

have also a single specimen of this species collected on the mainland of British Columbia, near Scotch-fir Point, which is about forty miles north of the island locality; and a few days ago I secured a fifth specimen under some leaves by Nanaimo River, near my present home.

The original description of *P. Clappii* will be found in the *Nautilus*, Vol. XI, p. 133, and that of *P. Taylora* in the current volume of the Proc. Acad. Nat. Sci., Philadelphia.

THE SOLITARY SANDPIPER.—*Totanus solitarius*.

BY REV. C. J. YOUNG, Lansdowne, Ont.

Perhaps one of the most interesting of our small Sandpipers is this species, especially to those who, being fond of out-door life, take an occasional stroll by our ponds and creeks in the spring and "fall" of the year. I observe this species almost every year, and find that its migrations are very regular in Eastern Ontario, between the St. Lawrence and Ottawa rivers, where I have seen it. Taking the years from 1887, when I first began to pay attention to the species:—In that year I saw a pair at a wet place near large woods a few miles from the Ottawa River, County Renfrew, on the 10th of May; on the 13th two pairs at the same place, and on the 19th August one bird by a creek not far off. In 1888, I saw one on the 12th of May. The next two years I did not observe it; but coming to the neighborhood of the River St. Lawrence, County Leeds, in 1891, I saw several in a muddy bay off Charleston Lake, doubtless a brood of young ones, on September 3rd. In the same year, not very far from the same lake, I saw one as late as October 20th. That is the latest record I have.

In 1892 I saw the bird rise from a wet place near my house on August 1st, and again on August 3rd. These were probably birds that had stayed in the neighborhood all the summer.

In 1893 I did not see any birds, but in 1894 they were more plentiful than usual, and I saw one or more near the village of Lansdowne on the 15th, 18th and 19th May, and one on the 11th of June.