

Rauda (ro'-da or row'-da), supposed to be the first discoverer of Greenland.

Snoefellzness.—(Sno'-fellz-ness), a place in Iceland.

Skroellings.—(Skrol'-lings screamers or wretches), also called Skralinger (Skra'-lin-ger), another name for Esquimaux.

William Scoresby (Skors'-be), an arctic navigator and clergyman, was born at Cropton, Yorkshire, 1790, and died in 1857, at Torquay (tor'-ke), a favorite watering-place in Devonshire. His father, also called William, was brought up as a farmer at the same place; when about 30 years old he adopted a seafaring life, became a successful whaling master, and held command in thirty voyages. When our author was ten years of age he ran away in one of his father's ships, and in his 16th year attained the rank of chief mate; as second officer of the ship *Resolution*, under his father, in 1806, he reached the highest point of northern latitude till that date visited by man, $81^{\circ} 30'$, within 540 miles of the pole. Captain Parry, in 1827, went 80 miles farther and planted the British flag in latitude $82^{\circ} 45'$. On his return, he devoted some years to study at the University of Edinburgh, and in 1810 became Captain of the *Resolution*.

The series of explorations in the north which have distinguished our century may be said to have originated with him. In the same regions he was the first to make scientific exploration on atmospheric electricity. In the ship *Baffin*, the year 1822 found him