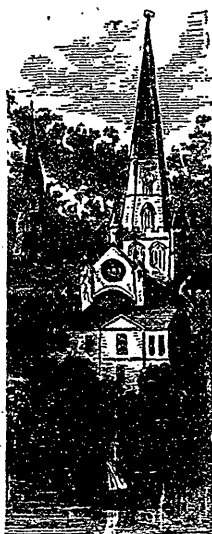


sympathy, he conquered many a native tribe and secured young men for the Missionary Institute at Auckland.

The *Undine* had soon to be replaced by a larger vessel, the *Border Maid*, and this soon again by one still larger, the *Southern Cross*. With such increased equipment the work prospered grandly, and across the wide Pacific through the faithful labours of Wesleyan, Congregational, and Anglican missionaries, beacon lights were kindled on one island after another as glad signals to "give glory unto the Lord and to declare His praise in the islands;" and to-day, out of a total population of 863,000 in the islands of the Pacific, 324,000 are Christians.



LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL.

Bishop Selwyn was at length obliged by failing health to return to England, where he resumed work with influence greatly increased by the brave and noble spirit of self-sacrifice with which he had been toiling among the islands of the Pacific. His sterling merits were universally acknowledged, and in 1857 he was honoured with an elevation to the 'See of Lichfield, Stafford-



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shire. In this position he manifested great zeal in the moral improvement of the peculiar population in the "Black Country." In 1878 he closed his life and labours in the triumphs of Christian faith. He was greatly interested in the canal population of England—a very numerous class who lived, many of them, in large families in these canal boats, and for whose religious instruction almost no provision was made. He organized a canal mission for reaching this destitute class, and employed a mission barge to carry the Gospel to their rendez-