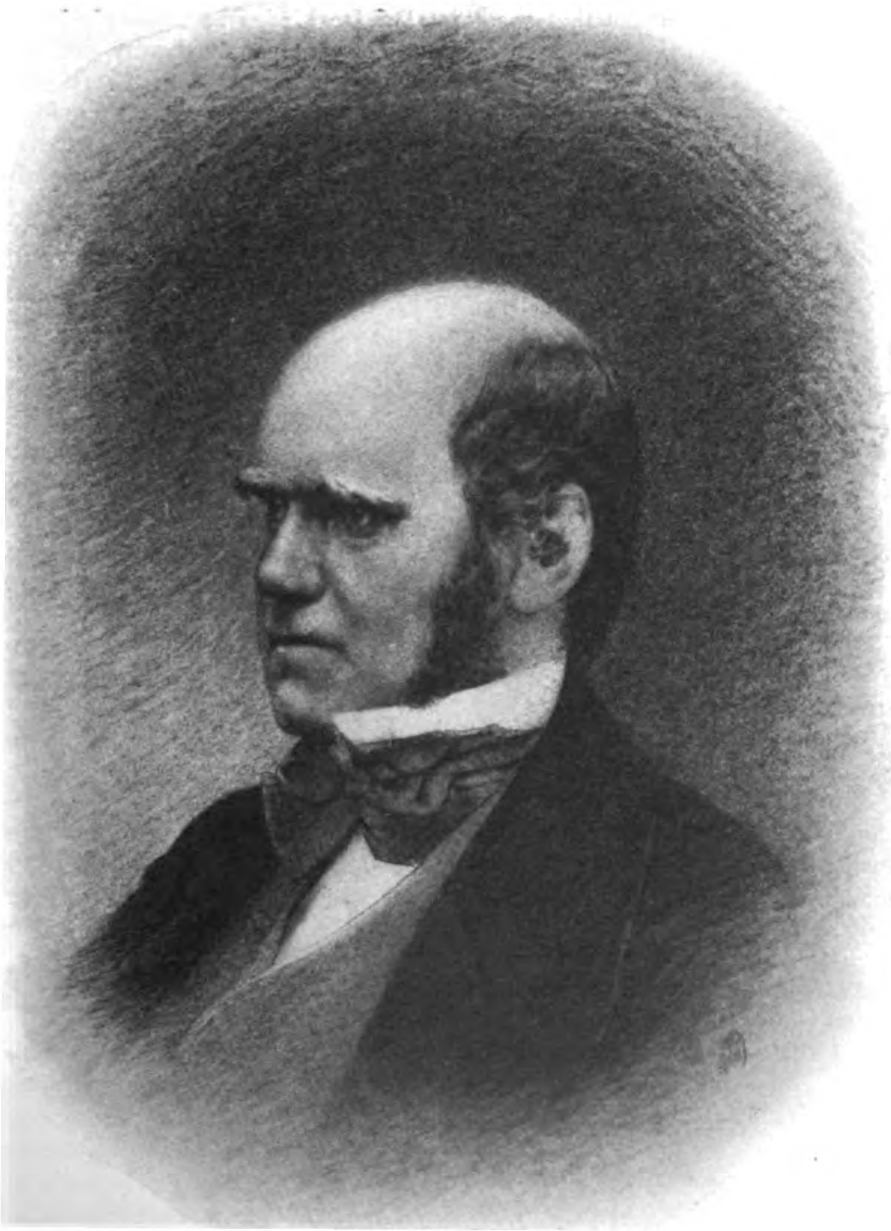


MISCELLANEOUS.

THE DARWIN AND LINCOLN CENTENNIAL.

The fact that Lincoln's birthday, February 12th, is also the anniversary of Darwin's birth, has come to receive almost universal recognition at the annual celebration of the national holiday, and in Europe of course the day is associated with the great Evolutionist rather than with the Liberator. This year, however, the date is of especial interest as it marks the centenary of the birth of both great men. It is only fitting that advantage should be taken of this opportunity to commemorate in some worthy and conspicuous manner the great services they have rendered mankind. Great preparations have long been making for the celebration of the Lincoln centennial. These are most prominent among the schools but not limited to them, since throughout Illinois and in the larger cities of many other states a period of from four days to a week is being set aside to do honor to the memory of the martyr hero. Darwin's centennial will be celebrated more quietly but very generally in scientific circles, the largest public demonstration taking place in Cambridge, England, about the middle of June. Efforts will be made to have scientific work in biological and evolutionary lines assume a commemorative aspect in some permanent way. The Open Court Publishing Company will issue an English translation of Hugo de Vries's *Mutationstheorie*, the first volume of which at least will appear by the time of the Cambridge celebration. Nothing could serve more fittingly as a memorial to the immortal scientist than this record of the continuation of his work as it has been carried on by the man who, more than any other naturalist, has succeeded in furthering the end towards which Darwin himself labored.

The portrait here reproduced represents Darwin in the prime of his life, at the time when he was writing his first works and before he became widely known. The original photograph was a gift from Darwin to Mr. Victor J. Carus, the young Leipsic zoologist who was then engaged in translating the English scientist's earlier works into German. We know of no other copy of this photograph now in existence outside of the circle of Darwin's immediate family, and we are sure that the portrait will be of unusual interest to the readers of *The Open Court* since it gives a somewhat unfamiliar phase of a famous personality.



DARWIN IN HIS PRIME.