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My Dear Boy

If it will not be deemed an intrusion for one who has trod the path of life some what ahead of you to address a few loving words to a person whom he has [0002]never seen I would say that one of the greatest comforts I have enjoyed in my chequered course has flowed from obedience to the command Commit thy way unto the Lord, trust also in him, and he shall bring it to pass. This resource has been present to my mind [0003] [30] in every step of my wanderings, I did commit my way to him and he has guided me well. I never say much about my inward emotions, and have an inveterate hatred to count, but having derived so much internal strength from "acknowledging the Lord in all my ways" I have thought

[0004] from what your good Mama said to me about you, that in beginning the path of life you would like to know this little experience, and may the Lord guide you and preserve you from all evil untill through infinite mercy we meet in Heaven - yours be

David Livingstone