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BULLETIN NO. 24—NOVEMBER, 1947

NOTE:—This is the 24th of a series of bulletins your officers will issue from time to time on activities of interest to the membership. If you have bulletin material send it to the secretary.

BEST-OF-BREED TROPHY WITH A BACKGROUND

The Newry gold medal, given to the club by H. Alvin McAleenan of New York City and to be offered as a best-of-breed trophy at its 1948 specialty show, has a three-fold value. In addition to its intrinsic worth it possesses sentimental and historical attachments. It is one of 24 struck off around 40 years ago to commemorate a remarkable show achievement by the Irish terriers of Newry Kennels, whose owner, Joseph McAleenan, was uncle of the donor.

Around 1910 the elder McAleenan sent eight Micks to England, putting them through the required quarantine restrictions in order to show a team of six at Crystal Palace, where they won best team in the show. In charge of Frank McConnel of Brooklyn, the contingent of invaders included Ch. Newry Ginger, Ch. Crowgill Phil (the dog pictured on the medal) Ch. Newry Myra, Ch. Newry

Shamus, Ch. Newry Fergus and Newry Gael. Most of them were British-bred, and some of them came from the famous kennels of F. M. Jowett, whose book on the Irish terrier is still a standard work.

In addition to the afore-mentioned Newry champions the records show a number of others including Colleen, Innesfail, Kathleen and Paddy, "finished" from 1908 to 1910.

Two of the finest trophies for which the breed ever competed were given the enthusiastic "squire of Newry: the Father O'Gorman memorial trophy, won for the fifth year in 1916 by Thorncroft Kennels, and the Billy Graham trophy.

Needless to say, club officers are extremely grateful to Alvin McAleenan for his generous donation and are sure that the membership as a whole will share their feelings.

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HOW MANY AT THE 1948 SHOW?

September's bulletin carried the salient facts about the 1948 Specialty—the date, Tuesday, Feb. 10; the place, 12th Regiment Armory, Columbus Avenue between 61st and 62d Streets, New York City; the judge, Ed O'Keefe of Chicago. Suffice it to say further that the prize list, already in Foley's hands, contains an attractive list of trophies in addition to the one described above, and that every club member will receive a copy of the list as soon as it is ready for distribution.

In view of the comment aroused by the come-back of Irish, both at the 1947 Anni-

versary Show and Morris & Essex, it is highly important that this year's entry demonstrate that this resurgence of interest was no flash-in-the-pan. With this in mind prospective exhibitors should start getting their dogs ready immediately if they have not already done so. A year ago the club was aiming for a minimum of as many dogs at the Specialty as the club was years old; actually there were 70 present out of a total entry of 87! Is there any reason why we can't do as well in 1948? If so, what is it?

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Advertising pledges already received are sufficient to warrant publication of a new Breed Book, and its preparation is under way although date of issue is still indefinite.

Therefore, members who have already agreed to take space should consider this a notice to send in their copy (including cuts or pictures) together with remittances. Address them to the secretary and if possible get them to him by December 1.

For the benefit of those who have not yet taken advertising space here's the rate

schedule: Full-page, \$35; half-page, \$20; quarter-page, \$15. And let it be repeated that the book committee reserves the right to confer with advertisers regarding text and illustrations.

One more thought: While the advertising already promised is enough to give the Breed Book the green light, that does not mean that more is not needed to make it a financial success. So if you haven't yet signed up, do so between now and December 1.

H. C. RICE, Secretary.