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## THE REV. GEORGE W. TAYLOR, F. R. S. C., F. Z. S.

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 contributon, 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.