

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN
FOLK-LORE SOCIETY

THE twenty-second annual meeting of the American Folk-Lore Society was held in Manning Hall, Brown University, Providence, R. I. On Thursday, December 29, 1910, the business meeting was called to order at 2 p.m. The meeting for the reading of papers was held in affiliation with the American Anthropological Association.

In the absence of the President, the past President, Dr. John R. Swanton, presided.

The Treasurer's Report for 1910 was presented and accepted. Prof. R. B. Dixon and Dr. A. M. Tozzer were appointed to audit the report, which follows.

RECEIPTS

Balance from last statement	\$1059.14
Receipts from annual dues	976.60
Receipts from life-membership dues	50.00
Subscriptions to the Publication Fund	196.00
Sales through Houghton Mifflin Co. (net of mailing and other charges):	
Memoirs	93.59
Journal of American Folk-Lore, November 1, 1909, to December 1, 1910	395.27
Sales of reprints to authors	4.38
Dr. Charles Peabody, for 27 copies bound, list of members of the American Folk-Lore Society, October-December, 190950
Dr. Felix Grendon, for printing his article in Journal of American Folk-Lore, No. 84, further instalments toward the amount which he agreed to pay the American Folk-Lore Society	120.00
Interest Old Colony Trust Company	30.09
	\$2925.57

DISBURSEMENTS

Houghton Mifflin Co., for manufacturing Journal of American Folk-Lore, Nos. 86, 87, and 88 ¹	\$1101.98
Houghton Mifflin Co., for printing reprints for authors	114.35
Houghton Mifflin & Co., for paper	35.52
Houghton Mifflin & Co., for changing die64
Houghton Mifflin & Co., for binding 27 copies of list of members of the American Folk-Lore Society for Dr. Chas. Peabody, Secretary50
American Anthropological Association, one-half of the cost of composing and printing "Periodical Literature" for publication in the Journal	341.64
Dr. Franz Boas, Editor, Columbia University, New York, N. Y., for expenses of editorial work on the Journal during 1909 and 1910	65.00
Treasurer's postage, envelopes, and sundry charges	12.87
M. L. Taylor, New York, N. Y., for work on indexing Journal of American Folk-Lore, to be published by the American Folk-Lore Society as the "Tenth Memoir"	699.90
Amount carried forward	\$2372.40

¹ The bill for *Journal of American Folk-Lore*, No. 89, has not yet come in, and should be added to the expenses of manufacturing the Journal for the current year, and deducted from our balance.

Amount brought forward.....	\$2372.40
J. Richard, New York, N. Y., for work on indexing <i>Journal of American Folk-Lore</i> for "Tenth Memoir".....	20.00
Insurance on catalogue in New York, N. Y.....	2.00
Fitz-Henry Smith, Jr., Treasurer, for sending out first notices of the year to the Boston Branch.....	2.70
Rebate to Cambridge Branch, M. L. Fernald, Treasurer.....	17.50
Rebate to Boston Branch; Fitz-Henry Smith, Treasurer.....	53.00
Rebate to Missouri Branch, Miss Idress Head, Treasurer.....	5.50
Rebate to Illinois Branch, H. S. V. Jones, Treasurer.....	4.50
Rebate to New York Branch, Stansbury Hagar, Treasurer.....	5.00
Rebate to Texas Branch, Miss Ethel Hibbs, Treasurer.....	15.50
Old Colony Trust Co., for collecting checks.....	3.70
	<u>\$2501.80</u>
Balance to new account.....	<u>423.77</u>
	<u>\$2925.57</u>

Audited January 9, 1911.

R. B. DIXON,
A. M. TOZZER.

I would call attention to the large increase in the cost of publishing the *Journal of American Folk-Lore* for the current year, due to the increase in the number of pages, our expense for this account amounting to \$1779.40;¹ while our annual income from dues, sale of the *Journal* through other sources, and sale of reprints, amounted to \$1376.25.

Work on indexing the *Journal of American Folk-Lore* during the year cost the American Folk-Lore Society \$719.90.

These two items have not only taken all the money which the Society has received during the year, but have also made a large inroad into the balance left over from the previous year, notwithstanding the fact that our returns from annual dues have increased over last year.

Our expenses should be kept within our income, and a respectable balance be maintained, to continue and increase the important work of the American Folk-Lore Society in the field of folk-lore.

ELIOT W. REMICK, *Treasurer*.

The permanent Secretary reported as follows:—

1. The membership of the Society for 1910 is given in the following table, together with that for the previous year:—

	1910	1909
Honorary members.....	14	14
Life members.....	8	7
Annual members.....	344	352
Subscribing libraries.....	135	117

¹ This does not include the bill for the last number of the *Journal* for the year 1910 (No. 89), or the bill for work on indexing the *Journal of American Folk-Lore* for the Memoir, or for binding list of members for Dr. Charles Peabody, Secretary, or for insurance of index.

2. The Boston, Cambridge, New York, Illinois, Iowa, and Missouri Branches have continued in active existence. There is hope of establishing a Branch in Philadelphia; and a somewhat diversified, if sincere, interest has been awakened in Milwaukee, which it is highly desirable to concentrate into some channels leading to direct results. The work of Professor John A. Lomax in arousing interest in folk-lore in Texas has been successful, and at present there are thirty members of the general Society in that State.

In view of the universality of the material included under the study of folk-lore, and of a corresponding ignorance, not to say apathy, on the subject, the Secretary has been gratified at receiving through the year letters of inquiry of general and particular import. It is his belief that such correspondence should be encouraged, and thus, so far as in the ability of the Secretary lies, one of the objects of the Society's existence be attained.

The Editor presented the following report:—

It has been the policy of the Editor to endeavor to embody in the Journal longer and weightier papers, without, however, excluding in any way short communications. The Editor would like an expression of opinion on the part of the Society as to whether this policy meets with its approval. The long delay in the publication of the numbers of the past year was due essentially to the fact that proofs of two of the very long papers were inordinately delayed by their authors.

The Editor is making special efforts to develop a department of Spanish-American folk-lore, and hopes that during the coming year considerable progress may be made in this direction. He suggests that an effort be also made to develop the Negro Department.

During the past year a change has been made in the presentation of the bibliography, which has been issued jointly by the American Folk-Lore Society and the American Anthropological Association. The Editor believes that a considerable saving could be made by separating the bibliography and related matters completely from the Journal, and establishing this subject as a separate publication, to be issued jointly by the Folk-Lore Society and the Anthropological Association, and to be issued four times a year. The Folk-Lore Society and the American Anthropological Association might subscribe as much to the publication as the printing of the bibliography costs at the present time, in return for which one copy of the bibliography should be furnished to each member of both associations.

I think the Society ought also to consider seriously the question whether it would not be desirable to change the printer of the Journal. While Messrs. H. O. Houghton & Co.'s printing is very satisfactory, it is also very expensive. The imprint of the firm of the Houghton Mifflin Company is, however, a valuable asset of the Journal.

Work on the general index has made such progress, that all the material is in hand and arranged alphabetically. The preparation of the volume is a very expensive piece of work, and an estimate of the material in hand indicates that the total volume will be between 1200 and 1400 pages. Before going any further, the Editor believes that it is essential to raise a publication fund for this purpose; and he believes, that, in order to proceed safely, this fund ought not to be less than \$1000.

FRANZ BOAS, *Editor*.

The suggestion that it might or might not be advisable to print longer articles in the Journal was discussed, and, as it proved to be one largely of finance, there did not seem to be any reason for immediate affirmative action.

The suggestion of the Editor that a separation of the bibliography and related matters from the Journal might prove advisable was discussed, and a Committee appointed to confer with a similar Committee from the Anthropological Association was appointed: viz., Dr. C. Peabody, Chairman; Mr. Eliot W. Remick; Professor Franz Boas; and Professor A. F. Chamberlain.

A motion made by Professor Dixon was carried, to the effect that hereafter all charges for proof corrections in Journal articles, to the extent of ten per cent. of the cost of composition, should be paid by the Journal, and that all charges for proof corrections above this must be paid by the authors; that if such a regulation already existed in the records, it should be enforced.

Referring to the estimate of \$1000 as necessary to the completion of the Tenth Memoir or Memorial Index, on motion of Professor Dixon, it was carried that an attempt be made to raise one-half of this sum, \$500, and that until \$500 were in hand no further progress should be made on the Memoir.

It was voted that the next annual meeting of the Society be held with Section H of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, presumably at Washington in Convocation Week, 1911.

The possibility of a closer affiliation with the Modern Language Association was the subject of discussion, under the leadership of Professor A. C. L. Brown of Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. The desirability of such a step seemed apparent.

The Secretary was empowered to cast a ballot for the re-election of the existing officers, with the necessary corollary that the outgoing members of the Council be re-elected for the full term. The officers are —

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

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

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT, Dr. J. Walter Fewkes, Bureau of American Ethnology, Washington, D. C.

EDITOR OF JOURNAL, Professor Franz Boas, Columbia University, New York City.

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

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

COUNCILLORS. For three years: P. E. Goddard, Mrs. Zelia Nuttall, S. A. Barrett. For two years: J. A. Lomax, J. B. Fletcher, A. F. Chamberlain. For one year: E. K. Putnam, G. A. Dorsey, Albert Matthews. Past Presidents: A. L. Kroeber, Roland B. Dixon, John R. Swanton. Presidents of local branches: F. W. Putnam, K. G. T. Webster, Miss Mary A. Owen, Charles B. Wilson, A. C. L. Brown, Joseph Jacobs.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Corporation of Brown University for their hospitality in the offering of Manning Hall as a place of meeting, and for their very kind invitation to luncheon in the Lyman Gymnasium on December 28, 1910, and also to the Providence Art Club for their very kind invitation to tea on December 28.

At the conclusion of the business meeting, the address of the President, Professor H. M. Belden, on "The Relation of Balladry to Folk-Lore," was read by the Secretary. The following papers were then presented:

Phillips Barry, "A Garland of Ballads."

A. F. Chamberlain, "Recent Literature of the American Amazons;" "Recent Progress in the Study of South American Languages;" "The Uran, a New South American Linguistic Stock." Discussed by Dr. Dixon.

A. C. L. Brown, "Fire and Fairies with Reference to Chretien's *Ivain*," vv. 4385 to 4575. Discussed by Professor Fogel.

E. M. Fogel, "The Survivals of Germanic Heathendom in Pennsylvania German Superstitions." Discussed by Dr. Peabody.

Paul Radin, "The Religious Ideas of the Winnebago Indians." Discussed by Drs. Goldenweiser and Lowie.

Professor Roland B. Dixon, "Melanesian and Polynesian Mythology," "Polynesian Gods." Discussed by Dr. Lowie.

Dr. Leo J. Frachtenberg, "A Grammatical Sketch of the Molala Language" (read by title).

CHARLES PEABODY, *Secretary*.