

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

The thirty-ninth annual meeting of the American Folk-Lore Society was held on December 29, 1927 at Williams Hall, Andover, Mass., with the President, Alfred M. Tozzer in the chair.

The Secretary's report was read as follows:

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Since we have no detailed information on the membership for 1926, I base the following comparison on that for 1925. The membership of the Society is as follows:

	1925	1927
Honorary members	7	7
Life members	10	10
Active members	<u>383</u>	<u>346</u>
Total	400	366
Subscribing libraries		138

Respectfully submitted,
GLADYS A. REICHARD,
Secretary.

The Secretary's report was accepted.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as corrected. Franz Boas and Gladys A. Reichard were appointed as an auditing committee.

The Editor's report was read and accepted. The Secretary was instructed to send a letter of thanks from the Society to Dr. Elsie Clews Parsons in recognition of the aid she has given us.

REPORT OF THE EDITOR.

During the past year every effort has been made to bring the issues of the *Journal* up to date at the earliest possible occasion. To that end we have transferred the printing of the magazine and of the *Memoirs* to J. J. Augustin of Glückstadt, Germany, whose facilities for publication are more extended than those of Protat Frères. We have mailed four copies of the *Journal* during the past year, and have three more in page proof. It would be desirable for the committee to authorize a program looking toward the early resumption of current issues in the publication of the *Journal*.

We have printed one new Memoir during the past year, *Lamba Folk-love*, by A. C. Doke, a collection of African tales. *The Folk-love of Maryland*, by Annie Weston Whitney and Caroline Canfield Bullock is also ready for distribution, and *Tewa Tales*, by Dr. Elsie Clews Parsons is in final page proof. Since the publication of the *Journal* is so urgent a matter, it has been thought best not to send another Memoir to press at this moment, but two Memoirs, through the generosity of Dr. Elsie Clews Parsons, are ready to be added to the series: a Nova Scotia collection by Mr. Fausset, and a collection from Santo Domingo, by Mr. Andrade. We wish to take this opportunity of expressing our thanks to Dr. Parsons, who has also paid for the Negro number of the *Journal* published during the current year.

Respectfully submitted.

RUTH F. BENEDICT.

Dr. H. Addington Bruce gave a report on the work of the Boston Branch of the Society and plans for increasing membership were discussed.

The Council was organized as a Nominating Committee and the following officers were reelected:

PRESIDENT: Alfred M. Tozzer.

VICE-PRESIDENT: John R. Swanton.

SECRETARY: Gladys A. Reichard.

TREASURER: Pliny E. Goddard.

EDITOR: Ruth F. Benedict.

ASSOCIATE EDITORS: Franz Boas, George L. Kittredge, C. Marius Barbeau, Elsie Clews Parsons, Gladys A. Reichard.

COUNCILLORS: For three years: J. R. Swanton, E. K. Putnam, Stith Thompson; for two years: J. Frank Dobie, Edward Sapir, Frank G. Speck for one year: A. L. Kroeber, Phillips Barry, Diamond Jenness.

A motion was made and carried to increase allowance for clerical work up to four hundred dollars if necessary in order to bring the *Journal* as near to date as possible in the next year.

Dr. Charles Peabody was elected a life member of the Society.

According to the plans followed by the American Anthropological Association an informal symposium was held for the discussion of problems of form in primitive tradition. The following papers were read: Alfred M. Tozzer, *A Brief History of the American Folk-Lore Society*.

Franz Boas, *Primary Literary Forms in Primitive Literature*.

Ruth F. Benedict, *Complexity of Literary Forms among the Indians of the Southwest*.

Martha Beckwith, *Proverbial Sayings among the Oglalla Sioux*.

On the subject of *Acculturation in Folk-Lore* Erna Gunther presented the introductory paper and the question was discussed informally.