

without its attractions to minds of a mystic temperament, and was the subject of profound study by the saintly Fletcher, it is not adapted to make converts nor to arouse enthusiasm. His exposition of Scripture, while evidencing much learning, an elevated spirit, and not a little wise suggestion, is vitiated by puerilities of interpretation and a delusive, though fascinating, theory, which had previously beguiled even such an accute mind as that of Origen—viz., that of minute correspondences between things earthly and things in heaven. Many of these interpretations are so extraordinary as to compel the opinion that the Swedish sage, at times at least, was subject to mental aberration. We have not space at present to give any account of his theological system, which is not unworthy of somewhat careful study. Through the liberality of F. Jungerich, Esq., the facilities for that study are placed at the command of those interested in the subject. It would be well if some wealthy Methodist layman would place the works of Wesley, a far greater religious teacher, in our public libraries, and at the command of the critical student.

*Common Sense in the Household: a Manual of Practical Housewifery.* by MARION HARLAND. 12mo., 322 pp. Toronto: Belford Brothers; Methodist Book Room.

THIS book, we confess, is beyond our critical judgment; but we have submitted it to an accomplished priestess of the Eleusinian mysteries of the *cuisine*, and she has pronounced it admirable. None of us are sufficiently angelic to be altogether indifferent to creature comforts, and often health as well as both purse and temper are affected by the economy of the dining table. Besides all manner of domestic receipts, the perusal of which is quite appetising, the book gives ample directions for the preparation of delicacies for the sick room and nursery.

*The Arctic World: Its Plants, Animals, and Natural Phenomena, with a Sketch of Arctic Discovery.* 4to. 276 pp. 118 engravings. London: T. Nelson & Son; Toronto: S. Rose. \$3 25.

THIS sumptuous volume gives an admirable summary of Arctic discovery down to 1875, and a graphic account of the physical geography and natural history of the Polar world. Its chief attraction, however, is the magnificent series of engravings, many of them of large quarto size, drawn and executed by French artists, of the weird wild scenery of those mysterious regions. It will be read with interest in connection with the present British expedition, of which so graphic an account has been given in late numbers of this magazine.

*Hope Raymond; or, What is Truth?* 16mo. pp. 229. By Mrs. E. J. RICHMOND. Nelson & Phillips, New York.

THIS is a beautiful heart-history, the story of an earnest human soul grappling with the gravest problems in the universe, asking, like Pilate, "What is truth?" and receiving the different and unsatisfying answers that high Calvinism, Universalism, Unitarianism, and skepticism give. The guidance of a kind Providence, and the teachings of her cherished Bible, lead at last to the peace of believing, the joy of perfect love. The human interest of the story is very tender and touching, and its whole lesson most salutary.

*The London Quarterly Review (Wesleyan).*—Professor Pope's fifty pages of keen and critical notices of recent books will be of great value to the student. The paper on the revision of the New Testament exhibits excellent Greek scholarship; but we think the emendations in Matt. v. 18. "Under no circumstance" for "in no wise;" and in John i. 12. "He came unto His own