

TWELFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN
FOLK-LORE SOCIETY.

THE American Folk-Lore Society met in the rooms of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md., with the American Society of Naturalists and other Affiliated Societies, December 27 and 28, 1900.

On Thursday, December 27, the Affiliated Societies met in Lovering Hall, at 8 P. M. An address of welcome was given by President Gilman. Prof. Frank Russell, of Harvard University, gave an illustrated lecture on the Indians of the Southwest.

At 9.30 P. M., in McCoy Hall, a reception was given by the Johns Hopkins University to the Affiliated Societies and guests.

On Friday, December 28, the Council met at 10 A. M.

At 11 A. M., in Donovan Hall, the Society met for business, the President, Dr. Franz Boas, in the chair.

The Secretary presented the report of the Council.

The number of Annual Members, according to the Secretary's roll (printed in No. 51 of the *Journal of American Folk-Lore*, October-December, 1900), was reported as 336.

The income received from yearly fees being obviously inadequate to the extensive tasks imposed on an American Folk-Lore Society, increase of the membership becomes the first duty of persons interested in the welfare of the Society. Experience has shown that this can be most easily accomplished by some form of local organization. The Council has, therefore, decided to appoint in the several states of the Union, and in the provinces of the Dominion of Canada, local or state secretaries, who may represent the Society. In many states of the Union the Society is at present entirely unrepresented; it ought not to be difficult to obtain in each state the accession of a certain number of members. Where possible, these Secretaries might organize local groups, or provide for occasional meetings, at which addresses might be made. Members of the Society interested in such development are requested to address the Permanent Secretary.

During the year 1900 no volume of the *Memoirs* has been issued, the sum now in hand properly to be credited to the Publication Fund not having been sufficient for such issue. It is expected that the series will be continued by volumes as creditable to the Society as those already published, and such a volume will probably appear in the course of the current year.

The issue of the *Journal of American Folk-Lore* has continued regularly.

At a past Annual Meeting, a committee on Music was appointed, with a view to the promotion of the collection and study of folk-music, more especially to that of the negroes in the Southern States. The pressing necessity of such collection has been repeatedly urged ; but no active steps have been taken by the committee, owing to the absence of funds available for the carrying on of this work in the only advantageous manner, namely, by the employment of skilled musicians for the purpose of travel and research. If the end is to be achieved, the task can no longer be delayed ; it would appear impossible that an appeal could be made to the generosity of the American people without obtaining an adequate response. It is expected that at the next annual meeting a more satisfactory report may be made on this head. Members of the Society, and others who take an especial interest in this task, are requested to address the Chairman of the Committee.

RECEIPTS.

December 27, 1899. Balance	\$796.70
Annual dues (for one or more years)	924.00
Contribution for payment of collections on two checks20
Subscriptions to Publication Fund	190.00
John Crosby Brown, contribution to the Committee on Music	50.00
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., sales of Memoirs to January 31	226.10
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., sales of Journals to January 31	192.89
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., sales for the half year, to August 22	186.20
Sales of volumes of Memoirs through the Secretary	14.00
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	\$2580.09

DISBURSEMENTS.

Houghton, Mifflin & Co., for manufacturing Journal of American Folk-Lore, No. 47	\$244.92
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., for manufacturing Journal of American Folk-Lore, No. 48	220.29
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., for manufacturing Journal of American Folk-Lore, No. 49	232.44
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., for manufacturing Journal of American Folk-Lore, No. 50	206.77
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., binding, etc.	92.59
Typewriting for Memoir No. VII.	13.00
E. E. Wheeler, printer, to W. W. Newell	51.41
W. W. Newell, Secretary, postage and express charges	8.70
R. B. Dixon, Treasurer of Boston Branch, rebates	33.50
M. L. Fernald, Cambridge	13.00
Mrs. G. A. McLeod, Cincinnati	12.50

W. W. Newell, for printing circular	11.25
Second National Bank, New York [collecting out of town checks]	4.25
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	\$1144.62
December 28, 1900, balance to new account	1435.47
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	\$2580.09

No nominations for officers during the year 1901 having been forwarded to the Secretary, according to the rule permitting any member to offer such nominations, those of the Council were read, as follows:—

PRESIDENT, Prof. Frank Russell, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT, Prof. Livingston Farrand, Columbia University, New York, N. Y.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT, Dr. George A. Dorsey, Field Columbian Museum, Chicago, Ill.

COUNCILLORS (for three years), Dr. Roland B. Dixon, Cambridge, Mass.; Mr. Stansbury Hagar, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Dr. Alfred L. Kroeber, San Francisco, Cal.

The Secretary was instructed to cast a ballot for the officers as nominated.

No further business coming up, the Society proceeded to hear the address of the retiring President, Dr. Franz Boas, on "The Mind of Primitive Man."

Mrs. Waller R. Bullock, Baltimore, Md., offered a Report on the Collection of Maryland Folk-Lore, as undertaken by the Maryland Folk-Lore Society.

Further papers were presented, as follows:—

The Good Hunter of the Iroquois, REV. W. M. BEAUCHAMP, D. D., Syracuse, N. Y.

Legends of the Slavey Indians of the Mackenzie River, DR. ROBERT BELL, Ottawa, Canada.

The Shoshonean Game of Nă-wá-tă-pí, DR. GEORGE A. DORSEY, Chicago, Ill.

An Interpretation of Pueblo Katcinas, DR. J. WALTER FEWKES, Washington, D. C.

The Lazy Man in Omaha Indian Lore, MISS ALICE C. FLETCHER, Washington, D. C.

The Treatment of an Ailing God, DR. WASHINGTON MATTHEWS, Washington, D. C.

Witch-Finding in Frederick County, Maryland, MISS ELISABETH CLOUD SEIP, Baltimore, Md.

Laieikawai : a Legend of the Hawaiian Islands, DR. JOHN RAE (from memoranda of the deceased author).

Methods of Burial in British Columbia. (Illustrated.) MR. HARLAN I. SMITH, New York, N. Y.

Hair in Folk-Lore, MR. H. E. WARNER, Washington, D. C.

MISS MARY WALKER FINLAY SPEERS presented and sang Negro Folk-Songs collected by herself in Anne Arundel County, Maryland.

A resolution of thanks was adopted to the Johns Hopkins University, to the Maryland Folk-Lore Society, and to the Local Committee.

The Society adjourned, the Secretary to appoint time and place of the next Annual Meeting.

At 7 P. M., in the Hotel Rennert, took place the Annual Dinner of the American Society of Naturalists and Affiliated Societies.

The following are Committees of the Council for the year 1901 :—

Committee on Publication : Dr. F. Boas, Miss A. C. Fletcher, Dr. Henry Wood, with the President and Permanent Secretary of the Society.

Committee on Local Societies : Presidents or other Representatives of the Local Branches or Societies, with the President and Secretary.

Committee on the Collection and Record of Folk-Music in North America : Dr. F. Boas, American Museum of Natural History, Central Park, New York, N. Y., Chairman ; Prof. C. L. Edwards, Trinity College, Hartford, Conn. ; Miss A. C. Fletcher, Washington, D. C. ; Mr. H. E. Krehbiel, New York, N. Y. ; Mrs. W. R. Bullock, Baltimore, Md., as Representative of the Maryland Folk-Lore Society.