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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

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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

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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

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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

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