

PLEUROTHALLIS BLAISDELLII. Stem slender, about 2 inches long, angled, hispid, sheathed with 4 to 7 obliquely truncate funnellform acute nerved bracts, the terminal one sheathing the base of the solitary leaf and of the nearly sessile raceme: leaf oblong, nearly sessile, 1 or 2 inches long, acute at base, 3-denticulate at the apex, dark green, purplish beneath, 5-nerved, the outer nerve marginal: raceme usually solitary, about 6-flowered, much shorter than the leaf; pedicels very short, equalling the sheathing bracts: sepals brown-purple, 2 lines long, somewhat spreading, fleshy, oblong, acutish, the lower united to the middle; petals nearly equalling the column, thin, ciliate, broad-oblong, obtusish, brownish above; lip somewhat longer, ligulate, ciliate, dark brown, not crested: column yellowish, narrow below, broadly winged above, the wings and crest ciliate-lacerate. — Chocon forests; described from plants in flower at Cambridge, November, 1887. Named in memory of Mr. Frank E. Blaisdell, the energetic young manager of the plantation of the "Tropical Products Company" upon the Chocon, to whom I was much indebted for assistance during my visit there in 1885.