

work together in committees, or meet one another on many a keenly contested field in the Literary Society. Such intimacy of contact with men of all sorts of mental and spiritual proclivities widens the sympathies, and affords a mental stimulus which, to some extent at least, is lacking in the comparative seclusion of a theological hall. In the line of Christian work a step in the right direction has been taken in the formation of an Inter-seminary Missionary Alliance. It is hoped that similar good results will follow the discussion of literary subjects on the same platform by students of the different colleges. At any rate the formation of such a scheme will lend new interest to our public meetings, and if we may take the recent debate between Knox and Wycliffe as a fair type of those that are to follow, the series promises to be an exceedingly interesting and profitable one.

A BISHOP AND THE FAIR SEX.

THE hour's address of Bishop Cleary to the faithful at Napanee, has been heard of more widely than most sermons. It was a somewhat extraordinary performance by a prelate, and in a sacred edifice. The good Bishop was evidently a little outside of himself with ill temper. The Kingston public school board had very sensibly declined to educate gratis the children of separate school supporters, and had said, "either pay or go." The Bishop takes his revenge in rather a cowardly manner by attacking the women and girls of Ontario, who have been educated in the public schools. Even with the qualifications of the newspaper report of his address which the Bishop and Father McDonagh have hastened to give, it remains undisputed that our women are charged with bold and immodest behavior, especially in public, and this as the result of the worse than pagan abomination of the co-education of the sexes under our public school system. We do not mention these outrageous charges for the purpose of replying to them. No reply is necessary. Mr. Peter Ryan, of Toronto, a well known leader among the Roman Catholics of this city, has taken his lordship in hand in the following vigorous style:—"If there has been a lack of modesty exhibited in one quarter rather than in another, it is rather in your lordship's admitted remarks than in the conduct of our girls. . . . I suppose your lordship is under the impression that your episcopal character gives you permission to say what you like without any dissent being expressed by your spiritual children, and that when you open your mouth no dog must bark, but the vast majority of the intelligent Catholic manhood of