

LESSON XLVII.

ASIA.

Si-be-ri a	Kam-schat-ka	per-pon-di-cu-lar-ly
Eu-ro pe-an	Eu-phra-tes	re-demp-ti-on
i-dol-a-ters	Ar-me-ni-a	Pa-les tine
bor-der-ing	Me-di-ter-ra-ne-an	Gal-i-lee

Asia contains some of the hottest, and also some of the coldest parts of the earth, for it stretches as far into the north as Europe does, and much further into the south.

Siberia, a country in the north, bordering upon the Icy ocean, is as cold as India, stretching into the Indian ocean, is hot: for India lies so far south, that the rays of the sun fall straight (perpendicularly) upon a portion of it.

The people of Southern Asia, and the adjoining islands, are very dark, much darker than Europeans; they wear but little dress, those at least who carry on any sort of trade or active employment, and that dress is very thin, often white.

The inhabitants of Central Asia and China, which lies at the east of it, are of what is called the Tartar race of men; they have a dirty buff coloured skin, with long and narrow black eyes. The people of China are skilful in some manufactures, especially in that beautiful ware, called from this country where it was first made, *China*; but they are ignorant of much more important things, and, above all, they are ignorant of the true God.

Most of these nations of Asia of which we have been speaking, are idolaters—worshippers, viz., of