

STUDY OF THE  
FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
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To the Board of Pardons,  
Salt Lake City.

Gentlemen:-

Three applications for parole have been sent to you by prisoners in the Weber County Jail in this City - Earl Thompson, Leon Watson and Mr. James. The latter I know very little about except that he was tried in Judge Roberts' Court on the charge of "disturbing the peace" and was sentenced to 6 mos. in the County Jail on ~~May~~ about May 28th. His mother came to me to ask me to write you that if you parole him she is very sure his father, who has worked for the Union Construction Co. for years, could get him work with them; he has a very young wife and a baby daughter to support.

The other two - Mr. Thompson and Mr. Watson - I am better acquainted with; they are not residents of Ogden but had come here intending to make this their home;; the main facts are ~~xxx~~ as follows; they became acquainted with two girls who, they later learned, had run away from their home in the country; (this I understand they had done twice before) they were looking for work as were the boys; the four spent the early evening walking and visiting in the city park; about 9 o'clock the boys took the girls to the house where they were rooming but they were unable to get in; either the woman was out ~~xxx~~ or would not admit them. I understand they came back again at 10. and then at 11:30 and the girls were not able to get in so the boys felt they could not leave them alone at that time of night and remained with them in a park near by until morning; it seems it was a question of going to their rooms and leaving the girls alone on the street (as they were strangers and did not know where to take them) or remaining with them. It looks as if it were a ~~xx~~ lack of judgment rather than an intention to do harm. The boys have both been trustees for some time; Mr. Thompson seems very reliable and, with Mr. Ira Brown, helped to protect Mr. Porter at the time of the break. The other, Mr. Watson, while about the same age, seems to have the mentality of a boy of about 15 or 16 but is a good worker having been employed by a second hand store here for a few days before his trouble. Mr. Thompson was looking for work at the same time; he is a baker by trade. I hope you can see your way clear to give them a chance to make good for they are not criminals. *I believe have learned their lesson.*

Respectfully,

*Mrs W. E. Bennett*

*We live next door to the jail, and have an opportunity to see how the trustees conduct themselves.*