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The Press Association says Mr. Charles Darwin, the naturalist and philosopher, breathed his last on Wednesday afternoon at his residence, Down House, Down, near Farnbro', Kent, at the age of 73. He had been suffering for some little time past, from weakness of heart, but he continued to do a slight amount of experimental work up to the last. He was taken ill on the night of Tuesday last, when he had an attack of pain in the chest, with faintness and nausea. The latter lasted with more or less intermission during Wednesday, and culminated in his death, which took place at about four o'clock on Wednesday afternoon. He remained fully conscious to within a quarter of an hour of his death.

His wife, and several of his children were present at the closing scene. During his illness he had been attended by Mr. Norman Moore, Dr Andrew Clarke, and Mr. Moxon, and Dr. Alfrey, of St. Mary Cray.

The eminent philosopher leaves, besides his widow, a family of five sons and two daughters. It has not yet been decided when his remains will be interred, but the place of burial will be the quiet churchyard of the village of Down, near which place Professor Darwin has spent the latter days of his life. In addition to the works by which the name of Professor Darwin is well known, his two most recent works the "Power of Movements in Plants," and the "Formation of Vegetable Mould," will further enhance his fame.

Quite recently - on the 16th of March - he read two papers before the Linnæus Society on special botanical subjects, having thus, it would seem, died in the midst of the work which was so congenial to him.