

Commenting upon the Queensland labor traffic, as described by Mr. G. E. Morrison in *The Age*, the *Lawsonston Examiner* writes :—
“Such facts, and the experience of several years, have led some of the best authorities to assert that the traffic can never be regulated, and, therefore ought to be abolished. But in Queensland there is a conflict of opinion on the subject, and it is scarcely possible that there will be an entire cessation of the trade until the Islanders either get too wary for the tricky labor vessels, or are too scarce to trouble about. The planters, however, are said to look upon New Guinea as a fresh field for obtaining labor, and if it can be proved that the traffic cannot be carried on without being accompanied by such atrocities as those which have been perpetrated in the past, then the duty of the Imperial Government is plain. A nation which has done and is still doing a noble work for the abolition of slavery in various parts of the world cannot surely countenance the continuance of a traffic in human flesh, which is a blot upon our boasted civilization.”