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I was an exhibitor and a spectator at the recent specialty show of the Bulldog Club of New Jersey, which was held in conjunction with the Union County Kennel Club's show in Elizabeth, New Jersey. Harry Rawes was the judge. He had 103 dogs; a good, big day's work for anyone. It was the first time that I have ever had the pleasure of watching awards made by Mr. Rawes. The consensus of opinion of the ringside was that he did a good job; in fact, I would say that he did an excellent job, which is far better than a good job.

He went over his dogs very carefully; he took his time; he walked his dogs, and if an exhibitor could not walk his or her own dog, Mr. Rawes took the dog by the leash himself, and made the dog walk. I sincerely trust that we may see more of this kind of judging.

It was the Bulldog Club of New Jersey's specialty show, which made the Union County Kennel Club's show a success. If anybody was in doubt where the enthusiasm was at this show, all he had to do was look at the different rings where the judging was taking place and see the crowds that stood five deep around the bulldog ring.

Dr. Irving L. Cabot, president of the Bulldog Club of New Jersey, is to be congratulated on the wonderful show. Mrs. Cabot, naturally, did more than her share of the work. A luncheon was provided; in fact, everything possible that could be done to make the first specialty show of the Bulldog Club of New Jersey a success was not overlooked by them. The follow-ups for entries were very cleverly done. My understanding is that Mrs. Hugh McCroden was the artist who drew the follow-up pictures.

At this time I think it would be very proper to mention the fact that during the first meeting of the Bulldog Club of New Jersey, when it was in its infancy, I had the privilege of attending, and Mrs. McCroden said to me, as president of the Bulldog Club of America: ~'Mr. Hammond, some day you will be proud of the Bulldog Club of New Jersey."

I want to assure Mrs. McCroden that I am proud and that the Bulldog Club of America is proud that the Bulldog Club of New Jersey has done what it has for the betterment of the bulldog.

I notice that Conway Olmsted, of Lake Bluff, Illinois, who is one of the directors of the Bulldog Club of America, is to hold on his estate at Lake Bluff, Illinois, on June 11, a sanctioned match for bulldog breeders of the Middle West. Alfred Mitchell, one of the old time bulldog fanciers, is to act as judge

This is one of the finest things that could happen for bulldogs, as you meet on an entirely different plane than at a dog show. It is really a social event, a get together for all bulldog friends.

I have done the same thing for the past two years, at my place at Sparrow Bush, New York, holding a sanctioned match show for bulldog breeders and think that it has done a lot for the betterment of the bulldog in the East. I am glad to know that Mr. Olmsted is doing the same thing for the bulldog in the Middle West.

The Bulldog Club of America held a directors' meeting on Friday, May 12. I hope to be able to make a report of what happened in the June issue of the AMERICAN KENNEL GAZETTE.
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