

the same difficulty in medicine, law and civil engineering. Even the theologians find that the proportion of men who want to work from the pulpit, is far in excess of those who are ready to support them from the pew.

EXPLANATIONS WANTED.

Why is the atmosphere to-day so full of open quackery, and quackery-imitation? Why is there such a commercial spirit among so many practitioners? Why is there such a social and professional decline, not alone among struggling beginners, but among men who have held high positions in the gift of the licentiates? Why is it that, in spite of the splendid educational progress in Ontario, in spite of the devotion of many who adhere to ethical methods of conducting their business, we witness the most degrading and fraudulent advertisements in our public press? It is all very well to pretend to ignore the seriousness of the statement that dentistry is overcrowded; but it is a fact which cannot be questioned, that there are more dentists in Ontario and Quebec than can find profitable practice. We never had better qualified men, excepting perhaps in prosthetic practice before the introduction of vulcanite. If these and other worse conditions are not the natural results of overcrowding, and the commercial competition which is its outcome, to what are they due?

A WARNING TO ASSISTANTS.

We feel it our duty to warn assistants and licentiates of the provinces outside of Quebec, against the rascality of one or two notorious characters in Montreal, who are ready to hire assistants at fabulous salaries. As they never pay them, and bring them to Montreal under false pretences, and at best are scoundrels who should be in the penitentiary for fraud, they can afford to swindle their employees. Several pitiful cases have been brought to our notice. The profession must be certainly overcrowded when