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Kennel Notes.

BY "SPANIEL."

In our last issue a few printers errors
appeared but no doubt our readers would
be able to gather our meaning. The staff
has had a very strenuous time of late
so are in need of a little sympathy, also
a good holiday at Easter time.

A meeting of dog fanciers was held last
week and though numbers were lacking
the amount of enthusiasm shown augers
well for the prospect of holding a success-
ful show.

Affiliation has been applied for and a
reply is expected at any moment.

Mr Lea has been appointed secretary
and Mr N. Critchfield to the position of
treasurer.

Both of these gentlemen are keen fan-
ciers so no doubt will do a great deal
towards making kennel matters flourish
in the South.

The Christmas number of "Our Dogs"
is to hand and fanciers would do well to
obtain a copy as it contains a great many
photos of the leading dogs in Great Brit-
ain. The study of these should prove an
education.

The Dunedin Fancier's Club hold its
winter show on 17th, 18th and 19th June.
The local dates are pencilled for 21st
and 22nd May.

Mr L. S. Gibson, the energetic Dunedin
kennel club secretary, was on a flying visit
to Invercargill but he had a little spare
time on hand so he used it in having a
look over some of the local cockers. He
expressed himself as being pleased with
some young blood which he saw.

Mr Gibson possesses the foundation for
a good kennel in "Mainsmore Beauty," but
so far she has not brought him much
luck.

"Beauty" is a well-bred one being by
champion "Belwell Bang," the blue-roan
dog imported some years ago by Mr Sam
Johnston of Palmerston North.

A very popular breed a few years ago
in Otago and Southland was the fox ter-
rier, but some reason or other he has
been on the wane for some time past.
There are signs of his revival in the near
future. Fanciers both in the North and
South are giving keen attention once again
to his production.

Mr N. Critchfield has secured a very
nice foxie from the Babymere kennels
and should he improve with age he will
be a very good one when full grown.

The above named fancier is putting a
fine little lot of terriers together and we
hope to see him well in the hunt when
he toes the carpet a little later on.

At the present time the Irish terrier is
having a good run locally. Many pur-
chases have been made within the last six
months. "Paddy's Selection" seems to
be the main stay in the pedigrees of the
most of them.

Mr J. Stevens is expecting something
good from his English setter this time.
God luck has not favoured him so far
with her but his luck may change.

Sylvan Silk is now rearing a nice litter
by Frontier Jack, and Mr Lea is very
pleased with them at present and just
about sees a champion in the bunch, time
will prove.

Mr J. R. Wilson of Dunedin secured a
cocker bitch pup from Mr Kidd of Inver-
cargill but he had the bad luck to have
her removed from his locality soon after
receiving her. The powers that be have
failed to locate her so Mr Wilson has
had to accept the result and try and make
himself believe that he didn't want her
anyway. Somebody else has now the rod
in pickle.

The allotment of challenges for the vari-
ous shows for 1920 has been made by the
New Zealand Kennel Club.

The Dunedin Kennel Club was awarded
Cockers and Irish Terriers.

Local fanciers who were winners at the
above club's show are asking questions as
to why, the challenges were not given to
successful competitors in the breeds al-
ready mentioned. We cannot see that
these challenges can be carried over to
1921 when they are set down for 1920.
Local fanciers are the most concerned
and will require to battle hard to receive
much consideration in the matter.

No doubt the Dunedin Kennel Club will
have something to say before long by way
of explanation.

Mr Flatbush: "These jellies you put up
all taste alike to me, dear." Mrs Flat-
bush: "But you can tell the difference by
the labels." "Possibly; but I never
thought of tasting the labels, dear."

VALEDICTORY.

FAREWELL TO MR A. PHILPOT.

Mr Alfred Philpot, who has been ap-
pointed entomologist at the Cawthron
Institute, Nelson was farewelled by the
Workers' Educational Association and
the Southland Naturalists' Society on
Thursday last.

The gathering took the form of a musi-
cal evening, and was held in the Museum
Hall, Technical College Buildings. Mr
J. A. Henry, M.A., (president of the
W.E.A.), occupied the chair, there being
about fifty people present.

Songs and other items were contribut-
ed by Mrs T. G. Brickell, Misses Gladys
Petrie, M. Jefcoate, A. Hiddlestone, and
Messrs F. Bray, T. G. Brickell, Gordon
Brown, S. G. August and H. B. Camp-
bell.

During the supper adjournment the
chairman called on Mr H. J. Farrant to
present the departing guest with a pair
of field glasses. Mr Farrant expressed
the regret of members of both organisa-
tions in losing the genial company and
valuable services of Mr Philpot. As
secretary of the W.E.A. he had been a
most capable and enthusiastic officer,
whilst in the literature and other class
work he had always given a substantial
lead to the discussions. He wished Mr
Philpot every success in his new occupa-
tion, and trusted that opportunities would
arise whereby he would be enabled to
pay them a visit in the future.

Mr Fowler (president of the Natural-
ists' Society) also joined in the tribute of
respect to Mr Philpot, whose chief char-
acteristics he described as "thorough-
ness." Mr Fowler briefly traced the his-
tory of the Society which began with four
members, their guest being one of that
number. The Society was not a large
body numerically, but its members were
all keen, and valuable work was being
constantly carried on. Mr Fowler, in a
very happy mood, expressed the hope
that Mr Philpot, without the aid of
field glasses, would frequently conjure
visions of the rugged hills and smiling
valleys of Southland over which he had
tramped so often in search of specimens
peculiar to the district.

On rising to reply, Mr Philpot was vocif-
erously greeted with "For he's a Jolly
Good Fellow." He thanked them one
and all for their very kind expressions of
appreciation. Publicity was an ordeal
repugnant to him, but on this occasion
he felt he was amongst friends; they had
interests in common, and there was no
aloofness existing between the members
of either Associations. He regretted
leaving the Workers' Educational Associa-
tion, the Southland Naturalists' Society,
and the Museum. These three institu-
tions were now about to take a distinctly
forward step; they had safely passed the
period of infancy, and were being recog-
nised as a valuable portion of the pro-
vincial assets. He hoped the Borough
Council when approaching the question of
erecting a Public Library, would also
add the Museum thereto. The library
and museum were part and parcel of one
great educational institution. The work
of the W.E.A., also, was becoming better
known and appreciated. He would never
forget his happy associations in South-
land, and would look forward with pleas-
ure to renewing his friendships at no dis-
tant date. The field glasses were a par-
ticularly appropriate and useful present,
and he highly valued them.

The chairman (Mr Henry) thanked the
performers for their contributions, all of
which were of a very high order, he also
appreciated the services of Mrs Farrant
and Mr Calvert, who, as joint hon. sec.,
had organised the function, and Misses
Hiddlestone and Jefcoate who had kindly
acted as accompanists. The evening was
a remarkably pleasant one, and a general
handshaking with Mr Philpot brought the
proceedings to a close.

CHANGING WINDS.

I remember, I remember,
When I had reached sixteen,
How rare my judgment was of age:
How piercing and how keen.
A man of twenty-five was old;
And almost senile he
Who doddled past me at the age
Of thirty-two or three.

I remember, I remember,
When I was sixty-two,
How much my views had broadened out,
How ripe they were, and true.
A man of fifty was a child;
And one had just begun
To enter happy middle age
On reaching eighty-one.

—Kenneth L. Roberts.

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Rowing.

It is understood that the Invercargill
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with the action of "the heads" in cutting
out the proposal to compete at the forth-
coming Queenstown regatta, which takes
place on Saturday, April 3. The crews
that were chosen and names of crews
published recently, would have been
toughies with a little training (a fort-
night at least was at their disposal). The
heads should have given the crews a
chance, as without trying, no results are
recorded.

Railway crews have lacked training of
late and appear to be taking Queenstown
too cheaply, as it must be remembered
that Otago crews and Oamaru, as well as
Awarua (Bluff) and Riverton's will be
right out for first honours.

The Railway Junior Four that has
showed such a grand performance during
the season, is starting in the Lake Waka-
tipu championship fours and ought to be
well up when the finishing shot is fired.
G. Webb is stroking the above crew, with
A. White (three), S. Webb (two) and E.
R. Latham (bow).

Coxswain F. McManus and S. Ward
will journey to Queenstown with Railway
crews and Frankie is looking forward to
a rest from school, like Syd.

F. McManus showed his capabilities at
all the local regattas, and also at Wan-
ganui, where he steered to victory Rail-
way's Junior Pair crew (G. Webb and
E. R. Latham), also the Uawa crew (who
unfortunately had no coxswain) and great
credit is due to him.

Syd is just a new chum at the sport
but is shaping very well.

The secretary (Mr C. R. Baker) of the
Railway Rowing Club, wishes all members
to watch the daily papers for notice of a
special general meeting, that is to be held
shortly after Queenstown Regatta is over.