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the exhibition of their cards showing payment of current year's dues. The right to practice may be easily proven by this method.

All members of the state bar participate in the election of the state bar commissioners, and in the participation in this election all members know that the state bar commission truly represents the bar of the state, and all members of it.

The state bar may speak on matters of interest to the bar and everyone knows that it speaks as the voice of all lawyers.

Lawyers who have not taken an interest in the voluntary bar and its affairs now find themselves as members of the state bar, and being so do take an interest. There follows an enlargement of the state bar and active participation in its programs, particularly those of public enlightenment.

The ethical standards of the members are more readily controlled. The state bar does not bring a great number of disciplinary actions and very seldom is a lawyer suspended or disbarred. The state bar does adopt ethical standards and the lawyer, knowing that disciplinary action can be taken effectively, is more anxious to comply with the ethical standards. The state bar does not go out and investigate all lawyers to see if they are complying with the ethical standards; it initiates an investigation only where a complaint is filed with it; in other words, there is not a great deal more disciplinary action taken under a state bar than voluntary bar, but the set-up of the state bar, and the possibility of effective action, encourages the lawyers to adhere more closely to the ethical standards.

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Alexander Lee Doud, Dean of the Denver Bar, died July 24th, after two weeks in the hospital, at the age of ninety-four. In 1936 he was given a life membership in the Denver Bar Association, at an annual banquet of the association. He came to Denver sixty-one years ago from Illinois, where he had been ill, and upon engaging in practice in Denver his health steadily improved, so that he was able to achieve the remarkable feat of carrying on an active law practice at the age of ninety-four. He was active in obtaining a charter for the Denver University and in recognition of his services was elected to the Board of Trustees. He observed his fiftieth anniversary on the board last January. He was for many years President of the Board of Trustees of Trinity Methodist Church. He was chosen to deliver the dedicatory address upon the dedication of the City and County Building. He was a Mason for sixty-eight years, and was at one time President of the Crown Hill Cemetery Association. He was an enthusiastic golfer, and enjoyed a good game of golf, even during his later years. He contributed a loving cup for older golfers tournament held annually at City Park.