



CHARLES ROBERT DARWIN.

kindled in the young student that enthusiasm for linguistic study destined to shape his future career. Fortunately Mr. PRICE's father was a man of large wealth, and could readily afford that his brilliant son should enjoy all the advantages offered by extensive travel and the severe training of the best foreign universities.

In the autumn of 1858, Mr. PRICE entered the University of Berlin. Its philological faculty comprised at that time some of the greatest scholars of the father-land, and the enthusiastic young American began his life's work under HAUPT in Latin, BOEKH in Greek, BOPP and SEINTHAL in Sanskrit and comparative grammar, living the while in the family of BENARY, who as a practical Latinist was counted one of the foremost scholars of his time.

After studying about two years at Berlin, Mr. PRICE transferred his residence to the University of Kiel, attracted thither by the growing reputation of GEORG CURTIUS. Sixteen years later, when Mr. PRICE was a candidate for the Greek chair in the University of Virginia, one of the strongest and heartiest testimonials as to his eminent fitness for the position came from his old master, who had migrated from Kiel to Leipsic. After studying under CURTIUS, acquiring meanwhile an easy familiarity with Platt-Deutsch (of prime importance in the scientific study of English), Mr. PRICE set out on his travels. Six months of this time he spent in Greece, where he joined the Prussian corps of archaeologists directed by ERNSR CURTIUS, the well-known historian of ancient Hellas. While in Greece, Mr. PRICE, with his aptitude for languages, quickly acquired the Romaic, but, eager to resume his studies, he contented himself with a tour through Italy, and in the autumn of 1861 settled himself in Paris at the Sorbonne. Here he remained not quite a year.

Fully equipped for the profession of teaching, to which he had resolved to devote himself, Mr. PRICE now returned to America, and in the autumn of 1865 opened a preparatory school for boys in Richmond. Even at that early day it

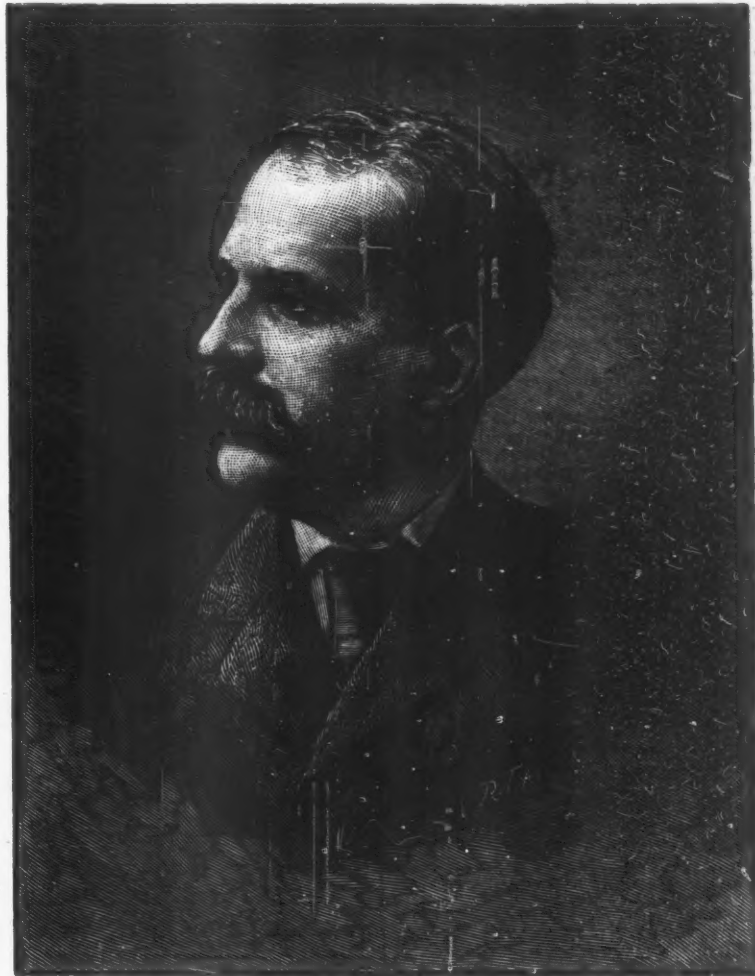
was known to his friends that he was pushing forward vigorously his studies in English philology, carrying into his work in this comparatively new field the sound philological methods learned under the great masters of the classic tongues. From his school he was soon called to the chair of Greek and Early English at Randolph-Macon College in Virginia, whither his rising reputation as a skillful practical teacher as well as an accomplished scholar attracted the greatest number of students ever gathered within those venerable walls. In 1876, Dr. GILDESLEEVE was called to the Johns Hopkins University, and on his recommendation, Professor PRICE was unanimously chosen his successor as professor of Greek at the University of Virginia. There he has steadily added to his great reputation as a teacher, and the scholars of Virginia, without dissent, lament the loss which his removal to Columbia entails upon the higher education of that State.

Professor PRICE is master of a pure and vigorous English style, as is shown by his published papers, and Columbia is to be congratulated on having secured a scholar of such broad culture and thorough philological training for the important chair of English.

CHARLES ROBERT DARWIN.

This renowned naturalist, whose theory respecting the origin of man has been the occasion of so much animated controversy, died on Thursday, April 20, at his residence, Down House, near Orpington, England. He was the son of ROBERT WARING DARWIN, and was born at Shrewsbury on February 12, 1809. Mr. DARWIN was educated first at Shrewsbury School under Dr. BUTLER, afterward Bishop of Lichfield; he went to the University of Edinburgh in 1825, remained there two years, and was next entered at Christ's College, Cambridge, where he took his B.A. degree in 1831. His hereditary aptitude for the study of natural science must have been early perceived by his instructors. The Rev. Mr. HENSLOW, Professor of Botany at Cambridge, recommended him, therefore, to Captain FITZROY and the Lords of the Admiralty in 1831, when a naturalist was to be chosen to accompany the second surveying expedition of H.M.S. *Beagle* in the Southern seas.

The first expedition, that of the *Adventure* and *Beagle*, 1826 to 1830, had explored the coasts of Patagonia; the *Beagle*, which sailed again December 27, 1831, and returned to England October 22, 1836, made a scientific circumnavigation of the globe. Its main object was, by a continuous series of chronometrical measurements, to procure a complete chain of meridian distances; there were also important magnetic observations; but the zoology, botany, and geology of the different countries visited were examined by Mr. DARWIN. He served without salary, and partly paid his own expenses, on condition that he should have the entire disposal of his collections. Mr. DARWIN discovered in South America three new genera of extinct animals. The president of



PROFESSOR THOMAS RANDOLPH PRICE.—PHOTOGRAPHED BY ANDERSON, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA.

the Geological Society declared that his voyage was one of the most important events for that science that had occurred for many years. To the general reader few books of travel can be more attractive than Mr. DARWIN's *Journal* of this expedition, which he first published in 1839, and which has since gone through many editions. A delightful book for young readers has been compiled from his *Journal*, and published, with many illustrations, by HARPER & BROTHERS.

Since the voyage of the *Beagle*, we believe, Mr. DARWIN has not personally engaged in any distant explorations. He has resided during many years past in Kent, having married his cousin, Miss EMMA WEDGWOOD, by whom he has a large family. The honors of several British and foreign scientific societies have been conferred upon him—the Royal medal and COPLEY medal by the Royal Society, the WOLLASTON medal by the Geological Society—and he has been created, by the King of Prussia, Knight of the Order of Merit. He has frequently contributed to the transactions of the Geological, the Zoological, the Linnean, and other botanical societies, and his treatise on the

Cirripedia, published by the Ray Society, is one of his works held in much esteem. Botanists have appreciated his observations of the habits of climbing plants, and his very interesting book, published in 1862, upon the methods by which the fertilization of orchids is effected through the agency of certain insects. Mr. DARWIN's reputation is thus independent of the philosophical theory which he propounds in his essay "On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection." That bold and ingenious essay, which first appeared in 1859, has been printed by tens of thousands of copies, and translated into French, German, Italian, Spanish, and other European languages.

This is not the place to enter upon the discussion of a subject which has excited the most bitter controversy in scientific circles; but we may state that the great objection to the Darwinian theory is the want of that direct evidence of facts in its support which would surely be forthcoming if it were true. Geology bears record, in its fossils, of the existence during thousands of past centuries of many species now extinct; but we do not learn from the geologists that they



MIGRATORY WILD FOWL.—FROM A SKETCH BY GASTON FAY.—[SEE PAGE 268.]

have detected any one species in the act of transforming itself into any other. Within the range even of human observation of some living creatures, it might have been expected that, seeing the rapidity of their generations succeeding each other, short-lived as they are, we should find some recorded instances of such mutation. But the animals that old Egypt worshipped and those of which we read in old Æsop's fables were such as we now meet. Allowing, however, the lapse of hundreds of millions of years, antecedent to all geological dates, for the change from the simplest to the most complete living form, it is scarcely credible that the modification of a vegetating structure has produced in animals such an organ as the eye, much less the brain.

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