



PLEASED WITH HIMSELF.

—No wonder Jim Bain looks so happy; the silver DX Challenge Cup is his to keep for all time. He has already won a number of miniatures and other trophies, but this one can justly be termed "The Crowning Glory."

J. R. Bain Tops the List

Record Entry of 798 Stations Wins Coveted DX Challenge Cup

THE twelfth and last of the competitions for the "Radio Record" DX Challenge Cup has now concluded and the lucky winner of this handsome silver trophy is Mr. J. R. Bain (217W), of Marton, who entered a log of 798 verified overseas stations. Mr. Bain previously won the Challenge Cup Competition (when he received a miniature) in December, 1934, with 602 verified stations, so that his present total is an increase of 196 stations.

In addition, he was successful in winning the "Radio Times" Battery Cup, for the fourth time, with an entry of 531 verifications, and the Marton Branch Certificate.

Close Competition by D. N. Adams.

The runner-up, Mr. D. N. Adams (91M.C.), also a previous cup-winner, gave Mr. Bain a very close run for the coveted trophy, and his total of 785 stations was only 13 behind that of the winner. Mr. Adams, therefore, receives the remaining miniature of the Challenge Cup.

Entries for the Frank Carr Cup.

Great interest was shown in the competition for the Frank Carr Cup, which was won by Mr. J. H. Scully (126Ot.), of Moeraki, Otago, with an entry of 567 stations—the highest yet entered for this cup. Previous totals are: J. P. Cowlshaw, 391; J. E. Downes, 419; G. Vining, 358.

Another excellent entry was that of Mr. G. F. Dalefield (113W.), who entered a log of 502 verifications. Mr. G. Vining (89W.) entered a log of 358 stations.

Neither Mr. Scully nor Mr. Dalefield has entered in previous competitions, so two such large logs were somewhat of a surprise and deserve special praise.

J. P. Cowlshaw to the Fore.

Mr. J. P. Cowlshaw (12W.) was also to the fore and succeeded in winning the City Certificate and the Manawatu Branch Certificate with an entry of 697 stations. Mr. Cowlshaw is also a previous cup-winner, having won the Challenge Cup in December, 1933, with 500 verifications.

Previous Winners.

The Cup has now been competed for 12 times, and the previous winners and their totals are:—S. R. Ellis, 89; M. Stafford, 142; M. Stafford, 227; F. W. A. Barnett, 291; F. W. A. Barnett, 366; J. E. Downes, 419; J. P. Cowlshaw, 500; D. N. Adams, 546; J. R. Bain, 602; A. Maule, 410; G. Vining, 436.

The Winner's DX Experiences.

In comparison to some of the other winners, the present cup-winner is a comparative newcomer to the DX game, as he did not start dxing until early in 1931. Contrary to the practice of most previous winners, who have used sets of the tuned radio frequency type, Mr. Bain operates an Ultimate six-valve a.c. superhet receiver. A brief account of his DX experiences is as follows:—

"Early in 1931, when I was the proud owner of a 4-valve Ultimate battery set, I used to get many a thrill on turning over the dial and then hearing the call-sign of some far distant station. About this time the N.Z. DX Club was formed, and I was one of the first members to join up and was allotted the number 13T, as I was then in the Taranaki district.

"On being informed that stations were very pleased to receive reports on their transmission, I thought (Contd. on page 50.)

