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"NEARER, MY GOD, TO THEE."

1. Propius, O Deus mi, propius a Te,  
Etiam si crux erit quae tollat me :  
Canam perpetue —  
"Mi Deus, prope Te ;"  
"Propius, O Deus mi, propius a Te."
2. Quamquam, errorum noctu similis,  
Quiescam super stratum lapidis, —  
Delectat esse me  
In somnis prope Te ;  
Propius, O Deus mi, propius a Te.
3. Ut scilicet tunc ad coelos via sit ;  
Quaecumque mihi des, elementa sit :  
Sunto cochlearum ;  
Nutantes vocent me,  
Propius, O Deus mi, propius a Te.
4. Tam expectata laude fulget mens ;  
Malis petrosis "Bethel" extruens :  
Sic moeror urget me,  
Mi Deus, prope Te,  
Propius, O Deus mi, propius a Te.
5. Si locus penitus findens aera,  
Stellis relictis, petam supera —  
Quam jucundissime,  
Cantabo — "Prope Te,"  
"Propius, O Deus mi, propius a Te."

SEXEN ACADIENSIS.

## THE GARDEN OF CANADA.

THE delightful spot which lays claim to this significant expression is Prince Edward Island. Much has been written concerning its fertility and agricultural products, and we do not purpose to dwell upon any of these at length, but simply to give an outline of the island as a whole. A consideration of its physical features will at once convince us of the appropriateness of the epithet heading this article. Although separated from the mainland by the Straits of Northumberland and surrounded by the ocean, yet its detached position does not deprive it of any of the importance which would otherwise accrue to it. True, it is somewhat isolated during severe winters, but communication has nearly always been kept up with the mainland, although under many difficulties.

Strangers on their arrival are struck with the redness of the soil and its undulating appearance. While passing over the island by railway only barren tracts are seen, but we must not on this account jump at rash conclusions, for the soil is very fertile, almost all kinds of grain and roots being cultivated in great abundance. Many of the pioneers who, in spite of all obstacles, hewed out for themselves homes in the forests, are now in extremely comfortable circumstances owing to the richness of their lands. It would be wrong, however, to suppose, that this is its only resource of wealth. The waters which flow so majestically and peacefully around it, abound with fish of all kinds ; and lobster factories start up here and there along the sandy shores. This of itself would render

that part of the Dominion well known, since lobsters are a commodity not procured elsewhere in Canada.

Recently gold has been discovered in Prince Edward Island, and other minerals also are supposed to exist there. At the present stage of discovery the writer dare not say, with the editor of a well-known newspaper, that some of the houses and barns are under-pinned with gold, but believes that in the near future this province will be heard of as a land abounding in gold-fields.

The inhabitants are beginning to feel the want of wood for fuel, but if the coal enterprise turn out a success they will be much benefited.

The climate, agreeably tempered by the waters of the ocean, and influenced by the Gulf Stream, is very pleasant and salubrious. Freed from sudden changes, no extremes of heat and cold are felt. The air is balmy and invigorating during the summer. No fogs prevail along the coasts. The longevity of the people is sufficient proof that the country is healthy. It is no unusual circumstance to meet with persons who can recall the scenes of the greater part of a century, and converse intelligently about the hardships of the first settlers.

During the summer, visitors from all parts of America frequent the cool springs and shady groves of this lovely Garden of Canada, and they invariably go away with glowing accounts. Although the people seem to speak favorably of annexation with the States, they are still loyal to the British flag.

Perhaps we conclude that this small island in the sea has no travelling facilities, but this is a mistaken idea. Throughout its entire length from east to west there stretches a single line of railway, which proves equal to the demands of traffic. It touches all the most important towns and villages, and in doing so assumes a marvelously zigzag appearance. The inhabitants are largely immigrants from the British Isles, and therefore firm supporters of the Church of their forefathers.

Many Prince Edward Island names are brilliant in the history of our country. There left its shores not a few who are now in eminent standing and in lucrative positions. It was there that men were found willing and ready to go out as missionaries to the cannibal islands. Need we mention Dr. John Geddie, that grand old hero of the New Hebrides, of whom it was said : "When he landed in 1848 there were no Christians here, and when he left in 1872 there were no heathen !" The Gordon brothers, too, manifested true missionary zeal, and finally sealed their religion with their blood.

Prince Edward Island has many vacant churches. The great cry is for laborers. Who will go? M. L. L.