

## TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN FOLK-LORE SOCIETY

THE Twenty-Fourth Annual Meeting of the American Folk-Lore Society was held on Jan. 1, 1913, at 10 A.M., in the Chemical Laboratory of the Case School of Applied Science, Cleveland, O., where the Society met in affiliation with the American Anthropological Association and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The meeting was called to order by the Secretary, Dr. Charles Peabody.

Communications were presented as follows:

Miss ELEANOR HAGUE, "Notes on Ballad-Collecting."

Dr. GEORGE A. DORSEY, "Notes on Types of Conflicts in the Orient."

Professor GEORGE FREDERICK WRIGHT, "Mongolian Notes;" "Presentation of Heffer's Animal Forms in Stone from Texas."

PHILLIPS BARRY, "The Father and Son Combat in British Balladry" (read by the Secretary).

MOCK JOYA, "The Japanese New Year" (read by title).

The following officers were elected:

PRESIDENT, Professor John A. Lomax, University of Texas, Austin.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT, Professor G. L. Kittredge, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT, Professor J. Walter Fewkes, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.

PERMANENT SECRETARY, Dr. Charles Peabody, Cambridge, Mass.

TREASURER, Mr. Eliot W. Remick, 300 Marlborough Street, Boston, Mass.

EDITOR, Professor Franz Boas, Columbia University, New York.

EDITOR of "Current Anthropological Literature" (for the Society), Dr. R. H. Lowie, American Museum of Natural History, New York.

COUNCILLORS. For three years: Phillips Barry, J. B. Fletcher, A. F. Chamberlain. For two years: R. H. Lowie, E. K. Putnam, A. M. Tozzer. For one year: P. E. Goddard, Mrs. Zelia Nuttall, S. A. Barrett. Past Presidents: Roland B. Dixon, J. R. Swanton, H. M. Belden. Presidents of local branches: F. W. Putnam, W. F. Harris, A. C. L. Brown, Miss Mary A. Owen, Joseph Jacobs, Robert A. Law.

On motion of Dr. Lowie, Resolutions were adopted on the death of Andrew Lang, expressing appreciation and sympathy. It was voted that the time and place of the next Annual Meeting be left to the decision of the Council to be held in the spring of 1913, the place to be determined after consultation with the Council of the American Anthropological Association.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

The membership of the Society and the subscribing libraries present the following statistics:

	1911	1912
Honorary members.....	14	14
Life members.....	9	10
Annual members.....	357	340
Subscribing libraries.....	142	149

CHARLES PEABODY, *Secretary*.

TREASURER'S REPORT<sup>1</sup>

## RECEIPTS

Balance from last statement.....	\$824.78
Receipts from annual dues for the year 1913.....	3.00
Receipts from annual dues for the year 1912.....	735.45
Receipts from annual dues for the year 1911.....	78.00
Receipts from annual dues for the year 1910.....	9.00
Receipts from annual dues for the year 1909.....	3.00
Receipts from life-membership dues.....	50.00
Subscriptions to the Publication Fund for the year 1912.....	164.50
Subscriptions to the Publication Fund for the year 1913.....	7.00
Sales of Memoirs through Houghton, Mifflin Company.....	142.69
Sales of Memoirs through Secretary.....	12.00
Sales of Journal <sup>2</sup> through agencies.....	629.13
Dr. Felix Grendon, Brooklyn, N. Y., reprints.....	12.33
Interest, Old Colony Trust Company, Boston, Mass.....	23.61
	<u>\$2694.49</u>

## DISBURSEMENTS

The New Era Printing Company, Lancaster, Pa., for manufacturing Journal of American Folk-Lore, Nos. 92-95.....	\$1192.48
American Anthropological Association, cost of composition of "Current Anthropological Literature".....	386.21
Storage of catalogue, "Tenth Memoir," for one year.....	12.60
Refund to Marietta College Library.....	.60
Refund to Miss Grace E. Barnard, dues for the year 1911.....	3.00
H. M. Hight, Boston, Mass., for printing envelopes.....	2.25
Treasurer's postage.....	10.72
Rebate to Cambridge Branch (M. L. Fernald, Treasurer, Cambridge, Mass.)...	17.50
Rebate to Boston Branch (S. B. Dean, Treasurer, Boston, Mass.).....	50.00
Rebate to Missouri Branch (Miss Idress Head, Treasurer, St. Louis, Mo.).....	4.00
Rebate to Illinois Branch (H. S. V. Jones, Treasurer, Urbana, Ill.).....	4.50
Rebate to New York Branch (Stansbury Hagar, Treasurer, New York, N. Y.)...	2.00
Rebate to Texas Branch (Miss Ethel Hibbs, Treasurer, Galveston, Tex.).....	6.50
Old Colony Trust Company, Boston, Mass., for collecting checks.....	5.30
	<u>\$1697.66</u>
Balance to new account.....	996.83
	<u>\$2694.49</u>

ELIOT W. REMICK, *Treasurer*.

Audited: CHARLES PEABODY,  
ALFRED M. TOZZER.

<sup>1</sup> This covers the period from Dec. 21, 1911, to Dec. 27, 1912.

<sup>2</sup> Our current receipts for the year 1912 from the Journal of American Folk-Lore were \$1400.52, while the current expenses for the cost of manufacturing the Journal for the same time amounted to \$1685.06.

REPORT OF EDITOR OF THE JOURNAL OF AMERICAN FOLK-LORE

In accordance with a vote passed at the Annual Meeting, 1911, of the American Folk-Lore Society, the bibliographical and review part of the Journal has been combined with the corresponding part of the "American Anthropologist," and is furnished to members in the form of a separate publication. Accordingly, a considerable number of pages of the Journal hitherto devoted to bibliographical matter have been made free for contributions; and the total number of pages of the Journal for the past year has been reduced correspondingly, so that, instead of 460 pages, the Journal embraces during the present year 384 pages, — the same size which it used to have in former years, with the difference, however, that the whole contents are devoted to contributions. This represents a gain of 48 pages for contributions.

It has been the constant endeavor of the Editor to make the Journal as strictly as possible a folk-lore journal, and to discourage the contribution of more general anthropological matter, which finds its place more properly in the pages of the "American Anthropologist." He believes this continued policy finds expression in the character of the Journal. It should be our endeavor to cultivate the folk-lore of all the various peoples inhabiting the American Continent, — Indians, English, French, Spanish, and other European nationalities, and Negroes. Thanks to the valuable assistance of Professor Kittredge, the department of English folk-lore, particularly in reference to folk-poetry, has shown remarkable development during the last few years. To a certain extent we have also been able to stimulate investigation on Negro folk-lore, although much more should be done on this line. For the past three years the Editor has endeavored particularly to develop a department of Spanish folk-lore, and much material is now coming in relating to this important subject.

Unfortunately, the printing of the index for the first twenty volumes of the Journal has not been taken up yet, owing to lack of funds. The Editor believes that the index will be of great help in making the Journal available to students, and that every effort should be made to provide the means necessary for its publication.

FRANZ BOAS, *Editor*.

REPORT OF EDITORS OF "CURRENT ANTHROPOLOGICAL LITERATURE"

From the time of its foundation, at last year's Annual Meeting, there have appeared two numbers of "Current Anthropological Literature," representing a total of 176 pages. The third issue is in galley proof, and the sheets will soon be returned to the printers for make-up.

According to agreement between the two editors appointed at the Washington meeting, "Periodical Literature" remained under the

supervision of Professor Chamberlain; while the section on reviews, and the general management of the new Journal, were intrusted to Dr. Lowie. The managing Editor wishes to express his appreciation of the help repeatedly and ungrudgingly given by Mr. F. W. Hodge, whose long experience in editorial matters enabled him to give advice on many practical difficulties that stood in the way of the success of the new publication.

Acknowledgment is also due to the writers of reviews, and especially to those who have generously sent in voluntary contributions on works that had not been received by the Editors, but were too important to be ignored in a review publication.

Unfortunately the managing Editor has not yet succeeded in bringing to terms reviewers who accept works for review, and then do not furnish the promised notice, sometimes for years. The Editor has followed Dr. Swanton's advice, and kept a check-list of works sent in. He feels very keenly his responsibilities to the publishers and authors who furnish books for review, and has in some instances written three times to the would-be reviewers. Nevertheless, there does not seem to be any remedy beyond that of furnishing double reviews of the same work, — one to be written by the editors or some one directly under their control, and giving a superficial notice that shall satisfy the publisher; and a second, thorough-going account, to be penned, if possible, by a specialist in the field dealt with. The Editors invite discussion and advice on this important question and on the suggestion just made.

So far as the scientific conduct of "Current Anthropological Literature" is concerned, the aim of the Editors has been to secure fair and at the same time fearless expressions of opinion on new works, from the modern scientific point of view. This is especially desirable in a relatively new science like anthropology, where the principles of scientific method have not yet permeated all collaborators, and need to be constantly emphasized. Not only is this essential for the professional students, but also for that large body of outsiders who often make noteworthy contributions, but are hampered by the popular fallacies of what might be called "folk-anthropology." To expose this seems one of the worthiest aims of "Current Anthropological Literature." A specific recommendation which the managing Editor would like to make is, that properly qualified students should furnish reviews, not merely of individual books, but of the progress made in certain large fields during a fixed period, say the last two or three years. Such *résumés* are common in the German psychological journals. The articles contributed to the "American Anthropologist" by Professor MacCurdy, and dealing with progress in European archæology, indicate the type of contribution here suggested. Corresponding summaries of what has been achieved in physical anthro-

pology, in the wider problems of linguistics, as well as in the study of social organization and of the several large ethnographic areas, would do much to break down the bulkheads that confine the individual worker under the present pressure of specialist work.

Finally, a few words should be devoted to the financial side of our publication. From an unofficial statement by the Treasurer of the American Anthropological Association, it would appear that the cost of issuing "Current Anthropological Literature" as a joint publication of the Association and the American Folk-Lore Society, is considerably greater than the cost of publishing separately the review and periodical literature section of the "American Anthropologist" and "The Journal of American Folk-Lore." The reason for this difference, however, is not at all clear. Taking the issues of the Anthropologist for the last three years preceding the foundation of "Current Anthropological Literature," we find an average yearly output of 765 pages, of which about 164 pages were devoted to book-reviews, lists of new publications, and periodical literature. During the same years, the average output of "The Journal of American Folk-Lore" was 470 pages; but, as periodical literature was omitted in 1909, we can consider only the output for 1910 and 1911, which averaged 479 pages, and 126 pages for review matter. This, however, is the same material that is published in the "American Anthropologist." The total amount of this matter in both journals was thus 164 pages, which was printed in the two journals. The total number of pages in the two numbers of "Current Anthropological Literature" is 176, on which basis the annual size would be 352 pages. The difference is thus merely 188 pages annually; and it should be noted, that, had the publication of reviews remained under the old system, a considerable increase of the space to be devoted to reviews would have been imperative. To make up for this difference, "The Journal of American Folk-Lore" has decreased its size by 76 pages. For the Folk-Lore Society the publication of "Current Anthropological Literature" results, therefore, in 112 pages more published matter annually, of which 48 pages are available for contributions, 64 for bibliography and reviews.

ROBERT H. LOWIE  
ALEXANDER F. CHAMBERLAIN } *Editors.*

A special meeting was called on Thursday morning, Jan. 2, 1913, in the Case School of Applied Science, at 11 A.M. At this meeting, the presidential address—"Stories of an African Prince," by John A. Lomax—was read by the Secretary.

CHARLES PEABODY, *Secretary.*