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March 29th 1880

DOWN,
BECKENHAM, KENT.
RAILWAY STATION
ORPINGTON. S.E.R.

My dear Mr. Fox

I had heard that your Father was out of health, but had not the least idea that he was seriously ill. Your letter grieves me much & you may be sure of deep sympathy. It has touched & gratified me much that your Father should have thought of me at such a time, but he was always full of sympathy.

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I saw a great deal of him
in '82 days at Cambridge,
& we used to breakfast
together daily. In the course
of my life, now a long one,
I can truly say that I have
never known a kinder or
better man. — I can
therefore feel what a loss

he asks her to give all. I gather from your letter that he does not now suffer much, & this is some comfort.

Believe me my dear Cousin, for we are cousins though in a remote degree, that I am grateful to you for having written & I remain

Your very truly

Charles Darwin

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