

QUINQUENNIAL SURVEYS

Both Churches have now been inspected by our Architect, Mr G. C. Beech, under the Scheme for the Preservation of Churches. Withiel Florey Church is in excellent condition and there are only minor matters to be dealt with. The question of the re-decoration of this lovely little church is under consideration.

The Architect's Report on Brompton Regis Church makes rather grim reading. A great deal has been accomplished but much remains to be done. We are pressing ahead in faith in the matter of restoring the bells and the consequent necessary repair to the belfry. This latter is going to be more expensive than we thought and estimates are at present awaited. If all goes well, late 1967 may hear the bells pealing out again over the surrounding hills, and a great day that will be.

But the repair of the belfry and the return of the bells is but one more step towards the complete restoration of the church. The south wall is in a very poor condition...do please look at it for yourself sometime, and the stonework and glazing of many of the windows is, to say the least, precarious. The floor needs attention and the whole church interior requires re-decorating. There is enough to engage our efforts for many years to come and it is all work that must be maintained to witness, to those who will follow, of the truth of the Catholic Faith. At present the task seems an impossible burden...but with God all things are possible and if we do our part, He will do His.