

respect of Mr. McMillan, the Wood Superintendent, "that he has *always discontinued* Sabbath traffic in his own Department." There is, here, either a very gross contradiction of himself; or else, he is determined to "shew up" Mr. McMillan, the Wood Superintendent, in this, that notwithstanding McMillan's assertion to the contrary, he, the Rev. R. Irvine, "has good authority" for what he "meant to utter" at the Synod, which is in direct contradiction of McMillan's said information, which he, the Rev. R. Irvine, "learned with *much pleasure*" from him; the "pleasure" being evidently the power of shewing him up. Verily, a pretty hard rub for "Holy Willie" from his own Pastor.

Note, Fourth,—The expression, "*has always discontinued.*" The word "always," signifies perpetually, or throughout all time. The word, "discontinue," signifies to leave off; implying a previous habit or practice of something. How then, pray, could he "always discontinue" that of which he was never guilty, and could not be. The word *always*, in point of time, precluding him.

Note, Fifth.—The wish he expresses, "and I sincerely hope that the Company will *soon find* themselves in a position to *suppress* all work, &c." What a Christian sentiment for a D.D.—a Doctor of Divinity—"to utter"!!! If labour on Sabbath is sinful, it should be stopped *at once*. I wonder if this is a sample of that doctrine, which he, and other Ministers of his stamp of character in the "Free Church," call "Christian expediency."

Note, Sixth.—The word "suppress." That word when used as here, in relation to the stopping of any thing, properly signifies to crush, to subdue, as to suppress a rebellion, a riot, &c., and implies, of necessity, the use of force. Is it really true, that the servants of the said Company work upon Sabbath in defiance of the Company, and that their inability to stop them, has caused the Rev. R. Irvine to breathe out the "Christian expediency" prayer, that they, the Company, "*may soon find* themselves in a position to *suppress* all work, &c." If working on the Sabbath is sinful—as undoubtedly such work is, would it not be highly "expedient" that the said Company at once request Major Booker to call out his "Artillery," Captain Macdonald his "Rifles," and Captain McCuaig, his "Celts," to "suppress" such insubordination, and prevent Sabbath desecration.

In his second letter—which is an attempt, apparently, at an apology to Mr. McMillan, the Wood Superintendent, he says: "And beg to say with all sincerity that I am gladdened by the assurance, on Mr. Millan's part, that he has never been in the *habit* of despatching wood trains on the Lord's day." Let us again read this sentence: "And *beg* to say," verily, what humility!!! "with all *sincerity*," I said in my first letter, that I have learned with *much pleasure* from Mr. McMillan that he has *always discontinued* Sabbath traffic," (by which probably he "meant to utter" that Mr. McMillan was never guilty thereof) but now I say *with all sincerity*, believe me or not, as you see fit, "that I am *gladdened* by the assurance on Mr. McMillan's part, that he has *never* been in the *habit* of despatching wood trains on the Lord's day,"—that is, he Mr. McMillan, has not been in