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The subject of this memoir was born in Derby, England, in 1851, and came to Canada when he was twenty-five years of age. He settled in Vancouver Island and studied for the Ministry under the Rt. Rev. George Hills, D. D., Bishop of Columbia. He was made a deacon in 1884 and ordained to the priesthood in 1886. His first clerical charge was Cedar Hill. He had already given attention to the attractive and but little known fauna of the Pacific Coast, for in the preface to the Toronto Check List of Insects, which was published in 1883, Messrs. Brodie and White speak of him as a collector to whom their thanks were due, and at the annual meeting of the Entomological Society of Ontario, held at London, Ont., October 15, 1884, Mr. James Fletcher presented, on behalf of Mr. Taylor, a collection of Diurnal Lepidoptera to the society. On this occasion Mr. Fletcher said that although Mr. Taylor was but a new member "he had already done good work." In the report of this meeting the first contribution, by the Rev. G. W. Taylor, to the annals of the Society, appears. It is entitled "Notes on the Entomology of Vancouver Island." In the CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST for the same year (Vol. XVI) other papers written by him will be found.

In 1887, Mr. Taylor was appointed Honorary Provincial Entomologist of British Columbia. In the Annual Report of the Entomological Society for that year he published a very interesting account of a series of expeditions made by himself, Mr. Fletcher, Professor Macoun, Mr. Tolmie and others, to the summit of Mount Finlayson, in search of *Chionobas gigas* Butler.

After some years' active service during which he had built a church, he resigned his charge in Columbia Diocese, and moved to Ottawa. There he was favourably received by the Ecclesiastical authorities; and there he founded the church of St. Barnabas. But after some years, for the benefit of his health, he returned to British Columbia and became rector of the church at Wellington, near Nanaimo. He retained this charge until five years ago when he was appointed by the Federal Government Curator of the Biological Station at Departure Bay.

It was during the period of his second residence in Vancouver Island that Mr. Taylor became a constant contributor to the pages of the CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST. In the volumes of that magazine numbered from XXXVI to XLII inclusive no less than eighteen papers from his hand appear. His last contribution, entitled "On some New Species of Mesoleuca," is given in the number for March, 1910.

Of late years Mr. Taylor gave much attention to the Geometridæ, especially those belonging to the genera *Eupithecia* Curtis and *Mesoleuca* Hübner. Of these he described and named many new species. The whole of his collection of Geometridæ has been recently purchased by Dr. Wm. Barnes, of Decatur, who, without doubt, will make excellent use of it; but we cannot but regret that so much of the fruit of our late friend's research and ability should have passed from the Dominion.

In 1881 Mr. Taylor was made a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. He had been for many years a Fellow of the Zoological and Entomological Societies of England, and fifteen years ago he was elected a Corresponding Member of the Ottawa Field Naturalists' Club. All these societies have been benefitted by his labours.

In the Thirty-fourth Annual Report of our own society appears a highly-appreciative and eulogistic account of Mr. Taylor from the pen of the late Dr. Fletcher. From it we learn that many naturalists have given honour to Mr. Taylor by naming after him new species of various kinds, as, for example: *Melitæa taylori* W. H. Edwards, *Mediolaria taylori* Dall, *Leucandra taylori* Lambe.

Undoubtedly Mr. Taylor's chief scientific work was done in connection with Marine Zoology, and in recognition of this the Federal Government, in 1905, appointed him a member of the Dominion Fisheries Commission for British Columbia. In the report of that Commission, Mr. Taylor described as many as thirty kinds of edible shell-fish.

"There is in course of publication by the Dominion Government at the present time a very long and valuable report on the crabs, shrimps, and other crustacea of British Columbia."—(*Ottawa Evening Journal*, Aug. 24th, 1912.)

The following words, written by Dr. Fletcher in the lifetime of Mr. Taylor, and in the paper above referred to, convey much in few words, and were justly due to the deceased: "Mr. Taylor is an indefatigable collector and a generous correspondent, who considers no trouble too much to make observations or secure specimens when specially desired. In his parish work he is painstaking, gentle and self-denying—always ready to help. A clear and forcible preacher and an earnest liver, who shows in his works that religion is not an accessory of every-day life, but an integral part of it."

Mr. Taylor died of paralysis, on August the 22nd last, and was buried in the cemetery at Nanaimo. He leaves to mourn his loss a married daughter and two sons. The funeral service was read by a dear friend of the deceased, the Venerable Archdeacon Scriven.

It is to be hoped that measures will be taken to secure for the benefit of posterity the very valuable conchological and (remaining) entomological collections left by Mr. Taylor.

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#### ON THE DIPTERA OF BAJA CALIFORNIA, INCLUDING SOME SPECIES FROM ADJACENT REGIONS.—II.\*

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This paper embodies a report on a lot of flies sent me for determination some years ago by the California Academy of Sciences. They were secured on a later expedition than those mentioned in the first paper.† Unless otherwise stated, they were collected jointly by Dr. Gustav Eisen and Mr. Frank H. Vaslit, who, together, visited and collected in San José del Cabo in September, and Tepic in October and November, 1894. Species already listed in the first section appear here with their original numbers.

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\*The present paper has been in manuscript for nearly ten years, but with many others was never reached by the Publication Committee of the California Academy of Sciences, owing to lack of funds. It was returned to me many years ago, has since that time been overlooked, and is now offered on account of the fact that the results it contains appear to have lost none of their interest during the lapse of time.

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