

belonging to Australasia, even less is known than of New Holland, excepting New Zealand, in which is an extensive English colony, and which is a very beautiful and fertile country. But of Papua, or New Guinea, which lies to the north of New Holland, we do not even know the size, no one having yet sailed all round it. The barbarian people who inhabit it have given their name to a race called from them the Papuan. They are as frightful in person as savage in their habits; and from their extreme ferocity, it must be difficult for Europeans to make a settlement, either in New Guinea, or any of the surrounding islands. The plants and animals peculiar to Australasia are very unlike those found in other parts of the world, and some of them are exceedingly curious. In a future lesson you will hear more about them.

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### LESSON XLIX.

#### SPREAD OF THE GOSPEL.

From Greenland's icy mountains,  
From India's coral strand,  
Where Afric's sunny fountains  
Roll down their golden sand;  
From many an ancient river,  
From many a palmy plain,  
They call us to deliver  
Their land from error's chain.

What though the spicy breezes  
Blow soft on Ceylon's isle,  
Though every prospect pleases,  
And only man is vile,