

know whether and when there is danger of the kind which you and some others apprehend, and should it arise to avert it.

THE "PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW."

I did not see the *Review* articles when they appeared, having been ill when the first of them was published, and having afterwards been for a considerable time absent from the Province; but within the last few days a friend has collected them for me. Speaking for the *Review*, the writer repeatedly disclaims any political leanings, but I have no doubt, from these articles, that he has political leanings, and very strong ones. The manager is well known to be a pronounced Conservative.

THE CENTRAL PRISON—THE COMMISSION.

The first article was (I presume) that which appeared in the *Review* of the 22nd July. In that article the writer finds evidence of Romish influence with the Government, even in the issuing of a Commission for inquiring into the charges which had been made against the Warden, and which the Conservative press had for months before been parading before the public. He says: "The Government yielded to the pressure [it is of Roman Catholic pressure he is speaking] so far as to nominate a Commission." Yet a Commission is the ordinary way of dealing with complaints which cannot be set at rest by the action of the Inspectors. In this case, besides, it was the repeatedly expressed desire of the Warden that a Commission should be issued; he thought that a public investigation by a Commission would afford a sure means, and the best means, of exculpating him from the charges against him.

I have no doubt that the agitation against the Warden was raised by Roman Catholics who were unfriendly to the Government; and being so raised, it was taken advantage of, by our political opponents generally, to injure the Warden whom we had appointed, and to injure the Government whose officer he is. The *Review* writer ascribes the agitation to Roman Catholic prisoners being permitted to attend the Protestant Sunday School; and the same thing is said in Mr. McLeod's letter. I do not remember hearing of this before reading that letter. The matter was not brought to the attention of the Government by either party, nor to that of the Provincial Secretary, as he informs me. I understand the rule for all our Provincial institutions to have always been, before my time and still, that the Protestant inmates shall receive their religious instruction from Protestant teachers, and the Roman Catholic inmates from Roman Catholic teachers; and, on