1st Lieut. J. A. Sladen
14th Infantry
Vancouver Bks. Wash. Ty.

Dear Captain Sladen:

I send you, confidentially, the enclosed. Please do not let anybody see it, but read it and then return it to me. I want you to go and see Mrs. West and tell her that I wished you to come to her because you are a Christian and say some kind words to her. Then I wish you to seek out her husband. Get him by himself, when he is perfectly sober, and recall the long past. You can tell him that, probably, I will be back on the Pacific Coast soon & point out to him the prospects of good if he immediately turns over a new leaf.
and does well continuously. It is probably more the debts than the drink which are loading him down. He never seemed to have the ability to live within his means. Do please for my sake and for the Master's sake, make one more strong prayerful effort for his salvation here and hereafter. With love to you & yours I remain affectionately

Your friend

(sgd) O.O. Howard

Brig. Gen. U. S. Army
Dear Captain Sladen:

Poor Mr. Harris seems to be in trouble! acct. enclosed. For you led him astray! Those office smokes were seduction, and the company was irresistible. Hasten to apologize & comfort. Seaman plainly does not understand the spirit of the 18th of Mathew viz: 1st Private admonition

2nd Private effort duplicated with help

3rd A gentle "church-mauling"
let the people go up to Canaan. *Nous verrons.*

Mrs. Howard thinks: "Hope deferred maketh the heart sick." I who am writing articles for the Britannica think, "The making of many books is a weariness to the flesh."

Give much love to Mrs. Sladen and the rest. Glad for Fred, but wish he stood higher. We hear from Grace her husband and children often. Your being there is a comfort to them. Give my kind regards to Gen'l. Gibbons. I hear the best accounts of Col. Woods. Remember us most kindly to him and his. Lt. Wood still has a hard time. Tell him when you see him to learn the Scripture beginning thus: "When he loveth
he chastiseth &c." It cost a good deal of whipping to keep some of my friends out of perdition, I mean a sort of shallow namby pamby "perdition"

One should hasten to the very top of the Mountain of Privilege

I think Harry Sladen has the best select school in the world and I hope it suits him. Mrs. Hainsworth, whose husband is a staunch Kentucky Democrat, said to me last Sunday morning as she came out of Church: "I don't like President Cleveland!" Hope things will come right and know they will according to the higher courts. Affectionately your friend (sgd) O. O. Howard
Col. T. A. Meysenberg

Prest. Tudor Iron Works,

St. Louis Mo.

My dear friend:

It did me good to get your letter and I reciprocate your good wishes.

With esteem and affection,

I am,

Ever yours,

(sgd) O. O. Howard

Brig. Genl.

U. S. Army