

THE proceedings of the Law Associations are always of more or less interest. We notice that our brethren of York have brought up one subject which has been in the minds of the profession for a long time, and which was referred to years ago in the pages of this journal. The proposal is for a radical change as to costs. Having now taken definite shape, the subject will come up for full discussion. We shall return to it again.

The resolutions referred to the Committee on Legislation at the last meeting of the York Law Association are as follows: (1) That the present method of adjusting solicitors' costs by long bills of detailed items is antiquated, and tends to bring disrepute upon the profession. That the settlement of costs between party and party by a block system or commission, or by a combination of both, would be in the public interest. That there is no valid reason for any tariff between the solicitor and client. That a solicitor and client should be free to make any bargain as to solicitor's remuneration, subject only to the same rules as any other contract. (2) That it also be a reference to the same committee to consider how far, under the present tariff, costs are an indemnity; and to suggest such amendments thereto as, in their opinion, may be deemed desirable. This resolution to be taken as supplementary to the above, and for the purpose of enabling the committee to consider the whole question of costs.

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### OVERHANGING TREES.

In a late case of *Lenmon v. Webb*, (1894) 3 Ch. 1; 7 R. July III, the Court of Appeal in England had to consider the law relating to trees overhanging the property of an adjoining proprietor. The principal point in controversy there was whether the person whose land was overhung had a right to cut off the offending branches without notice to the owner of the trees, and the Court of Appeal came to the conclusion that he had; and this decision has since been affirmed by the House of Lords: see 98 L.T. Jour. 107. It may, however, be useful to consider a little more at large the law relating to trees thus encroaching.

Some difference of opinion has prevailed as to the ownership of trees growing over or on the boundary line between two pro-