

for making no change in the Wardenship; and the good service which the *Review* writer has done for me is of a kind which my political enemies love and are grateful for, whatever I may myself think of such services.

THE PRISON CLERK.

The charge with respect to the appointment of the prison clerk is thus stated by the *Review* writer:—"The Government was induced to appoint a devout Roman Catholic as secretary to the Warden. The Warden declared, we understand, that there was nothing for this gentleman to do. The Government knew better. They were responsible for the management of the prison, and could not allow so worthy a Warden to be overworked, even though he was willing to sacrifice himself. Let us have plenty of officials. Let there be efficiency. Perish economy." In various articles the same writer pronounces Mr. Korman (the person referred to) the "nominee of the Archbishop," and the Archbishop's spy; "says he has no hesitation in calling him the Archbishop's spy; declares as a matter of perfect certainty that Mr. Korman had been appointed "ostensibly" for legitimate purposes of the prison, "but in reality to be a spy on the Warden;" and he designates the Government's action in the matter as involving an "infamous system of priestly espionage." All these statements are untrue. Korman was not appointed to be secretary to the Warden; he was not the nominee of the Archbishop directly or indirectly; he was not the Archbishop's spy, or any one's spy; he was not appointed to be a spy on the Warden or anyone else. If a spy had been wanted, Korman was utterly unsuited for such an office, as I am told and believe, for I do not personally know him. He had been for some years a junior clerk in the office of the Provincial Secretary; and, the Commissioners having expressed a strong opinion that certain clerical work theretofore done by a convict should be done by a prison clerk, and the Government concurring in that view, the Provincial Secretary transferred Korman from the Parliament Buildings to the Central Prison, in order that as prison clerk he might do this work, with any other prison work which the Inspector should from time to time assign to him. This was the purpose for which he was really as well as ostensibly transferred to the Central Prison; and the Inspector informs me that Korman has ever since been doing the work thus intended.

I am able to say that no one had suggested to the Provincial Secretary that Korman should be appointed. The Provincial Secretary, on his own personal judgment, made the selection. Korman had been a faithful clerk, and was the most efficient of