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AFTER TOO LONG AN ABSENCE I find it hard to get on the beam again. So much has happened and news becomes stale so quickly. Unfortunately for us I have some very sad news, the sudden passing of our beloved vice-president A. Kramer of Chicago on Oct. 15. He was also a director of the AKC, whose very fitting memorial to him appeared in the November GAZETTE. With his passing this Club has suffered a very serious loss. We who have had the privilege of his friendship will always remember his cheery manner and loyal support of our Club and two well-known lines mirror his personality:

"He lived his life as though it would endless be,  
Yet lived it as if the morrow ushered in eternity."

At a recent meeting of the board of governors it was decided to accept the invitation of the Westminster K.C. to consider the Bulldog classes as our Specialty Show. This will be like old home week to some of our members who in 1903-04 were active participants in this Club's shows held in conjunction with Westminster at the old Garden. They were swanky events, too, with \$125 being paid out of the treasury for decorations and \$100 for extra electric lighting-again in 1911 12 and '13, when Westminster was held at Grand Central Palace with Bulldog entries of 229, 166 and 177 respectively-offering prize monies of \$275 besides many valuable trophies. We can be truly grateful for these hard working fanciers who spared no effort to put our breed on the top and in building a club on such concrete foundations.

Our judge, Mrs. Millard C. White, of California, needs no introduction. She has been a consistent breeder and exhibitor over a period of years, making many treks across this glorious country of ours, showing her Dogs at all the big events. Let's make her trip, this time, a memorable one by giving her a good entry. We were very late in getting started so could not contact all our members and friends for trophies. In consequence we hope you will all double your entries. We have some very nice trophies and cash money \$5-first, \$3-second and 2-third in all classes open to all and this, added to the class money usually allocated by the Westminster K.C., will make a most attractive win. Remember, a win at the Garden, is a win worthwhile! The war news is so encouraging it would be wonderful if we could make this a V-Day show. The Bulldog Club of New England's show was such a success that it has written requesting its 1945 show date. That is truly a progressive spirit. The Philadelphia Bulldog Club classic will be over when these notes are being read. This show should be a banner one, with extra stress being put on because of the 50th anniversary of the Philadelphia K.C. all-breed show, with which it is held. The P.B.C. has been holding its Specialty Show with this club for years and its esteemed president (for nearly two decades) Harry Brunt, is also president of the Philadelphia K. C. Sincere congratulations and best wishes for the continued success of your dual clubs.

The Bulldog Club of Greater Cleveland is asking that its Specialty Show be held in conjunction with the Western Reserve K.C., Mar. 3 and 4. Thus the merry show whirl keeps gathering momentum, each revolution a boost for our beloved breed. In wishing you all a Happy Christmas, we join you in a prayer for our dear ones over there-for their safe and speedy return.

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