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NATURAL science and philosophy have sustained a heavy loss in the premature death of Professor Edward D. Cope. His work began at a most favorable time, in 1859, when comparative anatomy first felt the impetus of the 'Origin of Species,' and for thirty-eight years his active mind has been hastening our progress in no less than five great lines of research. In each his inspiring example and leadership will be sadly missed. He passed away upon April 12th, at the age of fifty-seven, in the full vigor of his intellectual powers, leaving a large part of his work incomplete. Almost at the last he contributed several reviews to the *Naturalist*, and upon the Tuesday preceding his death he sent to the press an elaborate outline of his University lectures containing his latest ideas of the classification of the Vertebrata. For two months his health had been affected by a serious disorder, which might possibly have been remedied by a surgical operation. This was unfortunately postponed until it was too late, and the end came so suddenly that his family decided not to remove him from his house, in Pine Street, which was both his study and museum. He thus passed away in the scene of his life work, surrounded by his fossils and books. A gathering of his scientific friends in his memory also took place here a few days later. His will proves to be consistent with his life, as he leaves

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