

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN FOLK-LORE SOCIETY.

THE Fifteenth Annual Meeting was held in rooms of the Peabody Museum of American Archæology and Ethnography, Cambridge, Mass., on Tuesday, December 29, 1903.

At 12 M. took place the meeting of the Council.

At 2 P. M. the Society met for business, the President, Dr. Livingston Farrand, occupying the chair.

The Permanent Secretary presented the Annual Report of the Council.

During the year 1903 the membership of the Society has remained nearly constant.

The inadequacy of the membership to the task in hand, the record and study of the vanishing remains of tradition in North America, has repeatedly been urged in previous reports of the Council. It is recommended that members take an active interest in the enlargement of the Society, and for that purpose the establishment of additional local branches is recommended.

The volume of Memoirs intended to appear in the year 1903, namely, a collection of Maryland folk-lore, made by the Baltimore Folk-Lore Society, has been delayed by the illness of the editor. As the Eighth Volume of Memoirs will be substituted another volume namely, "Traditions of the Skidi Pawnee," by Dr. George A. Dorsey. It is expected that the Maryland collection will form the Ninth Volume, to appear early in the year 1905.

In the future it is expected that the numbers of the *Journal of American Folk-Lore* will be issued with more regularity, and that the *Journal* will be brought to a regular date of publication, in the second month of each quarter.

The following is the substance of the Treasurer's Report:—

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last report	\$2,195.88
Annual dues	810.00
Subscriptions to Publication Fund (including dues)	165.00
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., sales of Memoirs	120.64
Postage61
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	\$3,292.13

DISBURSEMENTS.

Houghton, Mifflin & Co., for manufacturing Journal of American

Folk-Lore : —

No. 59	\$261.46
No. 60	187.20
No. 61	154.33
No. 62	192.53
No. 2 (Reprint)	18.72
W. W. Newell, Secretary, assistant and postage	79.59
E. W. Remick, Treasurer Boston Branch	31.50
E. S. Ebbert, Treasurer Cincinnati Branch	12.50
E. W. Wheeler, Cambridge, Mass., printing	21.25
Geo. W. Buskirk, New York, N. Y., printing	15.50
Second National Bank, New York, N. Y., collections	3.70
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	\$978.28
Balance to new account	2,313.85
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	\$3,292.13

In memory of Dr. Frank Russell, a former President of the Society (during the year 1901), deceased during the year, the following resolution was presented on the part of the Council by Dr. R. B. Dixon : —

Resolved, That in the death of Dr. Frank Russell the American Folk-Lore Society has lost a zealous and earnest member and officer, whose studies in the folk-lore of several American Indian tribes are of lasting value and importance, and whose services in arousing the interest of students in the study of folk-lore and related subjects will always be recognized.

No independent nominations for officers having been received by the Secretary, as provided for by the rules, nominations of the Council were announced as follows : —

PRESIDENT, Prof. George Lyman Kittredge, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT, Prof. Kenneth McKenzie, Yale University, New Haven, Conn.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT, Mr. Marshall H. Saville, American Museum of Natural History, New York, N. Y.

COUNCILLORS (for three years), Dr. R. B. Dixon, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. ; Dr. A. L. Kroeber, University of California, Berkeley, Cal. ; Miss Anne Weston Whitney, Baltimore, Md. ; (for one year) Mr. A. M. Tozzer, Cambridge, Mass.

TREASURER, John H. Hinton, M. D., New York, N. Y.

PERMANENT SECRETARY, W. W. Newell, Cambridge, Mass.

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

On recommendation of the Council, Dr. Juan G. Ambrosetti, Buenos Ayres, was elected as Honorary Member of the Society.

PAPERS READ.

"What they Sing in New England." PHILLIPS BARRY, Boston, Mass.

"Folk-Lore of the Eskimo." FRANZ BOAS, New York, N. Y.

"Batrachian Folk-Lore." LEWIS D. BURDICK, Oxford, N. Y.

"Race Environment in Proverbs." A. F. CHAMBERLAIN, Worcester, Mass.

"Some Northern California Shamans." R. B. DIXON, Cambridge, Mass.

"Characterization of Pawnee Mythology." GEORGE A. DORSEY, Chicago, Ill.

"The Fable of the Man and the Lion." KENNETH MCKENZIE, New Haven, Conn.

"A Legend of Maryland Negroes and its Comparative History." W. W. NEWELL, Cambridge, Mass.

"Spirit Repellers in the West of India." JAMES A. WOODS, Boston, Mass.

In the evening, at 8 P. M., according to announcement, the Society met with the local Branches in Cambridge and Boston.

The retiring President, Prof. Livingston Farrand, read an address on "The Significance of Mythology and Tradition."

The Secretary was instructed to arrange for the time and place of the next annual meeting, preference being given to a date and place which will enable the Society to meet with the American Anthropological Association and with Section H of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The following are Committees of the Council for 1904:—

On Publication, Dr. F. Boas, Dr. R. B. Dixon, Prof. L. Farrand, and *ex officio* the President and Secretary.

On Local Societies, the Representatives of Local Branches, the President, and Secretary.

On Music, Dr. F. Boas, Dr. G. A. Dorsey, and the Secretary.