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he as you see intends to take only a partial course his teachers or rather his pupils for Taylor Principal of Phillips Acad & Colman of English Acad are both his pupils in German advise him so his mind is If I may hazard my own opinion your belief is very strong & of a high order. But I need not go on to describe further he is worthy of your effort in his behalf & I doubt not many a poor Dane Swede & Russian will have cause to bless you hereafter for your efforts in his behalf (he looks forward to laboring in Elmire as both Minister or missionary & Seaman's Chaplain) you know the importance of the place, Brother what can be done for him write soon & let me know, May God shew you a place suited to his wants & the blessing of many ready to perish come on you for your kindness to him & through him to the Savior & his cause

yours

In Christian affection

J Lavinie

P.S. If you see any place where I can labour during the coming vacation six weeks from now I can spare 5 6 or even 7 weeks please let me know I am about out of money & know not how I am to get through this year But by no means let ~~this~~ let my wants interfere with his rather neglect me altogether

J L

by his trade (gardening) but while on the waters he read for the first time in his life the Gospels & Parts of Pauls Epistles, his attention was arrested, fears awakened, desire cherished, he learnt that happiness beyond the grave could only be had by faith in & submission to the Redeemer. Placed when here by the providence of God among pious persons, the morning & evening devotions the Sab. school the preaching of the word were in (the hands of him who led him safely from home over the deep to the land of the pilgrims) the means of softening a heart ~~depraved~~ depraved by nature, delighting in sin by long practice of subduing a very proud spirit of leading him in the paths of peace & making all the wishes of his soul unite in one great desire: viz to spend & be spent in the service of his God & Savior.

Thus dear brother I have answered your questions in his own words. again I thank you for taking such interest in a stranger, & intreat you to see & if possible do something for him, He is I speak from a short acquaintance very diligent, & at constant in study, his common reading is Locke Cousin Emfield &c is quite of that turn of mind I think, very pious, ardent in that & every other pursuit, I once united with him in prayer alone & I must say his simplicity earnestness & evident training in school of Christ shewing a familiarity & delight in the duty cheered my heart amid the coldness & indifference of others, he seems to be sanguine in his temperament but now is very much dejected in view of his friendless destitute condition, the little time he has to spare & the necessity of spending even that in Tabour instead of advancing towards his desired object ~~pregs upon his spirits~~

J. Laurie

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Rev & Dear Sir

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I am very grateful to you for your interest in the welfare of Brother Rude & do sincerely hope that you will be able to do something for him though your proposal about farming is not such a one as meets his case This morning I received your letter I immediately went & laid the matter before him & received the following answer to your questions about 2 hours ago which I will transcribe from his own handwriting 1 Who is he, Ans It is hoped the following questions & answers will meet this (The questions I copy from your own letter for fear you may have forgotten them 2 How old is he Ans 27 years 3 Can he farm Ans No 4 How far in his studies Ans Will be ready to enter Coll. next fall, 5 What kind of employment wanted & how soon Ans one by which he could obtain 3 or 4 hours <sup>each day</sup> leisure for study 2 obtain money to supply his wants & to enter on a partial course of study at some Coll. & this as soon as possible 6 Does he wish to devote his whole time or merely pay his board &c Ans in No 5 & in addition to No 5 it may be said that he besides Danish is somewhat familiar with German & French & would by all means prefer an occupation which would tend to keep his mental faculties on the stretch & if possible cultivate them 7 facts touching conversion coming here &c in his own words he came to this country to get what he always had been taught & even now sometimes is tempted to consider the best of earthly things (money, you will pardon this in an ardent but poor student)