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DARWIN'S TRIBUTE TO HIS WIFE.

Readers of Darwin's life will recall many passages which show how devoted Darwin was to his wife, and how highly he valued her judgment. In "More Letters of Charles Darwin" we find the following:

"You all know your mother, and what a good mother she has ever been to all of you. She has been my greatest blessing, and I can declare that in my whole life I have never heard her utter one word I would rather have been unaided. She has never failed in kindest sympathy towards me, and has borne with the utmost patience my frequent complaints of ill-health and discomfort. I do not believe she has ever missed an opportunity of doing a kind action to anyone near her. I marvel at my good fortune that she, so infinitely my superior in every single moral quality, consented to be my wife. She has been my wise adviser and helpful comforter throughout life, which without her would have been during a very long and a miserable one from ill-health."