

GENERAL MEETING. The General Meeting held at Inns of Court Mission on 1st Feb. was attended by about 35 members. The Chairman (Charles) opened the meeting by making a few remarks on the growth of the society. He also stated that it is now the policy of the Society to charge expenses at demonstrations where these can be afforded by the organisation concerned. Members were very sorry to hear that Eva and Henry have had to resign from the Committee owing to lack of time and there was general approval when Charles thanked them for the fine work which they had both ^{put} in helping to establish the Society. The meeting accepted the Committee's nomination of Marian Hill and Ian Harris for the two vacant places.

Marie then presented the Secretary's report, Mary and Irene followed with a few remarks on the classes and demonstrations respectively. Irene especially stressed the lack of competent men dancers sufficiently good for the demonstration team and asked that the lads of the Society should make a special effort to give themselves that extra polish which would enable them to be brought into the team. David stated that the expansion of the Society's activities could not be successful unless we managed to get more musicians and asked for anyone who can play any instrument to come forward and help relieve the strain on the heroic few who play so frequently for us.

During the discussion, Jack Richardson made the suggestion that a basic steps class should be inaugurated to help newcomers and in addition give a firmer basis to the dancing of our more experienced dancers. This suggestion found considerable support from the meeting, and Mary promised to look after the class. It has now been decided that the third Wednesday of each month at Carlyle School would be devoted ^{to} basic steps.

A large gong, fished out from the nether recesses of the ^{hall} occupied a position of honour on the Chariman's table. Contrary to expectation, the use of same to bring the meeting to order was infrequent, members on the whole being extremely well behaved. A mystery voice, however, remained unaccounted for.

GODALMING A very enjoyable week-end was spent by about 35 members at the Hillside Guest House Nr. Godalming on Feb. 6th-8th. This is a large house with very comfortable accommodation and excellent recreational facilities including a pleasant small hall for dancing. A special vote of thanks should go to Bert Price for arranging the week-end and looking after the financial side. Unfortunately, the Guest House is very popular and is booked every week-end until October. We hope, however, to be able to arrange one or two small parties of 15-20 during the summer.

KEMSING A group of members from the Society will be visiting Kemsing Youth Hostel again on Mar; 19th-21st. Members should book as soon as possible, individually, and should mention in their application that they are members of our group.

DEMONSTRATIONS. On Feb. 17th we gave a demonstration at the Eltham Baths on the occasion of the Annual Re-Union of the Old Scholars' Ass; of the Eltham Central School. There was a gathering of some 300 young people and the dancing was thoroughly enjoyed by them and a few prospective members roped in from the audience. The team was as follows;- Mary Butterworth, Mary Mc.Bean, Joan Barker, Irene Weller, Bert Price, Ivor & Stanley Sober and Mourie Pfeffer. The day before the event, Irene Hales was taken ill and Gladys Noble bravely stepped into the breach. We are deeply grateful to her and very cheered to find we have another pianist, competent and willing to assist us on demonstrations.

On Friday Feb. 20th. we are demonstrating at the Miller General Hospital to the Nurses and Staff, this time Mourie will be playing his many instruments for us.

People, especially men are still urgently needed for the demonstration group and Mary Butterworth is eager to brush them up if they will come forward.

FIXTURES FOR MARCH. Below is a list of all dances and classes for March, together with the caller and musicians for each fixture;-

SUNDAY 7th at 3.30.p.m. ... DANCE. David Rasbash .. Bert Price & Mourie Pfeffer.
" 14th " " " ... ADVANCED CLASS (Invitation only).
" 21st " " " ... DANCE. Charles Fawkes.. Kay Lee.

The above dances are to held at INNS OF COURT MISSION, DRURY LANE, CARLYLE SCHOOL, HORTENSIA ROAD, S.W.

WEDNESDAY 3rd at 7.0.p.m. ... CLASS Mary Butterworth..Irene Prebble.
" 10th " " ... DANCE Marian Hill ... Gladys Noble & Irene Prebble.
" 17th " " ... BASIC STEPS.Mary Butterworth...Gladys Noble & Kay Lee.
" 24th " " ... DANCE Ian Harris. ... Bert Price & Gladys Noble.
" 31st " " ... DANCE Enid Walter ... Irene Prebble & Bert Price.

CECIL SHARP HOUSE.

THE MONTHLY DANCE HERE WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY APRIL 4th at 6.30.p.m. INSTEAD OF 28th MARCH.
Caller David Rasbash - musicians Henry Schuster and Bert Price.

Henry Schuster is very keen on forming a small orchestra to play at Cecil Sharp House. If this can be achieved it would give a firmer footing to our musical background as well as making our dances even brighter. Will you please get in touch with Henry if you are willing to help.

We were very fortunate to have had Mr. Eugene Jablonski with us at a class recently. Mr. Jablonski is a Polish American and is an active member of a New York International Folk Dancing Group. He taught us a new Polish dance, Kujawiak, and a new version of Troyak.