so that the advice is not only free but reliable. It has, we learn, been worked for two years at a cost of about £30. During the last year the dispensary had 310 clients, representing 480 consultations, and the questions involved were all of sufficient importance to merit attention. More than a third of the applicants sought advice in matters concerning family relations—difficulties between husbands and wives, and parents and children ; and one gentleman wrote as many as fifty letters during his two months' attendance. In some of our larger towns and cities in Ontario similar charitable work might possibly be done. The work should, however, be committed to reliable practitioners duly accredited and approved of by, say, the County Judge, and not left to pettifoggers and mere busybodies. It seems that litigation is not undertaken by the Edinburgh dispensary, controversial matters being handed over to an accredited agent of the poor.

EXPERT EVIDENCE.

At the last sessions of the Dominion and Ontario Legislatures statutes were passed on the subject of expert evidence.

We assume that the Dominion Act, 2 Edw. 7, c. 9, can only be invoked in criminal proceedings or civil proceedings within the jurisdiction of the Dominion Parliament and would not be applicable in ordinary actions respecting property and civil rights within the jurisdiction of the Provincial Legislatures. The Ontario statute, 2 Edw. 7, c. 15, is somewhat similar to the Dominion Act, but limits the number to three experts on each side who may be called without leave, and it applies to actions, arbitrations and other proceedings.

The wisdom of the English law of evidence in excluding as a rule anything but testimony as to facts appears to be vindicated when we contemplate the extraordinary and sometimes ridiculous results due to the departure from the ordinary rule. As soon as witnesses are permitted to leave the beaten path of fact and to indulge in opinions the truth of the maxim, quot homines tot sententiæ, is manifested. Each expert witness generally seems to conceive himself called upon to support a theory favourable to the party who calls him, and the value of his opinion is guaged accordingly.

These legislative efforts to remedy what has practically become a farcical scandal may possibly be successful, but we are inclined