

and are but little known. The inhabitants, like all savages, are divided into petty tribes, and are at constant war with each other.

12. About 2000 miles south of Australia is the Antarctic Continent discovered, in the year 1840, by the American Exploring Expedition, commanded by Lieutenant C. Wilkes. Nearly about the same distance south of New Zealand is Victoria Land, discovered in 1841, by Captain J. C. Ross, of the British navy. (See Map No. 3.)

Map No. 28.—What great circle forms the north boundary of Australasia? *Er.*—What tropic crosses Australia? *Ch.*—In what corner is Australasia? *Td., S. Te.*—How long and wide are Australia and Van Diemen's Land? How long are New Guinea and the two largest islands of New Zealand? What strait separates Australia and New Guinea? *Ta.*—Australia and Van Diemen's land? *Be.*—How wide are they? What island is inhabited by convicts from New South Wales? *Nk.*—What is the population of the Botany Bay Colony? Van Diemen's Land? South Australia? New Hebrides? New Caledonia? Swan River Colony? Sydney? Hobarton? How far is it from Hobarton to London? To New York? Name the New Zealand Isles.*

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Sandwich Islanders burning an idol.

POLYNESIA.

1. POLYNESIA comprises the islands situated in the Pacific Ocean, between Malaysia, Australasia, and South America. Its climate is similar to that of the West Indies, but is more mild and regular.

Polynesia. Q.—1. Describe Polynesia. 2. Products. 3. The peo-

* See the account on Map 28. near New Zealand.