

August 21, 1890

Dear Captain Sladen:-

Your kind letter is at hand. On May 2d, 1890, before  
for a brever Commision  
brevets were allowed, I recommended Captain Robert Pollock, 21st  
Infantry; for marked bravery and gallant service in action against  
the hostile Nez Percé Indians during the battle of the Clearwater.

We often hear about you, and hope that Fred has arrived  
did  
at your home before this. I <sup>^</sup> never set eyes on him after he gradu-  
ated; perhaps he thought I would capture him for my staff on account  
of my love for the family. He avoided me carefully, turning up in  
different places, but usually, as I understand, among the young ladies  
ladies. This mania for young ladies clings to a young man  
in his early years and it is fortunate for him if he gets over it  
in after years. John has considerable of it still and Harry breaks  
out occasionally. James is as steady as his father and I think is  
somewhat older. Guy, as you know, always goes along about as usual  
with an occasional <sup>happy</sup> laugh at a really fine joke. Bessie is at home  
and will remain with us until the first of October. She has a  
wonderfully long vacation; but as long as shee keeps well we are con-  
tented. Our granddaughter, Hildegarde, is growing rapidly, a very  
though  
coy and attractive maiden, <sup>^</sup> a little inclined to be coquettish.

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Guy's wife, Jeanie, says that Adelheid is really the finest woman she knows; that is quite a testimony from one woman to another. Mrs. Howard is growing old smothly (sic) , but her husband seems to be growing younger on the whole, at any rate the other day two different parties declared that his brother Rowland was ten years older than he; Whereas <sup>he</sup> is four years <sup>younger</sup> ~~older~~ than his brother <sup>Otis</sup> . How far people are influenced by ulterior motives in such delicate decisions, who can tell!

Remember me to Captain Gray and family. James Steele and family. Mr. Williams and all old friends whom you may meet. Millie and her husband have gone back on me for a real fault of mine for which I have thoroughly repented; but suppose I cannot be forgiven or be taken back into fellowship. Perhaps a personal explanation some time may suffice; at any rate, I earnestly desire their prosperity and happiness.

Now do not forget your own family, remember us to each one and a hope that they will occasionally see Grace and keep her spirits up. How does your business prosper?

Affectionately your friend,

(sgd) O.O.Howard

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