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THE TO-KEN SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN
for the Study and Preservation of Japanese Swords and Fittings



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Next Meeting - Wednesday, October 6th, 1965. 7.30 p.m.
Fulham Conservative Club, 1 Shorrolds Road, S.W.6.

PROGRAMME

Elections

Members are asked if possible to attend this important end of the first year meeting. Nominations for Officers, as set forth on the enclosed form, will be put forward and seconded, nominees having been asked if they are willing to stand. Election by show of hands will then take place. The new Committee will serve from the November meeting.

Film

After any further business and the usual break for refreshments, the remainder of the meeting will be devoted to the showing of one, or two, Japanese films with English commentary. These will be on subjects closely allied to To-Ken Society interests.

Research Pool

The following item was inadvertently omitted from the last issue of The Journal.

Wanted: Information on swords, mounts, lacquer, inro, netsuke, porcelain or any Japanese object, decorated with European subjects; or any European objects adapted for Japanese use. Also whereabouts of such pieces in English or foreign museums, references in old Sale or Exhibition catalogues. Clemnt Milward. The Parsonage, Englefield Green, Surrey. (EGHAM 2340).

JOURNAL

Due to the late publication of the first issue of the Journal, it may not be possible to produce the next edition until early in the New Year, although every effort will be made to produce this by Christmas. Members who have paid a year's subscription to the Journal will, of course, still receive four issues.

CHIDDINGSTONE

As many Members of The To-Ken Society may have heard, a robbery took place at Chiddingstone Castle on the night of 3rd & 4th September 1965. The following is a list of swords which were stolen. These swords are the property of Denys Eyre Bowers; any member who may be offered one of these swords, or hear of them in any way, is asked to communicate with Bon Dale, telephone: RENown 6838, who will pass the information on to Mr. Bowers and the Kent police.

1. WAKIZASHI with black scabbard with butterflies inlaid in bone. TSUBA of SOTEN type (pierced iron with human figures - soft metal inlay). Blade signed by maker FUJIWARA KATSUYOSHI.
2. WAKIZASHI with brown scabbard with mounts of silver decorated with animals. TSUBA silver with Chinese heroes. Scabbard knife and skewer with dragon ornament.
3. KATANA with gold lacquered scabbard with moon and cranes mounted with black alloy (SHAKUDO) cranes on a fish-roe ground. Blade signed by maker YASU TSUGU.
4. KATANA with black scabbard decorated with chrysanthemums and butterflies - all mounts of silver with chrysanthemum ornament. Blade signed by maker KASHU KANEWAKA.
5. KATANA with gold lacquered scabbard IRON mounts monkey and tree ornament - guard pierced with plum blossom. Blade signed in gold SADAMUNE.
6. WAKIZASHI black lacquer scabbard shot with green and purple. Black and gold lacquer cap to grip (KASHIRA) lower ring of grip (FUCHI) with warriors. Blade signed by maker.
7. WAKIZASHI with black lacquer scabbard shot with green and purple shell fragments (RADEN) and gold badges (KIRI MON). Black alloy mounts with insects. Guard with gold dragon. Blade signed by two makers IDZUMO-NO-KAMI-RAI KINMICHI and OMI-NO-KAMI-MINAMOTO HISAMICHI.
8. TACHI Court sword with silver hilt and mounts. Signed by maker SEKI-KANEMOTO.
9. TACHI Court sword powdered gold scabbard with gilt mounts with SHITOGI TSUBA.
10. KATANA with shell inlaid scabbard mounts of black alloy decorated with clusters of chrysanthemum blossoms.
11. DAISHO Black scabbards with coiled dragons. IRON guards with dragons both blades signed by maker NOBU-TAKA and dated 1795.
12. WAKIZASHI brown scabbard all fittings of brown grey alloy engraved with scrolled grasses. IRON guard with Tigers signed by maker IKKANSHI-TADATSUNA.
13. Large thick wrestlers DIRK with red scabbard tipped with black. IRON mounts dragon decoration on blade.
14. KATANA black scabbard with gold Imperial crests (KIRI MON) silver mounts decorated with dragons. Blade signed by maker KAWACHI-NO-DALJO FUJIWARA-MASA HIRO dated 1659.
15. KATANA black scabbard with transverse grooves. All mounts with heavily incised decoration in black alloy and copper. The pattern is cut to show alternate layers of black alloy and copper.
16. WAKIZASHI. Fish skin and black lacquer mottled scabbard violet and black with fish roe fittings decorated with flower.