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When the Board of Governors decided the dues of the association should be raised from \$3.00 to \$5.00 a year, subject to the approval of members of the association, they did so because of the fact that the income from the present dues was clearly inadequate to continue to operate all of the functions of the association. At the time the decision was made to recommend an increase of dues, the Board of Governors had before it the financial statement of the association for the past several years. This statement showed that unless a substantial amount was raised each year by members of the association through contribution or sustaining memberships, it would be impossible to have financed the activities of the Colorado Bar Association. The Board of Governors also went over the statement of expenses carefully with the idea of attempting to cut out any unnecessary expenditures. Few expenditures were found that could be in any way eliminated and, in fact, it was discovered that the work of most committees was being financed to a large extent by committee members. While figures are plenty dusty themselves, it was thought that the members of the association would be interested in a financial statement of the affairs of the association. During the last year the state bar has contributed \$474.70 or approximately \$39.56 an issue to the publication of DICTA. This cost represents a reduction from last year, when DICTA cost the Colorado Bar Association about \$43.68 an issue or \$524.09 for the total year. However, against this saving, the Loose Leaf Service increased in cost nearly \$350.00, due in a large part to the report of the legislation passed by the last legislature. The total cost of the loose leaf service was \$1,128.65 as compared with the cost a year previous of \$671.55. However, 1943 was an abnormal year with respect to the expense of the loose leaf service and the actual cost of printing this service should run approximately \$800.00 a year. In July the association inaugurated the program of sending a monthly letter to the men in service. This letter will cost approximately \$5.00 an issue. Other main items of expense are the secretary's salary, which is twenty-five dollars a month, or three hundred dollars a year, and stationery and stenographic assistance which last year cost \$468.31. The cost of the convention is approximately two hundred dollars in excess of all receipts. The income of the association is derived chiefly from dues. For the past twelve months the association has received \$2,804.55 from regular dues. This income has been supplemented by

contributions and sustaining memberships in the sum of \$1,132.00. A summarized statement of the income and expenses of the association follows:

Income		
Dues		
Annual dues	\$2,804.55	
Sustaining memberships and contribu- tions	1,132.00	
Miscellaneous income	5.00	
	<u>\$3,941.55</u>	<u>\$3,941.55</u>
Expenses		
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Mailing	\$ 76.50	
Printing	315.00	
Envelopes	56.74	
Addressograph	26.36	
Loose leaf service		
Printing	1,001.65	
Mailing	27.00	
Stationery	45.09	
War letter	17.50	
Secretary		
Salary	300.00	
Expenses	468.31	
Junior Bar Dinner	24.48	
Miscellaneous expense	94.38	
Convention expense	468.19	
Unpaid obligations for 1942	522.10	\$3,443.30
	<u>498.25</u>	<u>\$3,941.55</u>
Cash on hand		<u>\$3,941.55</u>

C. P. Gehman, who is reporting the forty-sixth annual meeting of the Colorado Bar Association, will celebrate his fortieth year of reporting the state convention for the Colorado Bar Association. Mr. Gehman, who is the reporter for Judge George A. Luxford of the Denver district court, is admitted to practice law in the State of Colorado and is a member of the state bar association.