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| 1910 | | | |
| June 5. '10 | Bungō, Hayata | Koishikawa Botanic Garden | |
| June 15 th '10 | M. J. Thomas. | Eastern Extension Co (Cross) | |
| June 21 st | Isken G. Smith | West Mersea. (Chesham.) | |
| " | W. L. Litch | West Mersea, Chesham | |
| " 23 | Chui T. H. H. H. | Panjin in T. H. H. | |
| " 27 | C. W. H. H. | 14 Lincolnton Mansions Stamford Brook London W. | |
| July 4 th | H. H. H. | Calthorpe Rd. (St. George's Basingstoke) | |
| July 6 th | L. H. H. | 28 Jelford Avenue Streamside Mill Newport 1903 | |
| | Marquise Piko | 2 Granville St. Moss Side Manchester | |
| | Mr. Bessie Bamford | " | |
| | Mr. Mrs. E. E. Holmes | Fernando Noronha Brazil | |
| July 9 | B. Galitzin | Petersburg. Academy of Sciences. Russia. | |
| 12 th | Harris A. Doye | Keshwatu Str | |

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signature of Prince Boris Galitzin on July 9, 1910**

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SCIENTIFIC VISITORS TO JOHN MILNE'S OBSERVATORY

AT SHIDE, ISLE OF WIGHT

Abstract

John Milne's Visitors' Book is a record of about 2000 visitors received at his observatory at Shide, Isle of Wight between 1895 and 1919, and by the Oxford Observatory until 1931 after Milne's work was transferred there in 1919. As part of studies currently being undertaken of the history of seismology in the UK, an abstract has been prepared of those visitors with known and probable scientific associations, and of several other notable visitors. It is presented as a testament to Milne's scientific and personal appeal, and in the hope of discovering lost archival material.

Introduction

On his return to England from Japan in 1895, John Milne operated a seismograph station at his home, Shide Hill House, just outside Newport on the Isle of Wight. After his death in 1913, Milne's assistants ran the Shide observatory until 1918 under the supervision of the Professor of Astronomy at Oxford University, HH Turner. In 1919 all operations were finally transferred to Oxford, and Milne's property was auctioned in September of that year. His library was eventually housed in the Science Museum, London, where it is now being catalogued. Among this material is Milne's Visitors' Book. The first entry is for May 11th 1901, although some earlier visitors had entries made retrospectively in Milne's hand, and the last entries at Shide were made in 1919. After this date the book was transferred to Oxford and used until 1931, but with only a few signatories. From this book it is clear that Milne's scientific and personal popularity were such that he attracted to his observatory not only seismologists from all over the world and interested laymen, but also scientists from many other disciplines, locals, learned societies, civic dignitaries and Royalty. FE Norris, proprietor of the Guildford seismograph station, acknowledged Milne's influence, and wrote (Norris 1913) after Milne's death 'He was typical of the true spirit of Scientific Research – giving the results of his labours for the good of men, giving his experience and ideas to the scores of workers who came to him'.

The National Seismological Archive (NSA) is maintained by the British Geological Survey (BGS) in Edinburgh. It is supported by a group of organisations under the chairmanship of the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions (DETR), (formerly the Department of the Environment (DoE)), with major financial input from the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC). The NSA is the United Kingdom national repository for seismologically related material. It contains a wide range of original seismograms, bulletins, reports, and reference material from all over the world dating from the late 1800s onwards, and held in a variety of media.

In order to improve understanding of the historical data available, and in the hope of discovering lost archival material, studies are being undertaken of the history of seismology in the UK, for example Lovell & Henni (1998). It is in the scope of these studies that this report on Milne's scientific visitors is presented.

2. Milne's work and visitors' book

John Milne's Visitors' Book, the original of which is held with the Milne Library in the Science Museum, London, is a substantial document containing 130 pages and upwards of 1850 entries. It represents nearly 40 years' use, firstly at Shide between 1895 and 1919 and afterwards at Oxford until 1931. It is probably safe to assume that not all visitors signed the book, and that it was ignored by frequent visitors like WH Bullock (a local builder and amateur seismologist), so the total number of visitors possibly exceeds 2000. The majority of entries reflect visits made by the general public, and local associations and clubs. Many visited on numerous occasions. Milne was always pleased to welcome visitors, and delighted in demonstrating the effects of even the slightest movement on his seismographs. Photographs taken on the lawn at Shide commemorate some of these visits.

A copy of Milne's Visitors' Book was kindly lent to BGS by Mr. L. Herbert-Gustar of the Isle of Wight, co-author with PA Nott of 'John Milne, Father of Modern Seismology' (Herbert-Gustar & Nott 1980). From this copy the author has extracted the names of known signatories with scientific affiliations. They are presented as the Appendix to this report. Where possible their affiliations are stated. Others who were probably scientists have been included in the hope that they will be recognised.

About 200 signatories appear as the Appendix to this report. Many have been recognised as Milne's co-workers, professional colleagues, the operators of seismograph stations both in the UK and world-wide, scientists in other disciplines, for example, various astronomers (including some Astronomers Royal), representatives of scientific instrument manufacturers, and student parties.

As would be expected, many visitors from Japan appear. Some were Milne's co-workers in Japan like John Perry, although notable absentees are WK Burton, with whom Milne wrote 'The Great Japan Earthquake of 1891', and Prof. JA Ewing, inventor of various seismoscopes bearing his name. Others are known seismologists, like Omori who visited several times. Milne's Japanese assistant, Shinobu Hirota, is given special mention in Milne's handwriting, and is noted as having arrived at Shide on 30 July 1895 and left on 16 December 1912. Hirota died shortly afterwards in Tokyo. As tourism in those days was not as widespread as it is today, it is assumed that most of the other Japanese visitors were scientific so their names have been included in the hope that their affiliations will ultimately be revealed. The same argument has been applied to visitors from Europe and America in cases where affiliations and professions have remained undiscovered. Those giving a university address are thought to have had a professional interest.

By about 1910, Milne's seismograph network extended world-wide, and consisted of about 50 stations, most using his boom seismograph (Lovell & Henni 1998). He also seems to have visited some of these stations, and has photographs of many of them in an album held with his library at the Science Museum. Many of the operators of foreign seismograph stations visited Milne and signed his Visitors' Book, for example those from Accra, Batavia, Mauritius, and Helwan. Many amateur and professional operators of British stations also came, including JJ Shaw of West Bromwich, FA Bellamy of Oxford, and observatory staff from Kew, Eskdalemuir and Durham. EW Pollard, later an amateur seismologist in his own right, is known to have been an associate of Milne at the turn of the century, although his name does not appear in the book until 1915. Boris Galitzin, the celebrated Russian seismologist, visited Milne in

July 1910, after having personally supervised the installation of two horizontal Galitzin instruments at Eskdalemuir Observatory.

At times, parties of visitors like photographic and naturalists' societies were entertained at Shide. In 1911, the British Association for the Advancement of Science held its annual meeting in Portsmouth, and a large group travelled to Shide. Among this group was Tempest Anderson, the York volcanologist and photographic pioneer. Anderson's large negative collection is held in the Yorkshire Museum, York, and it is possible that he and Milne exchanged images of geological subjects. It is also probable that Milne exchanged ideas and images with Alfred Lacroix, the French geologist and volcanologist whose signature appears on 19 September 1907.

The Visitors' Book was not used regularly for some months after Milne's death in July 1913, and until May 1914 dates were approximate and entered in retrospect. During that time, visitors were chiefly seismological, and included JJ Shaw, J and SB Round of Birmingham who were possibly associates of Shaw, and many of the operators of British seismograph stations including JE Crombie of Aberdeen, Lewis Richardson of Eskdalemuir and FE Norris of Guildford. Evidently this represents attempts to continue Milne's work.

In addition to scientific visitors, many other notables added their names to the Visitors' Book, and they have been included for interest and as an illustration of Milne's reputation. For example, in 1902 Peter Kropotkin, a Russian noble and explorer signed. He had explored the same parts of eastern Asia through which Milne journeyed in 1875 while on his way to Japan. Edward, Prince of Wales, later King Edward VII, made a visit in 1909 while he was at the Navy College on the Island, and many more military visitors are recorded. Captain RF Scott (Scott of the Antarctic), who used one of Milne's instruments on his 1902-1904 expedition to the Antarctic, visited Milne in 1906 and was photographed on the Shide terrace. Scott's seismograph was later installed at Stonyhurst College in 1908 (Lovell & Henni 1998) and used until 1924.

3. Conclusions

The large number of visitors received by John Milne at Shide is a testament to his scientific influence, popularity and energy. Many of the visitors were scientists, and their names have been abstracted from the Visitors' Book and presented in the Appendix to this report. The Appendix has been made as complete as possible, and the author would be pleased to receive feedback from readers of this report in order that additional details may be added.

4. Acknowledgements

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| Year | Date | Left | Name | Initial/title | Address/Affiliation | Remarks |
|-------------|---------|--------|-----------|-------------------------------|--|---|
| before 1901 | undated | | Symons | G I, FRS | | |
| before 1901 | undated | | Darwin | Prof G H | Cambridge | Relative of Charles Darwin |
| before 1901 | undated | | Darwin | Hiram | Cambridge | Relative of Charles Darwin |
| before 1901 | undated | | Oldham | R W | Geological Survey of India | Worked with Milne on Indian earthquakes |
| before 1901 | undated | | Perry | Prof John, FRS | London | Friend of Milne |
| before 1901 | undated | | Meldola | Prof R, FRS | London | Chemistry professor, wrote paper on 1884 Colchester earthquake with White |
| before 1901 | undated | | Turner | Prof H H, FRS | Oxford (Prof of Astronomy) | Took over Shide on Milne's death, supervised Oxford observatory |
| before 1901 | undated | | Figu | Dr S | Batavia | Director of the Batavia observatory |
| before 1901 | undated | | Claxton | T F | Royal Alfred Observatory, Mauritius | |
| before 1901 | undated | | Reid | Prof | Johns Hopkins Uni, Baltimore, USA | Prof. H F Reid, American seismologist |
| | | | | | | |
| 1901 | 11-May | | James | J M | Tokyo, Japan | |
| 1901 | 18-May | | Conder | Josiah | Tokyo, Japan | |
| | | | | | | |
| 1902 | 11-Apr | | Kropotkin | Prince Peter & daughter Sasha | Kent | Russian noble & explorer, journeyed in same areas as Milne |
| 1902 | 14-Apr | 14-Apr | Turner | H H | Oxford | Prof of Astronomy |
| 1902 | 14-Apr | 14-Apr | Turner | Daisy | Oxford | |
| 1902 | 24-Apr | | Reutiers | John B | Japan | |
| 1902 | 03-May | | Otani | Kozui | Hongwanji, Kyoto | |
| 1902 | 03-May | | Fujii | Sensuyo | Hongwanji, Kyoto | |
| 1902 | 03-May | | Watanabe | Tebushin | Hongwanji, Kyoto | Japanese seismologist |
| 1902 | 03-May | | Inonije | Koyen | Hongwanji, Kyoto | |
| 1902 | 20-Jul | | Hori | Masuo | Hongwanji, Kyoto | |
| 1902 | 24-Jul | | Shintai | Matsubara | Hongwanji, Kyoto | |
| 1902 | 24-Jul | | Creak | Ettrick W | Blackheath | Superintendent, Admiralty Compass Dept. |
| 1902 | 25-Jul | | Fujii | Sensuyo | Hongwanji, Kyoto | |
| 1902 | 22-Sep | | Reid | Harry Fielding | Baltimore, USA | Prof. H F Reid, American seismologist |
| 1902 | 01-Oct | | Nauman | Dr Edmund | Z fur Bergwasen, Frankfurt am Main | German academic |
| | | | | | | |
| 1903 | 05-Jan | | Plackett | W C | Durham | |
| 1903 | 14-Feb | | Nishi | K | Hokkaido Yubori Mine | |
| 1903 | 16-Apr | | Smith | C Michie | Kodiakanal, India | Perhaps associated with seismological observatory at Kodiakanal |
| 1903 | 11-Mar | | Ball | Robert S | Cambridge | Royal Astronomer for Ireland 1874-92, President of RAS 1897-99 |
| 1903 | 18-May | | Shima | Takejiro | Imperial Govt. Railway of Japan, Tokyo | Milne performed many vibration experiments for Japanese railway companies |
| 1903 | 04-Aug | | Stanley | F | Hilger's works, London | Makers of scientific instruments |
| 1903 | 04-Oct | | Munro | R W | Granville Place, London | Munro of London built Milne booms and other scientific instruments |
| 1903 | 04-Oct | | Munro | R C | Holford Sq, London | |
| 1903 | 09-Oct | | Henson | H V | Nagasaki, Japan | |
| | | | | | | |
| 1904 | 03-Apr | | Burgess | J Howard | Newport | Isle of Wight printer, made some modifications to Milne's seismograph |

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| 1904 | 25-Apr | | Niven | G C | Otaru, Japan | |
| 1904 | 28-May | | Niven | Jeanne | Otaru, Japan | |
| 1904 | 28-May | | Pierson | Ida G | Asahigawa, Hokkaido | |
| 1904 | 28-May | | Pierson | Geo P | Asahigawa, Hokkaido | |
| 1904 | 02-Jun | | Paulsen | Adam | Copenhagen | |
| 1904 | 05-Jul | | Brauner | Buhuslav, DSc | University of Prague | |
| 1904 | 12-Jul | | Rosse | Lord | Birr Castle, King's Co., Ireland | Sir Laurence Carsons, 4th Earl of Rosse, astronomer |
| 1904 | 18-Jul | | Diosy | Arthur | Japan | |
| 1904 | 07-Aug | | Wa | Fung Chi | Hong Kong | |
| | | | | | | |
| 1905 | 24-Apr | | Oldham | R W | 9 Pall Mall | Geol. Survey of India |
| 1905 | 30-Apr | | Knott | Cargill G | University of Edinburgh | An early experimenter with pendula |
| 1905 | 13-May | | Bigourdan | G | Observatoire Paris | Member of International Seismological Commission set up in 1901 |
| 1905 | 05-Jun | | Thoroddsen | Thorvaldur | University of Copenhagen | Member of International Seismological Commission set up in 1901 |
| 1905 | 05-Jun | | Thoroddsen | Thora | University of Copenhagen | |
| 1905 | 23-Jun | | Greve | Ernesto | Astronomical Observatory, Santiago, Chile | Probably the San Calixto Observatory |
| 1905 | 07-Jul | | Brewster | W | Boston, USA (2nd time) | Probable connection with Carnegie Institution, Washington |
| | | | | | | |
| 1906 | 14-Mar | | Kevan | Saml | Old Frensham Hall, Haslemere | Operator of Haslemere observatory |
| 1906 | 14-Apr | | Scott | Robt F | Chelsea | Scott of the Antarctic, took a Milne boom on 1902-1904 expedition |
| 1906 | 29-Apr | | Blackett | W C & G E | Durham | |
| 1906 | 16-May | | Hants. Field Club | | | 50 or 80 members |
| 1906 | 17-May | | Fagan | C E | British Museum | |
| 1906 | 23-Jun | | James | J M | Shimazawa, Japan | |
| 1906 | 23-Jun | | Fujioka | J | Tokio, Japan | |
| 1906 | 23-Jun | | Fujioka | K | Tokio, Japan | |
| 1906 | 10-Aug | | Inazuka | K | Tokio, Japan | |
| 1906 | 10-Aug | | Kondo | Toraforo | Home Ministry, Tokio | |
| 1906 | 19-Aug | | James | J M | Shimazawa, Japan | |
| 1906 | 22-Aug | | Hobbs | Wm H | Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA | |
| 1906 | 03-Dec | | Norris | F E | Hill View, Woodbridge Hill, Guildford | Proprietor of Woodbridge Hill Observatory, Guildford |
| | | | | | | |
| 1907 | 10-Apr | | Turner | H H | Oxford | |
| 1907 | 13-Apr | | Hirota | Masagi | | Relative of 'Snowy' Hirota, Milne's assistant |
| 1907 | 21-Jul | | Killuchi | Darioku | Tokyo | |
| 1907 | 22-Jul | | Walker | F M and Tech. Inst. Students | | Isle of Wight teacher of mathematics and friend of Milne |
| 1907 | 25-Jul | | O'Leary | Wm, SJ | Mungret College, Limerick | Father W. O'Leary, Irish seismologist and inventor of seismographs |
| 1907 | 27-Jul | | Funaku | K | Kobe | |
| 1907 | 19-Aug | | Craven | C C | Accra | Probably associated with Gold Coast seismograph station |
| 1907 | 19-Sep | | Lacroix | F & C | Paris | Alfred & Catherine Lacroix - celebrated French volcanologists |
| 1907 | 28-Sep | | Omori | F | Tokyo, Japan | Protégé of Milne's, famous seismologist in his own right |

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|------|--------|------|-----------------|---------------------|--|---|
| 1907 | 22-Oct | | Price | Mr & Mrs | Cambridge Inst. Co. | Manufacturers of (amongst other things) Ewing seismoscopes & Milne booms |
| 1907 | 30-Dec | | Massie | John, MP | | Local Member of Parliament |
| | | | | | | |
| 1908 | 20-Apr | | Duffield | W Geoffrey | Physical Lab. Manchester University | |
| 1908 | 25-May | | Perry | John, Prof | London | |
| 1908 | 10-Jun | | LNF Nat Sci Soc | | | Lymington & New Forest Natural Sciences Society |
| 1908 | 07-Aug | | Smith | Maj G E, RE | Director, Surveys of British East Africa | |
| 1908 | 07-Aug | | Otami | Songu | London | |
| 1908 | 07-Aug | | Watanabe | Tetsiu | Kyoto, Japan | |
| 1908 | 18-Aug | | Shaw | J J & M | 166 Hill Top, West Bromwich | JJ Shaw, seismologist inspired by Milne |
| 1908 | nd | | Ishitsarora | Matsujiro | Isanfaro Shugun Seduokaken ? | |
| 1908 | nd | | Mochidzuki | Tonjokichi | Isanfaro Shugun Seduokaken ? | |
| | | | | | | |
| 1909 | 14-Mar | | Hanbury | Janet | St Hugh's Coll. Oxford | |
| 1909 | 14-Mar | | Byrne | Hannah | Somerville Coll. Oxford | |
| 1909 | 14-Mar | | Sollas | W J | Univ Coll. Oxford | Later Professor of Geology at Oxford |
| 1909 | 14-Mar | | Gent | J R P | Worcester Coll. Oxford | |
| 1909 | 14-Mar | | Thomas | A R | Merton Coll. Oxford | |
| 1909 | 14-Mar | | Fry | J G | Exeter Coll. Oxford | |
| 1909 | 14-Mar | | Trefusis | F M | Exeter Coll. Oxford | |
| 1909 | 14-Mar | | Benski | E | St John's Coll. Oxford | |
| 1909 | 14-Mar | | Beeson | Cyril F C | St John's Coll. Oxford | |
| 1909 | 14-Mar | | Lawson | W | St John's Coll. Oxford | |
| 1909 | 14-Mar | | Lloyd | E Russell | Wadham Coll. Oxford | |
| 1909 | 14-Mar | | Douglas | J H | Oxford | |
| 1909 | 14-Mar | | Elliott | M | Oxford | |
| 1909 | 07-Apr | | Wales | Edward of | R.N. College, Osborne (Prince of Wales) | Later Edward VIII, at Osborne 1907-09, made Prince of Wales July 1911 |
| 1909 | 25-May | | Cooke | Violet & N E | Perth Observatory, Western Australia | |
| 1909 | 23-Jul | | Maclean | Oswald | Coats Observatory, Paisley | In charge of Coats Observatory |
| 1909 | 13-Sep | | Cortie | A L | Stonyhurst College | Milne boom used by Scott in the Antarctic was installed at Stonyhurst in 1908 |
| 1909 | 25-Sep | | LNF Nat Sci Soc | | | Lymington & New Forest Natural Sciences Society |
| 1909 | 20-Nov | | Nakano | Hatsune | Tokyo | |
| 1909 | 29-Nov | | Wada | Junpei | Kitsuneike, Nagano, Japan | |
| | | | | | | |
| 1910 | 11-Apr | | Turner | H H | Oxford | |
| 1910 | 14-May | | Gélain | Ch, Prof & students | Paris | Prof of Geography & Geophysics at Sorbonne |
| 1910 | 21-May | | Shaw | J J | Hill Top, West Bromwich | West Bromwich seismologist |
| 1910 | 02-Jun | | Kanda | Reiji | Tokyo | |
| 1910 | 02-Jun | | Fukutome | Kinosuke | Formosa | |
| 1910 | 02-Jun | | Ko | Sokichi | Fukuoka University | |
| 1910 | 05-Jun | | Bungo | Hayata | Koishikawa Botanic Gardens | |

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|------|--------|--------|-------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| 1910 | 09-Jul | | Galitzin | Boris | Petersburg Academy of Sci. Russia | Prince Galitzin, pioneering Russian seismologist |
| 1910 | 19-Jul | | Rankine | R S D | Suva, Fiji | Milne had a seismograph station in Suva |
| 1910 | 01-Mar | | Olanio | Kozui | Honganji, Kyoto | |
| 1910 | 01-Mar | | Tachibana | Zuicho | Honganji, Kyoto | |
| 1910 | 02-Mar | | Hashiramoto | Zuishun | Honganji, Kyoto | |
| 1910 | 07-Aug | | Otani | Kazuko | Kyoto | |
| 1910 | 07-Aug | | Kujio | Takiho | Kyoto | |
| 1910 | 07-Aug | | Watanabe | Tetsin | Kyoto | Japanese seismologist |
| 1910 | 16-Aug | | Clemens | Theodor | Coblenz | |
| 1910 | 13-Sep | | Hillmer | Andreas & Anna | Berlin | |
| 1910 | 13-Sep | | Clemens | Theodor | Coblenz | |
| 1910 | 19-Nov | | Walker | George W | Eskdalemuir | Milne booms installed at Eskdalemuir in 1908 |
| 1910 | 18-Nov | | Gray | M H | Abbey Wood, Kent | Probably the MH Gray whose name appears on Milne's observatory plaque? |
| 1910 | 21-Dec | | Swain | Isaac | University College, Cork | Professor of Geology & Geography |
| 1910 | 21-Dec | | Chener? | T | City Hall, Cardiff | Penylan Observatory - Milne advised throughout the setting up of Penylan |
| | | | | | | |
| 1911 | 21-Jan | | Juikin | W A | Rio Tinto Mines, Spain | |
| 1911 | 06-Apr | | Kujio | Yoshimine | Tokyo | |
| 1911 | 11-Apr | | Kutenzawa | Genichiro | Caius Cambridge & Japan | |
| 1911 | 11-Apr | | Fujino | Choichi | Oxford | |
| 1911 | 19-Apr | | Freeman | W G | Botanic Gardens, Trinidad | |
| 1911 | 20-Apr | 21-Apr | Turner | H H | Oxford | Prof HH Turner - one of many visits |
| 1911 | 26-Apr | | Symon | O S | Magdalene College, Oxford | |
| 1911 | 26-Apr | | Clemes | A W | Magdalene College, Oxford | |
| 1911 | 01-May | | Longhurst | F H | Bedford & Accra, Gold Coast | |
| 1911 | 07-Jun | | Martin | H W | late of Colombo, Ceylon | |
| 1911 | 30-Jun | | Keeling | D T G | Cairo, Egypt | Operator at Helwan station, Egypt |
| 1911 | 01-Jul | | Naumann | D J | Frankfurt am Main | |
| 1911 | 06-Jul | | Omori | F | Tokyo | |
| 1911 | 08-Jul | | Kujo | Yoshimune | Cambridge | |
| 1911 | 09-Aug | | Talbot | J H | Tokyo | |
| 1911 | 28-Aug | | Innes | D P | University College, Oxford | |
| 1911 | 31-Aug | | Purvis | F P | Tokyo | |
| 1911 | 02-Sep | | Perry | John | London | BA meeting 1911 Portsmouth |
| 1911 | 02-Sep | | Wellors? | J E C | Manchester | BA meeting 1911 Portsmouth |
| 1911 | 02-Sep | | Hartland | Ethel & Sydney | Gloucester | BA meeting 1911 Portsmouth |
| 1911 | 02-Sep | | Reed | J Howard | Manchester | BA meeting 1911 Portsmouth |
| 1911 | 02-Sep | | Porter | Alfred W | University College, London | BA meeting 1911 Portsmouth |
| 1911 | 02-Sep | | Tyndale | A M | University of Bristol | BA meeting 1911 Portsmouth |
| 1911 | 02-Sep | | Swann | W F G | University of Sheffield | BA meeting 1911 Portsmouth |
| 1911 | 02-Sep | | Bateman | H | Bryn Mawr Coll., Pennsylvania | BA meeting 1911 Portsmouth |

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|------|--------|-------------|------------|---------------|--|---|
| 1911 | 02-Sep | | Saunders | S A | Bucks | BA meeting 1911 Portsmouth |
| 1911 | 02-Sep | | Crookes | Henry & Nina | London | BA meeting 1911 Portsmouth |
| 1911 | 02-Sep | | Robinson | James | University of Sheffield | BA meeting 1911 Portsmouth |
| 1911 | 02-Sep | | Bolton | John & Emily | Muswell Hill | BA meeting 1911 Portsmouth |
| 1911 | 02-Sep | | Eddington | A S | Royal Observatory, Greenwich | BA meeting 1911 Portsmouth |
| 1911 | 02-Sep | | Milner | S R | University of Sheffield | BA meeting 1911 Portsmouth |
| 1911 | 02-Sep | | Plummer | W E | Bidston | (Director, Bidston Observatory) BA meeting 1911 Portsmouth |
| 1911 | 02-Sep | | Beaumont | W Henry | London | BA meeting 1911 Portsmouth |
| 1911 | 02-Sep | | Russ | S | Middlesex Hospital | BA meeting 1911 Portsmouth |
| 1911 | 02-Sep | | Gregory | J W | University of Glasgow | (did macroseismic work) BA meeting 1911 Portsmouth |
| 1911 | 02-Sep | | Hicks | W M | University of Sheffield | BA meeting 1911 Portsmouth |
| 1911 | 02-Sep | | Shaw | J J | West Bromwich | BA meeting 1911 Portsmouth |
| 1911 | 02-Sep | | Pope | W J | Chemical Lab, Cambridge | BA meeting 1911 Portsmouth |
| 1911 | 02-Sep | | Senier | A | University College, Galway | BA meeting 1911 Portsmouth |
| 1911 | 02-Sep | | Bellamy | F A | Oxford Observatory | (Oxford Obs operator) BA meeting 1911 Portsmouth |
| 1911 | 02-Sep | | Anderson | Tempest | York | On BA Committee, later President BA, volcanologist & photographer |
| 1911 | 08-Sep | | Kitto | Edward | The Observatory, Falmouth | In charge of geomagnetism, 1885-1912 |
| | | | | | | |
| 1912 | 26-Feb | | Pigot | Edward F, SJ | Riverview College Obs, Sydney, Australia | Third Jesuit observatory (others Stonyhurst & Jersey) |
| 1912 | 28-Mar | 30-Mar | Turner | H H | Oxford | |
| 1912 | 20-Apr | | Swain | Isaac | University College Cork | Set up a BA seismograph at Cork |
| 1912 | 16-Jun | | Kujo | Yoshimune | Cambridge | |
| 1912 | 14-Oct | | Knox | H V & Alice | Oxford | |
| 1912 | 14-Oct | | Suck | Capt B & M | Oxford | |
| 1912 | 14-Oct | | Shorthose | Lydia | Oxford | |
| 1912 | 06-Dec | | Kishi | Kuramateu | London | |
| 1895 | 30-Jul | 16-Dec-1912 | Hirota | Shinobu | 18 Kenjakucho Kendaku, Tokyo | Milne's Japanese assistant, excellent photographer |
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| 1913 | 25-Mar | | Searle | G F C | Cambridge | Several previous visits |
| 1913 | 25-Mar | | Richardson | Lewis F | Eskdalemuir | On staff of Eskdalemuir observatory |
| 1913 | 31-Mar | | Sugiura | Yoshiro | Oxford | |
| 1913 | 13-Apr | | Glinday | V G | Oxford | |
| 1913 | 13-Apr | | Innes | D E | Oxford | |
| 1913 | 13-Apr | | May | J C | Oxford | |
| 1913 | 13-Apr | | O'Neill | Les | Oxford | |
| 1913 | 13-Apr | | Hatfield | A C | Oxford | |
| 1913 | 13-Apr | | Alibeg | M M | Oxford | |
| 1913 | 13-Apr | | Sanders | E | Oxford | |
| 1913 | 13-Apr | | Robinson | G C | Oxford | |
| 1913 | 13-Apr | | Hambridge | H | Oxford | |
| 1913 | 13-Apr | | Bryan | Hugh M | Oxford | |

Appendix: Scientific Visitors to John Milne's Observatory at Shide, Isle of Wight

| Year | Date | Left | Name | Initial/title | Address/Affiliation | Remarks |
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| 1913 | 13-Apr | | Bayzand | C J | Oxford | |
| 1913 | 13-Apr | | Giffard | H P W | Oxford | |
| 1913 | 13-Apr | | Hantnoll | Eric S | Oxford | |
| 1913 | 13-Apr | | Sollas | W J | Oxford | |
| 1913 | 14-Apr | | Whidu | W H | Oxford | |
| 1913 | 16-Apr | | Turner | H H | Oxford | Professor of Astronomy, took over Shide observatory after Milne's death |
| 1913 | 17-May | | Owen | Gwilym | Liverpool University | |
| 1913 | 24-Jun | | Lutz | Elle | Göttingen | |
| 1913 | 07-Jul | | Uchimarū | S | University of Tokyo | |
| | | | | | | Book not posted for some months after Milne's death; later dates approximate |
| 1914 | Jan | | Shaw | J J | West Bromwich | |
| 1914 | Jan | | Norris | F E | Guildford | Owner of Guildford observatory |
| 1914 | 10-Apr | | Round | J & S B | Birmingham | Are these related to Mr Round of Warley, an associate of JJ Shaw |
| 1914 | 17-Apr | | Richardson | L F | Eskdalemuir | |
| 1914 | 10-May | | Crombie | J E | Aberdeen | Aberdeen seismologist, ran his own observatory at his home in Dyce |
| 1914 | 12-Nov | | Griffith | Robert | Tananarive, Madagascar | Meteorological and seismological observatory here |
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| 1915 | 27-Apr | | Pollard | Evelyn W | Ryde | Isle of Wight pharmacist, friend of Milne, amateur seismologist |
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| 1916 | 06-Apr | | Scholes | Percy A | London | Is this the author of 'Oxford companion to music' |
| 1916 | 22-May | | Crombie | James E | Dyce, Aberdeen | |
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| 1917 | | | | | | |
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| 1918 | | | | | | |
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| 1919 | 28-May | | Ponemunsky | N | Petrograd | Last entry for Shide; obs. transferred to Oxford, few more entries until 1931 |
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| 1920 | 05-May | | Dyson | F W | Royal Observatory, Greenwich | Astronomer Royal for Scotland 1906-10, Astronomer Royal 1910-33 |
| 1920 | 23-Sep | | Burgess | J Howard | Hertford | Friend of, and early collaborator with Milne |



John Milne (foreground) with his Japanese assistant Shinobu Hirota in the Stable Block at Shide, the site of the earliest seismographs and experiments.