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The readers of the *Canadian Entomologist* will be pleased, we feel sure, to see the good portrait given herewith of the Rev. G. W. Taylor, who, during the last twenty years, has done such excellent work in almost all lines of Natural History in British Columbia. Born in 1854, in Derby, England, where he received his education, Mr. Taylor, after leaving school, studied mining engineering, but in 1882 came out to Canada and went at once to British Columbia, where he had relatives. Although engaged for a short time in farming, he began almost immediately to study for the ministry, and in 1884 was ordained by the Bishop of Columbia. Since that time, with the exception of two years, from September, 1888, to August, 1890, which he spent in Ottawa as rector of the joint parishes of St. Barnabas and Holy Trinity, he has been in charge of parishes in British Columbia, and at the present time is rector of the Church of England at Wellington, B. C. From boyhood Mr. Taylor has been keenly interested in Natural Science, and from his enthusiasm and industry has accomplished much, not only in doing original work of importance in several lines of Zoology and Palæontology, but in constantly encouraging and assisting others with whom he came in contact, to take up and enjoy with him his favourite studies.

Mr. Taylor has for many years been a Fellow of the Entomological and Zoological Societies of London, England, and in 1884 was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in recognition of his eminent services to science, particularly in connection with his investigations in Canadian Conchology and Entomology. In 1887 he was appointed Honorary Provincial Entomologist of the British Columbian Department of Agriculture, and sent out a circular letter to farmers, drawing their attention to the losses caused by insects and asking their co-operation. Owing to his removal to eastern Canada in 1888, this work was relinquished before any report was issued. Several important papers have appeared from his pen in the *Transactions of the Royal Society of Canada*, the *Canadian Entomologist*, the *Ottawa Naturalist* and the *Nautilus*. Many

new species have been discovered by this energetic worker, and several have been named after him. Among insects, species which have been mentioned in this magazine are *Melitæa Taylori*, Edw. *Anthelia Taylorata*, Hulst, *Ichneumon Taylori*, Harrington, *Trichiosoma Taylori*, Provencher, and *Adranes Taylori*, Wickham. All orders of insects, however, have been studied, and several other species in different orders from those named have been or are being named after the subject of this sketch. Some of Mr. Taylor's best work has been done on the Mollusca, and naturally several new species have been called after him; among those which occur to us are *Pristoloma Taylori*, Pilsbury, *Modiolaria Taylori*, Dall, and *Phyllaphysia Taylori*, Dall; in addition a new species of sponge, *Leucandra Taylori*, Lambe, may be mentioned.

Enormous and valuable collections of British Columbian specimens of various kinds have been made, and generally sent off to specialists in all parts of the world. Mr. Taylor, possesses himself the largest private collection of Limpets (Patellidæ and allied families) in the world; also the most complete collection of Unionidæ in Canada, and one of the largest general collections of land and water shells (7,000 species) in Canada.

A constant collector of insects, Mr. Taylor has also amassed valuable collections in several orders, notwithstanding the fact that he has made a practice continually of giving away to specialists any specimens which were required for study. His cabinets contain a wealth of representative specimens of inestimable value to the many beginners who have been stirred up by his enthusiasm to investigate the insect fauna of our Pacific Coast Province. At the present time he is devoting all his energies to the working up of the North American Geometridæ, paying particular attention to northern species which are likely to occur in Canada. Since the death of the Rev. G. D. Hulst, this important family of moths has been somewhat neglected by American students. Mr. Taylor's methods of work are systematic and thorough. First securing all the literature on the subject under consideration, he then strives to acquire types for study from the original localities, compares them with the descriptions, and then with extensive series of specimens from as wide an area as possible. He is an indefatigable collector and 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 everyday life, but an integral part of it.

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