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It would seem from the statistics in the office of the Clerk of the Records and Writs at Osgcode Hall, that litigation is somewhat on the increase in the Province of Ontario; a fact which may be of some interest to a profession, which, in comparison to the education, time, and intelligence devoted to it, receives less emolument than any other class in the community. The writs issued in the central office for the year 1902 up to the 30th of September of that year were 762. The number issued for the same period of the present year was ob. When we consider the number of solicitors in practice, one is tempted to say "but what are these among so many". In speaking of the emoluments of the profession, it is a fact worthy of note that while the cost of everything in the way of living is much greater than formerly, when salaries generally have been largely increased, and wages of workmen nearly doubled, the tariff of professional fees remains much as it was half a century ago. It is high time that this fact should be recognized and a proper scale of fees not only arranged, but insisted upon by practitioners in their daily business, and the interests of the profession thereby protected against those in our ranks, who, too frequently, having no proper sense of what they owe to their brethern, lower the general level of charges. We are well aware of the difficulties attending this matter, but of one thing are confident that if the profession were to pull together, with an earnest desire for the good of all, and with a proper esprit de corps most beneficial results would follow.

Meetings of representative Law Societies, and especially those of English speaking races, are always of interest as indicative of progress in the administration of law. In this regard we may regret that so far as the largest, and as we think the best, part of the North American continent is concerned, we, as a Dominion, have no association of this kind. Our attention is drawn to this subject by the proceedings of the American Bar Association and English Law Society at their recent meetings, the former held at Hot Springs, Virginia, and the latter at Liverpool. The meeting