

tion as companions and fellow students with the royal pupils, who are much pleased with their company. The ages of the boys are from eight to fourteen, some of them are described as very tractable, and delight in learning. Several others are expected to join the Institution, and a gradual increase of royal pupils may be anticipated from far and near. The importance of such an Institution is very great, not that the soul of one of these little princes is of more value than the soul of the Hindoo, or slave boy, but if they can be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; and if God blesses to their real conversion these means, much good would result from their influence and example, and thus, fulfil the words of the promise, that in the latter days, God will lift up his standard amongst the people; they shall bring their sons and their daughters into it, and Kings shall be thy nursing Fathers and Queens thy nursing Mothers."

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**Facts to be Thought about especially at the Close  
of the Year.**

1. There are in the world about 800,000,000 of souls.

Of these Christianity is professed by

Roman Catholics, 80,000,000	}	200,000,000
Protestants, . . . 70,000,000		
Greek Church, . . . 50,000,000		

2. There are who never hear the Gospel

Jews, blinded by unbelief, . . . 5,000,000	}	600,000,000
Mahomedans deluded by the false prophet, . . . 140,000,000		
Pagans, sunk in idolatry and superstition, . . . 455,000,000		

3. Amongst this last 600,000,000 of heathen, there are only about 1400 Missionaries, including those of America, Great Britain, and the European Continent, or one Missionary to every 428,571 persons.