

"I feel great gratification in being able to inform you that the President of the Transvaal Republic has transmitted to me a very satisfactory assurance that no apprehensions need be entertained of the inhabitants of that State making any attack on the Kuruman Mission Stations."

The following may be read in connection. We think that there will be little doubt as to who is most worthy of credit, Mr. Moffat or the President of the Transvaal Republic:

"THE MISSION STATION AT KURUMAN.—The Executive Council have, in a despatch lately addressed to Sir George Grey, disavowed all intention of sending out any hostile commands against the Mission Station at Kuruman. They charged the missionaries there, however, with aiding or abetting the native tribes, and supplying them with ammunition in opposition to the interests of the State. The venerable Mr. Moffat, in a recent letter, also addressed to Sir George Grey, and which was published this week, has given the clearest and most satisfactory refutation of this charge that could possibly be desired."—*Cape and Natal News*.

WORKING MEN ON THE SUNDAY CLOSING OF PUBLIC-HOUSES.—The subjoined is an extract of the opinions of the working men of Glasgow in answer to the following queries. 6,722 schedules were received, and the following are the percentage of the affirmative and negative answers, &c;:—

	Yrs.	No.	No. Answer.
1. Have you found the shutting of the public-houses on the Sabbath to be an inconvenience?.....	30-39	69-28	·33
2. Have you found the shutting of these houses until seven o'clock morning on week days to be an inconvenience?.....	23-13	76-59	·28
3. Have you found the shutting of these houses at eleven o'clock at night to be an inconvenience?	23-32	77-37	·31
4. Do you wish these houses to be open?			
(1) For any part of the Sabbath.....	31-75	67-37	·38
(2) Earlier than seven o'clock morning on week days?.....	23-12	76-26	·62
(3) Later than eleven o'clock at night?.....	21-58	77-72	·70
5. Would you approve of a still further shortening of the hours for these houses being open?.....	53-53	45-31	1-16

The above tabular statement has been laid before the Commission on the Forbes McKenzie Act.

THE DISPUTE IN THE FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.—What is known as "the Cardross case" is causing much excitement in Scotland. Last year, the Rev. Mr. Macmillan, of Cardross, was arraigned before the General Assembly of the Free Church for drunkenness and immorality, and, notwithstanding his denial of the charges, and plea that the proceedings were irregular, the Assembly suspended him for a limited time. Mr. Macmillan took a step which shocked the Free Church—he appealed to the civil courts. The Assembly immediately called him to its bar; obtained from him the acknowledgment that he had brought an action against them, and then deposed him from his office and blotted his name from the roll of pastors. Nothing daunted, Mr. Macmillan began a new action, this time asking for damages, and the reversal of the sentence of the Assembly. It is the latter prayer that has caused the great excitement and wide-spreading polemical controversy now going on in Scotland. The Free Church appears in the Court of Session, but only to plead that, whether it was right or wrong in its proceedings, these proceedings were ecclesiastical in their character, and cannot be submitted to the review of a civil court; that this is notoriously the principle on which the Free Church is founded and to which Mr. Macmillan had himself avowed obedience; and that, therefore, the adjudication of such a matter by the Court would be an infringement of the toleration granted to British Dissenting Churches. "The Court of Session," says Dr. Buchanan, "can no more restore Mr. Mac-