

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

The annual meeting of the American Folk-Lore Society was held on December 27th, 1923 at the Explorers' Club, New York City, with Vice-President Tozzer in the chair.

A meeting of the Council of the Society took place in the morning at 9:45 o'clock.

The regular meeting was held at 2:30 P. M. and was called to order by Vice-President Tozzer. The report of the Secretary was read, as follows : —

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The membership of the Society is as follows : —

Honorary members.....	1922 6	1923 6
Life members.....	12	11
Annual members.....	394	342
Subscribing libraries.....	190	200
Total.....	602	559

Nine members have died during the year ; — Archbishop Bruchesi, Henry E. Clews, Mrs. Otto B. Cole, Miss Alice C. Fletcher, Professor William Fenwick Harris, Henry E. Krehbiel, Ernest Myrand, Mrs. Frederic Ward Putnam, and Hon. L.-A. Taschereau.

The Secretary's report was accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

General Fund.

Receipts.

Balance from 1922.....	\$ 119.58
Membership at large.....	503.10
Boston Branch.....	232.00
Cambridge Branch.....	168.00
Canadian Branches.....	377.00
G. E. Stechert, sale of Journal.....	385.17
Archer M. Huntington, April-June, 1921, Journal.....	500.00
Archer M. Huntington, Jan.-March, 1922, Journal.....	500.00
Dr. E. C. Parsons, April-June, 1922, Journal.....	568.27
Dr. E. C. Parsons, July-Sept., 1922, Journal.....	412.50
George F. Peabody.....	100.00
Interest.....	10.10
Total Receipts.....	\$3875.72

Expenditures.

Lancaster Press, manufacture of Journal	\$511.97
" " Balance of bill from 1922	
" " Oct.-Dec. 1921	374.86
" " Jan.-March, 1922	495.39
" " April-June, 1922	512.50
" " Aug.-Sept., 1922	568.27
" " Oct.-Dec., 1922	430.08
Beaverson, music for Journal	176.80
Reprints	84.92
Miss Andrews, work on Journal	205.60
Postage, Editor, Secretary, Boston Branch	37.56
Rebates to Branches. ++	90.75
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Total expenditures	\$3488.70
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Balance in General Fund	\$387.02

Publication Fund.

Receipts.

Balance from 1922	\$1165.41
Subscription to Publication Fund +	36.00
Miss Theresa Mayer toward Memoir, v. XVI	100.00
Dr. E. C. Parsons, balance on Memoir, v. XVI	1179.10
Liberty Bond coupons	85.00
G. E. Stechert, sale of Memoirs, misc.	119.35
" " " vol. X	29.40
" " " XI	34.30
" " " XII	133.00
" " " XIII	58.80
" " " XVI	68.60
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Total receipts	\$3008.96

Expenditures.

Miss Andrews, work on Memoir, v. XV	\$152.56
" " " v. XVI	68.12
Cosmos Press, Memoir, v. XVI	1713.18
Beckwith Memoir	200.50
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Total expenditures	\$2134.36
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Balance in Publication Fund	874.60
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Total Balance on hand	\$1261.62

The finances of the Folk-Lore Society are in a better state than at this time last year, when we owed over \$1000.00. The present condition of our treasury is entirely due to the generous donations of Dr. Parsons who has paid for two numbers of the *Journal* and an entire *Memoir* and to the gifts of Mr. Archer M. Huntington who has contributed \$1000.00, for the *Journal* in addition to a promise to pay for a volume of the *Memoirs*. We are paid up to date for all bills contracted for with the Lancaster Press, having paid for virtually six numbers during the year.

The present income from the sale of the *Journal* and from membership dues is about \$1600.00. The average cost of the *Journal* for one year is about \$2100.00, leaving at least \$500.00 to be raised outside. This does not take

into consideration the fact that the Journal is exactly one year behind in its issues. To bring the Journal up to date by January 1, 1925 would take, at the same rate of expense for publishing, \$2600.00 more than can be raised by that date from the present membership and sale of the Journal. The situation is one that requires careful consideration.

Alfred M. TOZZER.
Treasurer.

The report of the Treasurer was accepted.

Cambridge, December 31, 1923.

We have audited the accounts of Alfred M. Tozzer, Treasurer of the American Folk-Lore Society and we find them to our knowledge and belief correct.

E. A. HOOTON.
H. J. SPINDEN.

REPORT OF THE EDITOR.

The affairs of the Journal have improved somewhat during the past year. We started 1923 more than a year behind in publication, due in part to the printer's strike in Lancaster in 1921. During 1923 five numbers were issued, so we have advanced one number, and are now starting the volume for 1923. The first number of the current year is already in type, much of it in pages, and will be ready very soon. The second number is also in type and will be issued as soon as the first number is out of the way. The Canadian branch which has been inactive for several years has just sent manuscript for another number, no. 3, with the assurance that it will be paid for. The outlook, therefore, is much better than a year ago.

I wish to make the following suggestion for your approval: I have had one memoir printed abroad and find the cost is one-fourth the cost here. I suggest therefore that the whole number for 1924 be printed abroad in four numbers for distribution as soon as the 1923 number is out, so that at the end of the year we shall have caught up. We shall have to change printers anyway, for I have received advice from the Lancaster Press that their price is to be raised again. We have so much material already in type that it would not be advisable to change at the present time, but it will be necessary to change at the end of the year. The Editor asks your approval to have the 1924 number printed abroad, in four numbers and mailed out from there, although the mailing cost will be somewhat greater, and then to continue at the end of the year with a new printer here.

During the year we have published one memoir, *Folk-Lore of the Sea Islands, South Carolina*, by Dr. Parsons. The memoir on the Cape Verde Islands is almost ready. The expense for both these volumes has been borne by Dr. Parsons, and Mr. Huntington of the Hispanic Society. The latter volume was paid in part by Dr. Parsons and in part by Mr. Huntington. We are printing another memoir, *Jamaica Folk-Lore* by Dr. Beckwith, which is nearing completion and will be ready for distribution early in the year.

During the past year Miss Andrews, who has assisted the Editor for many years, died, and I feel that in her death the Society has lost a valuable friend. Naturally the work of the Editor has been greatly increased, and I would suggest that an assistant editor be appointed to take over the technical editorial work. I should like to suggest that when you elect officers for the coming year an assistant editor be elected for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,
Franz BOAS.

The report of the Editor was accepted.
The following officers were elected for 1924: —
PRESIDENT, Aurelio M. Espinosa.
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT, A. M. Tozzer.
SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT, J. W. Fewkes.
TREASURER, P. E. Goddard.

SECRETARY, G. A. Reichard,

EDITOR, Franz Boas.

ASSISTANT EDITOR, Ruth F. Benedict.

ASSOCIATE EDITORS, G. L. Kittredge, C. Marius Barbeau, Elsie C. Parsons.

COUNCILLORS: for three years, J. Frank Dobie, Edward Sapir, G. F. Speck ;
for two years, A. L. Kroeber, P. Barry, Henry M. Belden ; for one year,
J. R. Swanton, Stith Thompson, H. Addington Bruce.

Papers were presented as follows : —

“ The Mythology of the Southwest. ” Ruth Benedict.

“ Some Representative Legends of Texas and the Southwest current
among the Anglo-Saxon Americans. ” J. Frank Dobie.

“ Principles of the Wiyot Language. ” Gladys A. Reichard.

“ Tewa Kin, Clan and Moiety. ” Elsie Clews Parsons.

“ A Paleolithic Practice. ” Robert H. Lowie.

“ A Preliminary Consideration of the Culture Areas of Africa. ” Melville
J. Herskovits.

Gladys A. REICHARD, Secretary.