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Christchurch

These fragments are very
puzzling, and Middle-
land journalists must
either be silent on the
subject, or make stupid
blunders, or like the
"Otago Daily Times" take
everything that is said
against the Nation
Minister for Gospel.
We wish, of course, to
avoid anything which
would place us in any
one of these categories.

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and to give reliable news
as well as sensible
and straightforward
views. In fulfilling this
purpose you can be,
as in the past you
have been, of great
service.

My own idea of a corre-
spondent is, that he
should confine him-
self as much as
possible to posting
news. Then he shall

too much in opinions,
as some correspondents
do, he detracts greatly
from his usefulness,
and to a certain ex-
tent he may com-
promise the paper
he writes for as well.

I have always regarded
your letters as being
a credit to yourself
and the paper, and I
am sure the proprie-
tors hold the same
opinion.

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The business part of
Your private letter I
have handed over to
the gentleman who attends
to these matters, and
he will doubtless com-
municate with you.

I have occasionally in-
dulged the hope that I may
some day be able to visit
the North Island, to pick up
myself of men and things:
should my hope ever be real-
ised I hope to have the pleasure
of making your acquaintance
Yours very truly
J M Smith