

places in the world most interesting to us, on account of the great events which happened there, and of the people who lived there; for the two greatest events in the world were the creation of man, and the redemption of man by our Lord Jesus Christ.

LESSON XLVIII.

AUSTRALASIA

Zea-land	pre-vent-ed	Pa-pu-a
ex-cept-ing	op-po-si-tion	bar-ba-ri-an
set-tle-ment	cou-ra-ge-ous	sur-round-ing
hith-er-to	at-tempt	Po-ly-ne-sia

The name of Australasia, or Southern Asia, is given to a number of islands in the Indian and Southern oceans. The largest of these is new Holland, which is nearly as extensive as the whole of Europe. Much the greater part of New Holland is unknown to Europeans, but there are British settlements on the coast. It is inhabited by a race of savages who are among the lowest and most degraded that are to be found in the world. One of the things that formerly prevented the settlers from going far into the interior, was the violent opposition they met with from these savages, who came in great numbers, armed with their long spears, against those who were so courageous as to attempt to penetrate into the unknown parts of the country; but they are now more amicably disposed towards the new-comers. The chief difficulty is the want of water; few rivers have, as yet, been found in this country, and some lakes, the sight of which had afforded hope to the travellers who discovered them, proved to be so salt as to be quite undrinkable. Of the other islands