

CONCLUSIONS ARRIVED AT.

As already stated, to discover the many lessons to be learnt from an examination of the pedigrees it is necessary to make a more detailed analysis than is here possible, but perhaps this article will serve to indicate the main features to be observed. Certain obvious deductions can be made even from the broad picture.

1. Certain combinations of blood lines repeatedly produce good results, therefore, before deciding on a mate for your bitch look around to see if any bitches bred like her have produced good stock. If so, examine the pedigrees of the dogs to whom they were mated and go for something with the same blood. To give all the instances that could be produced in support of this advice would be wearisome, but the following will serve to illustrate the point. Beara mated to Lunesdale Rory, a grandson of Peaceful Times, produced Chum; mated to Nial, a litter brother to Lunesdale Rory, she produced Rocco, sire of Barrymore, and mated to Carrigbeg, another grandson of Peaceful Times, she

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produced Windsor Sensation. Galahad mated to Auburn Belle sired Daisy Square and Auburn Star and when mated to Auburn Nellie, a daughter of Auburn Belle, he sired Gorse of Auburn.

2. Other things being equal, a well bred dog or bitch from a litter of winners is to be preferred to the chance bred dog that may be excellent himself but possessed of a very undistinguished lot of brothers and sisters. In other words, blood tells in the long run and probably in the short run as well.

Every now and again a litter of winners is produced, and time then reveals that its members leave their mark on the breed, after the influence of perhaps more brilliant winners has passed away. Thus just after the war, the mating of Maga to Barrymore produced Heathericks Deidre, Erine Queen, Rotherham Rufus, Rubra, Queen of Barrymore, Heathericks Fergus, Gramsceugh Nora, Gramsceugh Betty, etc., all winners and/or the sires or dams of winners. A few years later Lady Lusize mated to Achcha produced Yorebank Sam. Knock a Voe, Adrak, King Boru, Red Splendour, Waimate Ranger, Bryn-awel-Blissful, Cymwran Rufus, another set of brothers and sisters who won well and/or produced winners. In the pedigrees of many of the winning dogs of to-day lines running back to these dogs will be found a sure indication of the permanent value for breeding, of dogs from uniformly high quality litters.

Coming nearer to the present day, reference can be made to the Rheola Bryn—Rheola Mollie mating which produced Rheola Bryndona, Shaun of Matsonhouse, Rheola Benedict, Boniface, Boragela, Briony and Val, and to the Mike of Boyne—Florrie of Boyne mating which produced Sarsfield and Joan of Boyne and Gadeland Neula of Boyne.

Perhaps the outstanding example of the point being made, here is provided by the Charleville Phil—Young Nora litter, which included Ch. Florizel, Tyrone Princess, Camlough Edith, Molly Machree and Young Phil, whose influence on the breed has been dealt with in this article. This litter provides an illustration of another fact which is frequently to be observed. We have Mrs. Bepler's sufficient authority for the statement that Young Phil was "not a patch on his sisters for looks." Yet he has been one of the greatest influences on the breed. It is not unusual to find that a dog whose show record is less impressive than those of his brothers and sisters, is, from the breeding point of view, the most important member of the litter.

3. For what it is worth, it might be pointed out that with about half a dozen exceptions, all the certificate winners were sired by dogs who had won a certificate or who were themselves sons of certificate winners.

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IRISH.—January 8.—Mr. J. H. Braddon's Colleen of Ide, to Mrs. G. E. Leighton's Brigand of Usan.

IRISH.—December 28.—Mrs. G. M. Rogers' Sally of Rivermead, to Mr. and Mrs. L. C. James' Robin Hood of Gadeland.

IRISH.—January 5.—Miss Shorten's Sally, to Mrs. Selwyn's Ch. Grellan of Matsonhouse.

IRISH.—January 15.—Mr. Carver's Corbie, to Mrs. Selwyn's Shaun of Matsonhouse.

IRISH.—January 10.—Mr. C. W. Pimm's Diddles of Mossfield, to Miss B. J. Johnson's Kyrewood Rambler.

IRISH.—January 7.—Mrs. Higgs' Wendy of Chates, 6 dogs and 3 bitches, to Miss Hawkins' Fame of Gadeland.

IRISH.—January 12.—Mrs. E. M. Baker's Cymwran Myrtle of Gadeland, 4 dogs and 8 bitches, to owner's Ch. Son of a Gun of Gadeland.

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