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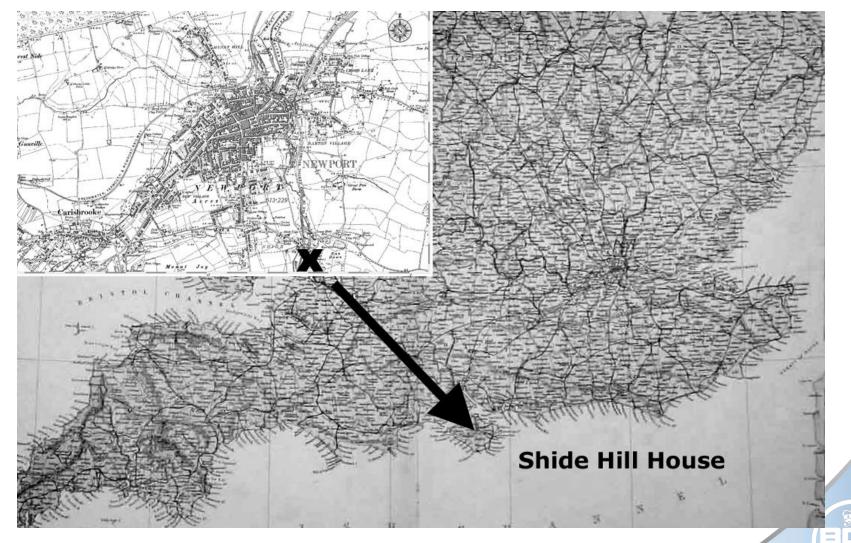
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John Milne at Shide



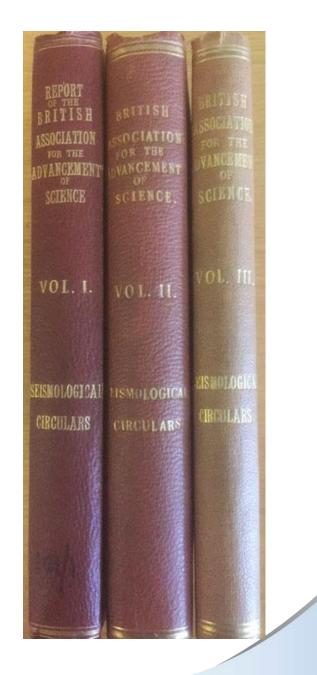


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Shide Circulars

- First global bulletins
- Covered 1899-1912
- Essentially compendiums of individual station bulletins



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HH Turner to BAAS

• The death of John Milne, in July 1913, creates a situation of some difficulty and anxiety. He organised a world-wide seismological service with very little financial help from others ...



BAAS continuation

- Shide circulars initially continued by Milne's assistant JH Burgess for 1913-1917
- Format changed to event-based listings

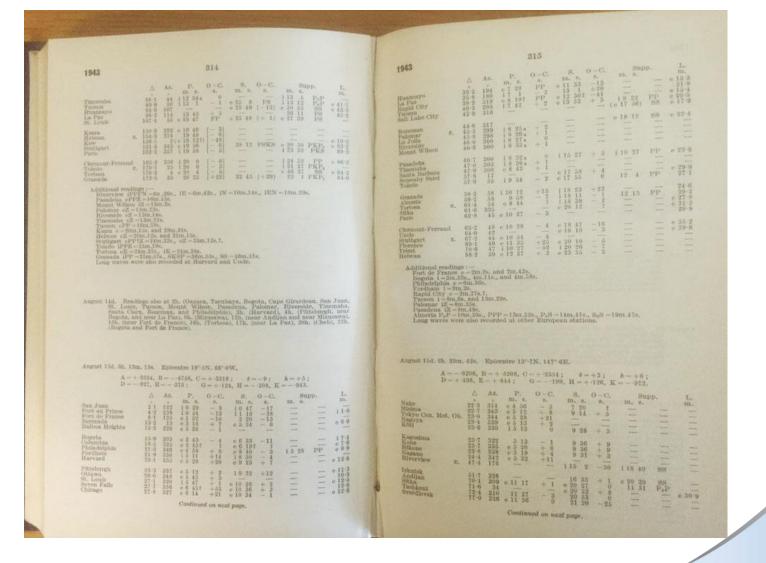
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The ISS

- WWI enforced an interruption in global seismology
- How to continue was decided upon at the 1st IUGG General Assembly in Rome in 1922
- Founding of the *International Seismological Summary* to prepare global bulletins
- HQ at Oxford under Prof HH Turner
- Ultimately responsible to IUGG Seismology Section (later IASPEI)



ISS bulletin



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Directors of ISS

- HH Turner at Oxford
- Turner succeeded by Harry Plaskett in 1930
- Then Harold Jeffreys in 1946 (moves to Kew)
- Succeeded by Robert Stoneley in 1957
- ISS became ISC (International Seismological Centre) in 1963 under Patrick Willmore



ISS in decline

- In the early 1960s, ISS was struggling:
 - Inadequate funding and staff
 - Backlog of work from war years
 - Unable to keep up with rapidly-increasing number of world-wide stations



ISS to ISC

- 1963 UNESCO meeting to discuss future of international seismology
- Agreed new body should be internationally funded (chiefly by USA and UK) and controlled
- Committee to discuss options for "World Centre" was chaired by Perry Byerly
- Recommended Edinburgh as location, Willmore as Director – maintained continuity with ISS



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