

his junior clerks who were available for transfer. He had had nothing to do with the agitation against the Warden, and there was no reason for supposing that he had been in sympathy with it. The *Review* writer suggests that Protestant voters should unite in "demanding that Government appointments should be made on the ground of fitness and without regard to the religious denomination of the person appointed." Is that rule to be acted upon only when it entitles a Protestant to get an appointment, and to be disregarded when it would give the appointment to a Catholic? When the transfer of Korman to the Central Prison was made, the Warden disliked the arrangement, and in strong terms expressed to the Inspector his dislike. I dare say that he did the same to others, and that some of his incautious words reached somehow the *Review* writer, as well as Mr. McLeod, Mr. Macdonnell, and yourself. His long controversy had made him suspicious of all Catholics. The Inspector thought that in his first interview with the Warden on the subject he had satisfied the Warden that the appointment had not been made in any unfriendly spirit, and that there was no reason why he should care though the clerk was a Roman Catholic. So the Inspector informs me, and he says that he had but one conversation on the subject with the Warden afterwards, and that this second conversation occurred months after the appointment. Subsequently to this second conversation the Warden renewed by letter, dated 30th August, his request for Korman's removal. I have ascertained that this letter he afterwards voluntarily withdrew, and now I understand he is content that Korman should remain; and up to this day he has found no fault with the way in which Korman has performed his duties or with his demeanour to himself, and has found nothing to confirm the notion of the young man being a spy, or playing in any way the part of a spy. The sole objection has been that he is a Roman Catholic.

In the temperate letter of Mr. Macdonnell, the propriety or duty of even now removing Korman from the Central Prison is strongly urged, on the ground of his creed, and of the Warden's objection to him on that account. The *Review* insists on the same thing, but in language the most offensive that the writer could command. Accepting as true what I have said as to how the clerk came to be appointed, and what his character and qualifications are, no thinking Protestant can fail to perceive that his removal on the simple ground of his creed would be a serious mistake.

The Warden of the Reformatory at Penetanguishene is a Roman Catholic; is he to be allowed to object to the appointment of a Protestant clerk, or even a Protestant deputy? The Mercer Reformatory has a Roman Catholic Matron; is she to be allowed