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My dear Mr. Laing,

My delay in replying to your letter is due to the fact that I had but slight acquaintance with Prof. Joshi and I have had to make inquiry as to the impression he created here.

First as to his scholarship. Those of my colleagues most competent to judge think that he is more a Chautauqua lecturer than a scholar. He seemed ready to discuss any topic before any gathering. The one man here who knows most about Indian life doubts whether Prof. Joshi is capable of giving an unbiased account of the life of his country.

In the few conversations that I had with him I got the impression that underneath all of his activity was a carefully concealed antagonism to the British, and some think that he has an ulterior motive in trying to find a place on some faculty in this country. As one man expresses it, he is a "downy bird". This is, however, only an impression and nothing could be adduced to prove it true.

I hope this is an adequate answer. If not, let me know and I will try to get the sort of criticism that will enable me to be more specific.

Yours truly,

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