DARWIN'S OLD HOME.
PERSONAL RECOLLECTIONS
OF THE GREAT SCIENTIST.

At the recent opening of Darwin's old
home at Downe, near Kent, I was present
as a guest of Mr. and Mrs. George
Boulton, of Downe House, who had
invited me to join them for a short visit.

First of all I must say that my father had
been a great admirer of Darwin's work.

After a few words of welcome, I was
shown into the library, where Darwin's
books were displayed in a prominent
place. I was struck by the fact that
Darwin was a great reader and
an avid collector of scientific
works.

Darwin was a man of great
intelligence and a keen
observer. He had a
unique way of looking
at the world and
was always
inquiring.

Darwin's work was
published in 1859
and was
immediately
welcomed by
the scientific
community.

I was able to
see some of
the specimens
that Darwin
had collected
during his
trips to South
America.

Darwin was a
great
traveler, and
his journeys
were
inspirational.

The highlight of my
visit was the
opportunity to
see the
famous
finches
Darwin
studied in
the Galapagos
Islands.

I must say that
my visit to
Darwin's
home was
enlightening.

William Baxter,
Downe, Somerset.