

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
AMERICAN FOLK-LORE SOCIETY.

THE annual meeting of the American Folk-Lore Society was held on Tuesday, Dec. 28, 1920, at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

A meeting of the Council, preceding the general meeting, was held on the morning of that day at 9.30 A.M. Present: Dr. Elsie Clews Parsons, President; Drs. Boas, Dixon, Goddard, Lowie, Peabody, Swanton, Tozzer. The Secretary reported as follows:—

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The membership of the Society is here presented:—

	1918	1919	1920
Honorary members	8	6	6
Life members	11	12	13
Annual members	381	397	388
Subscribing libraries	177	182	188
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Total	577	597	595

Four members have died during the year: W. R. Billings, H. C. G. Brandt, Mrs. David P. Kimball, D. L. Thomas.

The report of the Secretary was accepted.

The Treasurer reported as follows:—

TREASURER'S REPORT, 1920.

GENERAL FUND.

Receipts.

Balance for 1919	\$488.43
George F. Peabody, contribution	336.38
G. E. Stechert, sale of Journal	451.67
Life member	50.00
Membership dues from United States.	724.54
Membership dues from Canada.	75.27
Interest	23.10
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	\$2,149.39
Loan from Publication Fund.	620.65
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Total receipts	\$2,770.04

Expenses.

Manufacture of Journal:			
April-June, 1919	\$745.76		
July-September, 1919	336.38		
October-December, 1919	665.31		
January-March, 1920	418.71		
Index for volume, 1919	138.68	\$2,304.84	
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Miss Andrews, editorial work			300.00
Rebates to branches			57.00
S. Mathews, work on music			43.25
Postage: Editor	\$18.83		
Secretary	6.00		
Boston Branch	3.00	27.83	
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Printing bills and notices			15.80
Exchange			21.32
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Total expenses.	\$2,770.04		
Balance, 1920	\$ 000.00		

PUBLICATION FUND.

Receipts.

Balance from 1919		\$398.27	
Anonymous gift for Philippine Memoir			300.00
Sale of Memoirs by Stechert:			
Volume X	\$24.50		
Volume XI	3.50		
Volume XIII	14.00		
Miscellaneous volumes	10.50	52.50	
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Publication Fund contributions.			95.00
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Total receipts		\$845.77	

Expenses.

Miss Andrews, work on Volume XII	\$ 54.75		
Loan to General Fund.			620.65
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Total expenses.	\$675.40		
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Balance for 1921			\$170.37

SPANISH EXPLORATION FUND.

Receipts.

Balance from 1919		\$560.00	
Anonymous gift			250.00
Anonymous gift			250.00
Dr. Elsie Clews Parsons, contribution			1,000.00
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Total receipts		\$2,060.00	

Expenses.

Payments made to A. Espinosa.	2,060.00
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Balance for 1921	\$ 000.00

ALFRED M. TOZZER, *Treasurer.*

The report of the Treasurer was accepted.
The Editor reported as follows: —

REPORT OF THE EDITOR.

During the year 1920 the July–September and October–December numbers for 1919 and the first two numbers for 1920 were printed and issued. Volume 12 of the Memoirs, containing “Filipino Popular Tales,” collected and edited with comparative notes by Dean S. Fansler, was completed. The manuscript for Volume 16, “Folk-Tales of the Sea Islands, South Carolina,” by Elsie Clews Parsons, was completed, and is in the hands of the printer.

The Editor wishes to express again his appreciation of the assistance of the associate editors.

As pointed out last year, the increase in the price of printing makes it quite impossible, without special financial support, to carry on the Journal in the same size as heretofore; and during the coming year it will be necessary to restrict the size of the Journal, unless the income of the Society is materially increased.

During the present year it was possible to keep up the size of the Journal owing to the assistance of the Geological Survey of Canada, the Quebec Branch of the American Folk-Lore Society, and also the Hispanic Society of America.

FRANZ BOAS, *Editor.*

The report of the Editor was accepted.

The President appointed R. B. Dixon as Auditor.

Moved by A. M. Tozzler that from Jan. 1, 1921, the annual dues of the Folk-Lore Society be four dollars. Carried.

Moved by Franz Boas that a committee consisting of the President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Editor be authorized to issue a Journal not exceeding one hundred pages in length per number, and, if found advisable, that the Committee may authorize the publication of supplementary matter to be sold separately. Carried.

Moved and carried that the Index may be abridged.

Moved and carried that at the request of a Branch in good standing, the rebate be established at seventy-five cents in each four dollars of dues paid per member to the general Society.

Authorization was granted for the presentation of a set of the Journal, so far as practicable, to the University of Louvain, and for the raising of funds for this purpose.

Moved by Franz Boas that the set of the Journal used in compiling the general Index be sent to Dr. Rivet, Secretary of the Société des Américanistes de Paris. Carried.

Adjourned.

At the regular meeting of the Society on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 28, the following papers were presented:—

“The Pueblo Indian Clan in Folk-Lore” (presidential address), Elsie Clews Parsons.

“Folk-Tales from the Virginia Indians and from Labrador,” F. G. Speck.

“The Story of a Tlingit Quarrel as told by Mr. Louis Shotridge,” Theresa Mayer.

“A Dramatic Form of Folk-Lore,” Pliny Earle Goddard.

“Designs of Tlingit Basketry,” Erna Gunther.

“Literary Type of Three North American Tales,” Gladys Reichard.

The following paper was read by title:—

“Three Notes from Spain: Bricks and Straw; Sights and Bread offered to the Dead; Popular Syncretism in the Local Hero,” Georgiana Goddard King.

The following officers for the year 1921 were elected:—

PRESIDENT, F. G. Speck.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT, E. C. Hills.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT, J. Walter Fewkes.

COUNCILLORS: for three years, J. R. Swanton, E. K. Putnam, Stith Thompson; for two years, R. B. Dixon, E. Sapir, A. L. Kroeber; for one year, P. Barry, A. Espinosa, C.-M. Barbeau.

EDITOR, Franz Boas.

ASSOCIATE EDITORS, G. L. Kittredge, A. Espinosa, C.-M. Barbeau, Dr. E. C. Parsons.

SECRETARY, C. Peabody.

TREASURER, A. M. Tozzer.

Attention was called to the recent publication of “Kentucky Superstitions,” by the late D. L. Thomas and Miss Lucy Thomas.

Adjourned.

CHARLES PEABODY, *Secretary.*