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Death of the Famous Author of "The Origin of Species" and "The Descent of Man."

Charles Robert Darwin, one of the most famous scientific writers of the present day, died yesterday at his home, Down house, near Orpington, England. He was the son of the late Dr. Robert W. Darwin and a grandson of Dr. Erasmus Darwin, the author of the "Botanic Garden," "Zoonomia" and other works, which contained the germs of the theories afterwards formulated by his grandson.

Charles Darwin was born at Shrewsbury, February 12, 1809, and was graduated at Cambridge in 1831. The same year he sailed in H. M. ship Beagle as volunteer naturalist in the scientific exploring expedition around the world, and on his return published a most entertaining "Journal of Researches into Geology and natural history."

In 1839 he married his cousin, Emma Wedgwood, granddaughter of Josiah Wedgwood, the potter, and shortly after published the "Zoology of the voyage of the Beagle," a treatise on "Coral Reefs," and one on "Volcanic Islands" and a volume of "Geological Observations."

These were followed by a somewhat famous monograph on the Cirripedia and in 1859 appeared the "Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection," a book which attracted great attention all over the world and established the author's fame as a leader of modern scientific thought. It is a work in which large knowledge and close observation were joined with a power of clear and brilliant generalization that captivated the reader, and although but a part of the doctrine therein set forth was Darwin's own, he has nevertheless gives it his name, and "Darwinism" has become an accepted term in popular speech.