

which only requires leaders, and if the experience of history be worth anything at all, those leaders will in due time appear. The doctrines of Buddha still linger in the land, and a spark would kindle them into flames. It may be ten years or twenty, but a second revolution is certain in the end, and, as we believe, it will be not from without, but from within.—*Hurkaru*.

**THE TRIBUTE TO THE POPE.**—The *Tablet* implores its readers to purchase tickets in a monster lottery which will be drawn at Rome on the 19th of February, 1863, “in aid of the necessities of the Sovereign Pontiff.” As an inducement to the “faithful” to take tickets, they are assured that a large number of the articles to be drawn or raffled for have been *blessed* by the Pope himself. Dr. Dixon, the Roman Catholic Primate of Ireland, has addressed to the clergy of his diocese a pastoral, informing them that the Pope “had vouchsafed to extend to the confraternity of the St. Peter’s Pence the indulgences and favours previously granted to the arch-confraternity in Rome.” The Cardinal Archbishop of Paris has issued a circular to the curates of his diocese, reminding them that on the third Sunday in Advent they are to collect Peter’s Pence. The archbishop says that he expects “pious generosity” to be exercised.

**FREE CHURCH DISCIPLINE.**—The Free Church of Uist have found it necessary to suspend twenty of their members for dancing, and two for happening to be passengers in a vessel that sailed on Sunday.—*Orcadian*.

**THE BENEFIT OF SUNDAY-SCHOOLS IN LANCASHIRE.**—“A Lancashire Lad,” in a letter to the *London Telegraph*, says:—“Stockport has reaped great benefits from an institution to which all Lancashire owes much—the Sunday-school. For considerably more than one generation these schools have been at work here, and now their strength and the hold they have upon the people is very great. I see their influence in the faces, in the behaviour of the girls at the sewing schools; and I have noticed that the home has been frequently hallowed by Sunday-school associations.”

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### CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND SOCIETY.

In accordance with the 20th by-law, the entire scheme has to be revised, at the annual meeting of the Society in June next. The trustees are now considering what amendments or additions are desirable in the present circumstances of the fund, and will be happy to receive suggestions from any member of the Society, of changes which they may have to propose.

They have under special consideration the practicability of increasing the benefits of the fund, either by reducing the amounts of the annual subscriptions, or of increasing the annuities guaranteed. In so doing, it is necessary to know, not merely the value of existing risks, but also the extent of immediately prospective risks. It would not be fair to the fund to base a proposal to increase the benefits on the present number, and then find that the extra advantages held out had induced a considerable number of new applications.