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by the several spinal nerves,  
corresponding to the region which  
it occupies.

I can, in my own neck,  
use the platysma voluntarily,  
and I fancy most people can  
do so

Very sincerely yours

Alb. Macalister

