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IN the death of CHARLES R. DARWIN, the English naturalist, the world has lost one of the massive intellects. He was one of the few original thinkers of the century and there is not a scientific man living to-day who does not acknowledge his aid. His doctrine of evolution, now so generally adopted and believed in, was not original with him. The theory was really conceived by LAMARCK, a German scientist, and evolved by him in a vague way.

DARWIN took it up after both his grandfather and father had devoted themselves to it and applied it; and by his patient research and marvelous faculty of investigation he filled the world with his belief. He is, therefore, in himself a striking example of the evolution of ideas, for he was of the third generation that labored to trace the origin of species from the sponge to the highest development of animal life. It must be said of DARWIN that he did not exert himself to applying his theory of development to the human race. He really stopped at the ape, and a German disciple named HAECKEL carried it to its last analysis. Mr. DARWIN was noted for the simplicity of his writings as well as the boldness of his experiments. He left his imprint upon the times more indelibly, perhaps, than any man who has lived since GALILEO, and we doubt whether there is a man living to-day who can take up his unfinished work.