the right hand in writing, I write more rapidly than with the other." In the case of Professor Morse, the indications of the hereditary transmission of lefthandedness nearly correspond with my own. His maternal uncle, and also a cousin, are lefthanded. In my case, the same habit appeared in a paternal uncle and a niece ; and my little grandson, not yet three years old, so far manifests a decided preference for the left hand. Dr. Joseph Workman, for many years Medical Superintendent of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum at Toronto, thus writes to me : " As to hereditament in lefthandedness, I believe in it. I had a maternal uncle lefthanded, and I well remember my mother's having many a battle with one—nay, I believe two—of her sons to suppress the proclivity." Cases of direct hereditary transmission—in one example, at least, through three generations,—were referred to in the former paper. But it is curious to note, in the above cited cases, how the tendency appears more generally to manifest itself collaterally than in the direct line of descent.

A Canadian friend, whose sister-in-law is lefthanded, thus writes to me : " I never heard of any of the rest of the family who were