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Mrs. Jane Blaffer Owen
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Dear Jane,

Your spirit, which is the spirit of our mutual mentor, abides with me always, inspiring and accelerating who I am, what I do, as if it were ever thus. Thank you for allowing me into your circle during my visit to Tillich Park and New Harmony last January. The salutary effect is permanent.

I had hoped to be able to visit with you and Martha Honaker again this January, next month. However, since I am retired and we are living on my wife's income until my pension and Social Security enact next year and the next, the financial outlay of a visit is unreasonable. This reality makes me sad but I must abide it and the sadness it induces.

Notwithstanding, I offer you the enclosed essay as evidence of my love and gratitude for you as well as your persistent effort to resolve modern problems with the theological spirit and the moral-intellectual tools of our beloved Paulus.

His final lecture, "The Significance of the History of Religion for the Systematic Theologian," recently came into my hands and confirms and reinvigorates all I have struggled through life to do. Probably you heard it in person! What a glorious destiny has been yours. He loved you!

Warmest love and well wishes, Dear Lady, from this keen admirer.

Affectionally yours,

The Rev. David R. Graham