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Dear Mr. Thomas:

In answer to your letter of March 2nd in regard to W.H. Hartell, No. 26910, who is now serving a sentence in the Utah State Prison at Salt Lake City, will state that I have not much encouragement to offer.

No doubt, you know that Hartell is a third term. In this case as with former cases, Hartell has always mangled through correspondence or some other subterfuge to enlist the sympathy of some woman. This time he has enlisted the services of Nora B. Smith, who has been bombarding this office with appeals. He certainly has the faculty of winning and getting into the good graces of anyone he can reach by ear or correspondence, and in this connection, I note also that the Rev. John Pearson, Superintendent of the Society of the Friendless, is willing to accept the responsibility of Mr. Hartell.


There is no reason in the world why Hartell should be in this mess, as he was given steady employment on his release from prison in this State. This he failed to keep and flagrantly violated his parole and again wound up in prison.

This office always stands ready to help and render assistance to our unfortunate brethren when some unaccountable mishap overtakes them, and I personally do not see any excuse for Hartell's third trip to a State prison.

As the matter stands, Hartell is to be returned to Folsom Prison at the expiration of his sentence in Utah, to serve the remainder of his sentence here.

With regards and best wishes, I remain

Very truly yours,



State Parole Officer.

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cc Warden Devine