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Dicta Editorial Board

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that the state membership had exceeded by one hundred per cent the quota set by the national body for last year, and that early indications for this year gave promise of again exceeding the quota.

Announcing that his committee on meetings and arrangements had planned a gathering of Junior Bar members at Pueblo immediately preceding the Legal Institute in that city, John W. O'Hagan of Greeley stated that a series of sectional meetings of the state conference were being planned for the state. Present plans call for a gathering to be held on the Western Slope this summer prior to the Colorado State Bar Association meeting.

If the plans of the committee on sponsoring newly-admitted members of the bar can be successfully worked out with the consent of the various groups and officials concerned, this committee hopes to have the new brothers as guests of the conference at a dinner to be held on the day of admittance, according to the report made by Norman E. Bradley of Denver. In addition to welcoming the group into the profession, the committee plans to sponsor the new members wherever they are located in the state until such time as they become acquainted with the procedural aspects of law practice.

Wm. Hedges Robinson, Jr., of Denver, chairman of the Public Relations Committee, spoke briefly on the need for the work of this committee and of a plan to undertake a study of the economic status of lawyers with a view toward aiding a law school graduate to familiarize himself with the possibilities of practice in any given district in the state.

After the meeting adjourned, members of the conference attended the Legal Institute.

COLORADO BAR ASSOCIATION REPORTS

The Forty-first Annual Reports of The Colorado Bar Association Proceedings, 1938, have been delivered or mailed to the entire membership. Pursuant to provisions of the new by-laws, which may be found in the Reports, all members of affiliated associations automatically became members of The Colorado Bar Association. Accordingly, over 1,100 copies of

the Reports and the current issues of DICTA have been forwarded to members.

The Secretary is most desirous of completing and maintaining an accurate roster of all members, and will appreciate advice as to any errors in the list found at page 312 of the Reports.

Members are urged to preserve their Bar Reports. This volume contains valuable information relating to the reorganization of the bar and other matter which may not be reprinted in future editions. A complete index of State Bar Association Reports is being compiled and will be ready for publication in the near future. Accordingly, the value and usefulness of all Colorado Bar Reports, and also those of other states, will be considerably increased.

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The newspaper's duty is not defined by law, except as restrictions on license are prescribed, such as libel and contempt of court. The responsibility is an implied one and purely moral. Asking a place in the community for profit and for the support of its workers, the newspaper assumes the obligation of keeping the public informed in all matters of general interest.

Newspapers like to present information to their readers before it is widely known, the "news while it is news," to state the matter tritely. The almost maniacal stress placed on "scoops" by metropolitan newspapers, however, sometimes thwarts the objectives which were sought when guarantees of free press were written into the Constitution.

It is the duty of every citizen to aid observance of the law and the administration of justice. The obligation rests upon the newspaper as well as upon the citizen in other callings. There are limitations to the information, and the time of presentation, which newspapers may rightly give their readers.

The opening statement of the deputy district attorney in a murder trial now proceeding in district court in Sterling doubtless came to almost all Advocate readers as new and surprising. Yet virtually all of the expected evidence was known

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