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The essence of a liberal education is teaching through example and learning through emulation. The measure of what you have learned in a liberal education is the measure of how much you have changed. This cannot be indicated on a transcript or fed back in an examination booklet but it can be lived. I believe it has been different here. A man, any man devoted to a discipline is deep and broad and his example can be profound. A book can only be read but a man can be imitated. This I think is the essence of a liberal education and this I think is the kind of education we have gotten here. It is teaching by example and learning through emulation. So to ask what we have gained is to ask what have we become and the measure of this change will be the effect we have on the new communities in which we live. But what can we keep of what we have gained and what will be our effect on a different kind of men in different kinds of places? Can we carry a community around in our heads the way Aeneas carried his household gods from Troy to Latium? I think we can and I think that the effect of such an act will be considerable. Because what has been learned from example can be communicated in the same way and because such is the nature of man that men come to resemble who they love.