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My dear Saigidani,

I sat down after my dinner this evening to read your lecture on "The Humanities in University Education", & had to acknowledge my debt to you for an interesting & educative an hour as I have ever spent.

The test of a good lecture, is that one should say "That's exactly what I have wanted to say for years", or that it should arouse such antagonism that one is compelled to sit down & pen a flaming criticism. In this case it is the former. Educated myself at the beginning of the century under a system which was of the old pattern in which the emphasis on the humanities was as great as today it is on technology, I have viewed with dismay the gradual decline, & the overemphasis & stress on scientific studies, so that an imbalance of one kind has been converted into a distortion of another kind. I agree with every word of your lecture. Many of the unsatisfactory aspects of student life, are due it seems to me to that outlook which regards education at school or the University as a mere means to earning a living -

and the neglect both in the home + in educational
institutions of the finer - but not profit making
aspects of life.

As much as the substance of your lecture,
may I praise the expression + the style. It reads
as well as it must have sounded -

My wife who has also read it joins me
in thanking you for having sent a copy.

Yours

sincerely

Ch. Dabney.