

**EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN  
FOLK-LORE SOCIETY.**

THE Society met in New York, N. Y., in affiliation with the American Anthropological Association, and Section H (Anthropology) of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, December 27, 1906-January 15, 1907.

The Council of the Society met on Thursday, December 27, in the School of Mines, Columbia University, at 5 P. M.

The Society met for business in Room 306, School of Mines, on Friday, at 10 A. M.

The Report of the Council for the year 1905, in pointing out the possibilities still offered for the completion of a proper record of American tradition, insisted on the importance of increasing the resources of the Society and the number of its members. The increase of membership in the United States and Canada might, it was urged, exert a powerful influence in promoting the collection of remaining material. Mention was made of an important step in the formation of a Branch in California, organized for the purpose of promoting research in that State, and the hope was expressed that this example might be followed in other States.

The great calamity which has befallen the city of San Francisco has not prevented the progress of this Branch, which has fair prospects of usefulness and success. During the year new Branches have been formed in Arizona and in Missouri, both of which promise to be efficacious in promoting traditional research. It is evident that wherever there still exists folk-lore to be collected sufficient interest can be awakened to establish Branches of the Society; such organization requires only the activity of the proper persons.

If it is not feasible to form and maintain a Branch with frequent meetings, it will at all events be possible to constitute a local group of members, who may at least hold one public annual meeting, and report on the conditions existing in that neighborhood. As stated in the last Annual Report, the Council has therefore determined to establish, as far as possible, Secretaries, whose duty shall be to promote membership and library subscription, to form in their territory branches or groups of students or persons interested, to hold such public meetings as may seem desirable, and to communicate their proceedings for publication in the *Journal of American Folk-Lore*. In accordance with this plan, a number of appointments of Secretaries have been made, as printed below. It is desired to complete this list, and members are invited to make suggestions to the Secre-

tary concerning the appointment of such Secretaries, and also the possibility of establishing local organizations in their own neighborhood.

The Eighth Volume of the series of Memoirs of the American Folk-Lore Society, "Traditions of the Skidi Pawnee," collected and annotated by Professor George A. Dorsey, appeared in 1904. The series is now continued by a Ninth Volume, entitled "*Los Pastores*, a Mexican Miracle Play. Translation, Introduction, and Notes by M. R. Cole. With Illustrations and Music." (Pages about xx, 350.) The Spanish texts, from Texas and New Mexico, are for the first time made accessible. The intrinsic beauty and interest of this curious survival of mediæval life entitle it to attention, and the volume should be, it is thought, a valuable addition to Americana. The book is now passing through the press, and will shortly be ready for distribution.

As the Tenth Volume of the Memoirs, if the resources of the Society permit, it is intended to issue for the year 1907 that collection of Maryland Folk-Lore made by the Maryland Folk-Lore Society, which has heretofore been announced, but which has hitherto not been presented in a state ready for publication.

The Report of the Treasurer, from December 27, 1905, to December 24, 1906, is herewith presented:—

## RECEIPTS.

Balance from last statement . . . . .	\$1,429.97
Receipts from annual dues . . . . .	633.15
Subscriptions to Publication Fund . . . . .	131.00
Sales through Houghton, Mifflin & Co. (net of mailing and other expenses):	
Memoirs . . . . .	185.58
Journal of American Folk-Lore, Dec. 1, 1902, to Aug. 1, 1905 . . . . .	583.68
Interest account on balance, Old Colony Trust Co. (less charges for collection) . . . . .	39.04
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## DISBURSEMENTS.

Houghton, Mifflin & Co., for manufacture of Journal of American Folk-Lore, Nos. 71, 72, 73, 74 . . . . .	\$972.46
"    "    for correction of mailing list . . . . .	15.85
Caustic & Claffin Co., Cambridge, Mass., printing for Secretary	4.00
H. M. Hight, Boston, Mass., printing circulars, bill-forms, etc.	4.25
B. L. Newman, Boston, Mass., for making card catalogues . . . . .	4.23
American Anthropological Association, one third cost of joint programme . . . . .	5.50

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Old Colony Trust Co., 12 shillings deposited as \$3 . . . . .	.12
Treasurer's postage . . . . .	8.00
Secretary's " . . . . .	11.00
Rebate to M. L. Fernald, Treasurer of Cambridge Branch . . . . .	14.00
" E. W. Remick, " Boston " . . . . .	32.00
	\$1,071.41
Balance to new account . . . . .	1,931.01
	\$3,002.42

The Council recommended that, in consideration of his continued and unselfish services to the Society, as Editor of its Journal, Professor Alexander Francis Chamberlain of Clark University, Worcester, Mass., be elected an Honorary Member of the Society; and on motion the Society unanimously concurred in such election. The election of officers being in order, nominations of the Council were as follows:—

PRESIDENT, Professor Roland B. Dixon, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT, Dr. John R. Swanton, Bureau of American Ethnology, Washington, D. C.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT, Professor H. M. Belden, University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo.

COUNCILLORS (for three years), F. A. Golder, Tempe, Ariz.; Dr. George B. Gordon, Free Museum of Science and Art, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.; Dr. H. M. Hurd, Baltimore, Md.

COUNCILLOR (for two years), Dr. Clark Wissler, Columbia University and American Museum of Natural History, New York, N. Y.

COUNCILLOR (for one year), Dr. David Boyle, Provincial (Ontario) Archæological Museum, Toronto, Ont.

The Secretary was empowered to cast a single ballot for officers as nominated. This was done, and they were declared duly elected.

On Thursday, December 27, during a joint session of the three Societies, papers on the programme were as follows:—

MORNING SESSION, 10 A. M.

1. DR. CLARK WISSLER: "Notes on Blackfoot Myths."
2. DR. C. HART MERRIAM: (a) "Totemism in California;" (b) "The Yummě or Mourning Ceremony of the Mé-wuk;" (c) "Mé-wuk Myths."
3. MR. EDWARD SAPIR: "Notes on the Takelma Indians of South-western Oregon."
4. MR. FRANK G. SPECK: "Notes on Chickasaw Ethnology."

## AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 P. M.

(Joint session in charge of the American Folk-Lore Society.)

Address of the retiring President, DR. A. L. KROEBER, San Francisco, Cal. : "Music of the California Indians" (illustrated by lantern and graphophone).

5. MR. STANSBURY HAGAR : "Cherokee Star-Lore."
6. DR. NICOLAS LÉON : "Folk-Lore Mexicano, Ia. Contribucion."
7. DR. W J MCGEE : "Recent Activity in Folk-Lore in Missouri."
8. MRS. R. F. HERRICK : "The Volcano of Bell Springs."
9. MR. W. W. NEWELL : "Philippine Märchen."
10. MISS ANNE WESTON WHITNEY : Report on the collection of Maryland Folk-Lore.
11. MR. WILLIAM NELSON : (a) "Witchcraft in Northern New Jersey in the Nineteenth Century;" (b) "The Use of 'Water Witches' in Railroad Building."