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GENERALLY SPEAKING, New York City has very reliable weather during its winter months; we can expect snow and freezing temperatures anywhere from Thanksgiving until about the middle of March with a blizzard or two around the time of the Westminster show. This winter, however, the weather man must have been troubled with lack of help in the filing department, for he swung in periods of balmy spring thaws that had us continuously wondering whether we should wear overcoats each day or merely rely on our red flannels to separate us from the elements. The poor guessers paid for misjudgment with colds, grippe, strep throats and flu. The toll at the time of the Garden show was approaching an all-time high and resulted in complete sabotage of the B.C.A. Board Meeting scheduled for February. Five of the nine governors were absent and, without a quorum, there could be no meeting. Apparently other parts of the country were affected the same way, for Jimmy Allen from Virginia and Mrs. White from California could not attend.

One result is that there is very little to report in this issue regarding B.C.A. activities. It is regrettable that the meeting could not be held as it had been planned to be more or less of an open forum, with many guests to sit in and discuss the advancement of the Club and the breed. Illness is a powerful damper on the activities of mice and men, however and we all hope the sufferers have recovered completely.

There is one development of real importance that will be acted upon at the next board meeting to start the ball rolling for our 1947 Specialty. As reported previously, several breed clubs in the non-sporting group have been endeavoring for some time to hold a combined Specialty Show next Fall. The B.C.A. authorized Frank Fletcher and Ed Pratt to attend meetings of representatives from the interested clubs and to act in our behalf to hold the show. News has just reached me that it is set for the first Sunday in November (Nov. 2, 1947) at the Civic Center Building in White Plains. Permission from the AKC has been requested and although not yet received, we are optimistic about sanction. So start shining up your hopefuls and teaching them not to bite the judge; then bring them out on that eventful day. More of this later, when breeds, judges and trophies are known.

Your correspondent has been greatly complimented by receipt of several letters in which the writers actually broke down and admitted that they had read at least part of the columns that the GAZETTE has so kindly let me clutter up with these vaporings. All inquired about the promise of printed Bulldog Standards. That is sweet music to the dogeared ears of this correspondent-and to many who have remarked the importance of real study of our Standard. We all know that the first source of any breed Standard is the AKC's "Complete Dog Book" but should you be desirous of a pocket-size copy of the Bulldog Standard alone, you will soon be able to get it by writing our Secretary, E. I. Pratt, Route 1, Box 277 Norwalk, Conn. Wish we could quote prices right here and now but the expenses are not lined up as yet. It will be available at a very nominal fee, however, and we urge you to write in for your copy. We believe that by the next issue we can print the price.

It is a pleasure to see articles on Bulldog history "by-lined" once more with the name of Warren Blaisdell. These are appearing in the Kennel Crier and will run in a series of eight articles. Warren has been a Bulldog fancier for years and has gone to some lengths to study the background and history of the breed. His first article, printed in the recent issue, was well worth reading and we can be sure that those to follow will be as interesting. 'Til next month, then-and keep in mind November 2nd for our Specialty.-
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