

Jan 18 1886

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 prayer-ful effort for his salvation here and here-after. With love to you & yours I remain affectionately

Your friend

(sgd) O.O.Howard

Brig. Gen. U. S. Army

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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 irresistable. 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"

and 4th A sending forth to
the world, but not publication
in the "World"; all of which
proceeding on the part of
Seaman was not so.
Your affectionate letter
to the care of Mrs. Howard
is still under her wing.
Terry has beaten me and
I am silent. If his Ex-
cellency Grover IInd beats me harder
harder I will try to be more
silent, for I shall fear that
that the Lord has hardened
his heart, and made it as
strong as that of Pharaoh;
though Pharaoh did at last

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 Britanica 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
begining thus: "When he loveth

~~him~~ 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
in the world
select school ^ 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

April 2 1886

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