

SALT LAKE TEMPLE
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

Apr. 17 1923

Honorable Charles H. Mabey,
Capitol Bldg.,
City.

Dear Sir:

For some time George E. McDonald, an inmate of the State Prison, has been writing me asking that I endeavor to use such influence as I might have with the Pardon Board, so that he might be paroled out. I have refused to do so on each occasion, until now, on the advice of the warden, Mr. James Devine. But now I understand Mr. Devine is in favor of his parole. If this be so shall be glad to recommend that he have this privilege.

I knew him as a boy, he was an inoffensive, quite boy and it was a great surprise to me when he was convicted for this wrong doing. I am enclosing his letter to me which you can read and judge for yourself as to how much credence should be given to his petition. His mother and father separated when he was small and he was not raised under the very best conditions. His step-father being a very peculiar man, to say the least, and discovered afterward to be a criminal. His father is a quite, hard-working man, who lives an upright life and is a credit to any community.

Probably if the boy were given a parole that he would do as he says, keep away from bad company. I don't feel like making any stronger recommendations than this as I must confess I am a little in doubt on the question.

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Very respectfully,

Joseph Christensen,