TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN FOLK-LORE SOCIETY.

The Council meeting of the Society was held on Dec. 27, 1916, at the American Museum of Natural History, New York, President Lowie in the chair. Present: Messrs. Boas, Dixon, Peabody, Tozzer, and Mrs. Elsie Clews Parsons. At this meeting the Secretary and Editor reported as follows:

SECRETARY’S REPORT.

The membership of the Society, including the libraries subscribing to the Journal, is as follows:

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The Secretary announces with great regret the death of George Laurence Gomme and Giuseppe Pittrè, honorary members of the Society.

CHARLES PEABODY, Secretary.

EDITOR’S REPORT.

During the past year four numbers of the Journal have been printed, — the December number for 1915, being the Hispanic Number of that year; the first number of 1916, being the French Number for that year; and the second and third numbers for 1916. The printing of a Memoir by Miss Eleanor Hague on “Spanish-American Folk-Song” has also been begun. At the present time the fourth number of 1916 and the first number of 1917 are in the hands of the printer.

During the past few years, material for the Folk-Lore Journal has been increasing in bulk, so much so that the four numbers no longer accommodate the material that is offered for publication. A number of papers presented are so long that they might well be published as Memoirs, and the question arises what to do in regard to the increasing material. The membership fee of three dollars is so low, that the Society is not justified in furnishing to its members more than a journal of approximately four hundred pages. For this reason it is suggested that longer papers be published in the form of Memoirs,
to be furnished to contributors to the Publication Fund and to subscribers to the Memoirs.

Work on the Index is progressing rapidly now. The contents of the first twenty-five volumes have been listed, and the manuscript is ready including the letter l. It is hoped that the preparation of the manuscript will be completed by the spring of the coming year. The material for the first Negro Number has been collected by Mrs. Parsons, who is in charge of this subject, and it is hoped that the first Negro Number may appear early in the coming year.

FRANZ BOAS, Editor.

The Secretary’s and Editor’s Reports were accepted as read.

TREASURER’S REPORT FOR 1916.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from 1915 ........................................... $1,486.26
Hispanic Society contribution .................................. 350.00
Carnegie Peace Foundation contribution ...................... 200.00
Charles Peabody contribution ................................... 350.00
Interest .................................................................. 33.80
G. E. Stechert, sales of Journal and Memoirs .................. 360.00
C. M. Barbeau, sales of Journal in Canada ..................... 43.50
Publication Fund .................................................. 80.00
Life Member ................................................................ 50.00
Yearly members .................................................... 904.14
Total receipts ....................................................... $3,857.70

DISBURSEMENTS.

Manufacture of Journals:
July–September, October–December, 1915, January–March, April–June, 1916. $1,504.65
Work on Index ....................................................... 213.00
Clerical work for Editor ............................................ 150.00
Rebates to Branches ............................................... 90.16
Postage .................................................................. 5.30
Collections ................................................................ 1.24
Total expenses ....................................................... $1,964.35
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1917 .................................... 1,893.35

$3,857.70

ALFRED M. TOZZER, Treasurer.

Audited.

R. B. DIXON, C. PEABODY, } Auditors.

Professor Dixon and Dr. Peabody were appointed auditors.

The Editor was granted authority to arrange rates and a possible change of publisher for the Society.
On motion of Professor Boas, a vote of thanks was passed to the Secretary for his assistance to the Editor.

The following officers for 1917 were nominated by the Council:—

President, Robert H. Lowie.
First Vice-President, G. L. Kittredge.
Second Vice-President, J. Walter Fewkes.
Editor, Franz Boas.
Assistant Editors, G. L. Kittredge, A. M. Espinosa, C.-M. Barbeau, Elsie Clews Parsons.
Permanent Secretary, Charles Peabody, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
Assistant Secretary, A. V. Kidder.
Treasurer, A. M. Tozzer, 7 Bryant Street, Cambridge, Mass.
Councilors, for three years, R. B. Dixon, E. Sapir, A. L. Kroeber; for two years, Phillips Barry, C.-M. Barbeau, A. M. Espinosa; for one year, B. Laufer, E. K. Putnam, Stith Thompson.

The annual meeting of the American Folk-Lore Society was held at the same place immediately following the Council meeting, President Lowie in the chair. It was held in affiliation with the American Anthropological Association and Section H of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

A communication from the American Association for the Advancement of Science was read, offering special terms for new members who should be members of the affiliated societies.

The officers nominated by the Council were unanimously elected.

The following communications were then presented:—

"Oral Tradition and History" (presidential address), Robert H. Lowie.
"A Prehistoric Wind-Instrument from Pecos, N. Mex.,” Charles Peabody (discussed by Spinden).
"La Gui-Année, a Missouri New-Year’s Custom,” Anne Johnson (read by Peabody, discussed by Belden).
"Bible Stories among the American Indians,” Stith Thompson (discussed by Sapir, Lowie, Michelson, Spinden).
"The Origin of Wampum; an Algonkin Tale,” Harley Stamp.
"Three Matrix-Tales,—‘Big Klaus and Little Klaus,’ ‘Erdmänneneken,’ and ‘Ali Baba,’ among Bahamans and Cape Verde Islanders,” — Elsie Clews Parsons (discussed by Boas and Goddard).

The following were read by title:

"The Resources of Canadian Folk-Lore,” C.-M. Barbeau.
"Fire-Origin Myths of the American Indians,” Walter Hough.

Charles Peabody, Secretary.