

THE TO-KEN SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN

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For the Study and Preservation of Japanese Swords and Fittings.

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PROGRAMME

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Programme Secretary apologises to all members for lack of a real Programme. Due to reorganization of Society Headquarters, it has been impossible to compile the usual marathon effort. Do not despair.... a normal Programme full of good cheer will appear in a couple of weeks.

Northern Branch of the To Ken Society

Next Meeting

Tuesday, May 20th 1969 at the Seven Oaks Hotel,
5 Nicholas Street, Manchester at 7.30 p.m.

Subject

Mr. Jolley will give a talk on his hobby which is growing BONSAI. So if you have no small trees bring along objects showing tree subjects.

Last Meeting

The first thing dealt with was the auction sale, which included some odd fuchi/kashira and swords. Some of the lots fetched as follows:

A Nata £3.10.0., wakizashi signed 'Hizen Tadayoshi' £8.10.0.,
and a katana signed 'Kanemitsu' £13.10.0.

Tony Riffith then gave his talk on small fittings and the reasons why. He first mentioned that he has always collected something, and stated that in all forms of collecting the same criteria apply. One must collect quality and not names, because of the large proportion of forgeries in all fields. He said, quite rightly, that Japanese Art is greatly underpriced compared to other Art forms and because of this it is possible to collect good pieces. This particularly applies to mounts as a great deal

of good quality workmanship found its way to Europe in the 19th century. To take one example quoted, Joi, there would appear to be far more genuine pieces outside Japan. He then showed a small selection of pieces from his fine collection which was supplemented by pieces brought by members. It was a very interesting talk, which created some discussion and a lot of laughter due to some of his anecdotes. He will be publishing an article on the subject which should be well-worth reading.

Exhibition

Will members please bring along items for the forthcoming exhibition, so that we can see what we have to show and get them catalogued well in advance.

NEW MEMBERS

We have pleasure in welcoming the following new member:

Dolphyn Willem,
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