

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

THE Twenty-Fifth Annual Meeting of the American Folk-Lore Society was held at the American Museum of Natural History, West Assembly Hall, on Dec. 31, 1913.

The Council of the Society met at 9 A.M. Present, Messrs. Barry, Boas, Dixon, Goddard, Lomax, Peabody; President Lomax in the Chair.

It was then resolved that the Society should join the International Congress of Americanists, to be held in October, 1914, and the President was instructed to appoint delegates to attend the Congress.

It was voted that the third issue of the Journal should be made a special number, to be devoted to a review of subjects relating to American folk-lore, the material for which is to be collected by Dr. A. A. Goldenweiser. It was voted that extra copies should be printed, to be placed at the disposal of members of the International Congress of Americanists. The arrangement for this extra edition was left in the hands of a special committee consisting of Messrs. Boas, Barry, and Peabody.

The question of enlarging the Journal and adding to the number of editors was discussed. On motion of Professor Boas a committee—consisting of Professors Kittredge, Reed Smith, Goddard, and Boas—was appointed to consider the feasibility of an annual edition of the Journal to consist of six numbers. The selection of the place for the next annual meeting was left to the former committee.

Messrs. Dixon and Peabody were appointed Auditing Committee. The Council then met as nominating committee, and nominated officers for the year 1914.

At 10 A.M. the meeting of the Society was called to order by President John A. Lomax of the University of Texas. The reports of the Secretary, Treasurer, and Editor of the Journal, were then read.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

During the year 1913 branches and societies have been established in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Kentucky. The New York branch has disbanded.

The membership of the Society is as follows:—

	1912.	1913.
Honorary members . . . . .	14	14
Life members . . . . .	10	11
Annual members . . . . .	340	345
Subscribing libraries and institutions . . . . .	149	156

Annual members are distributed as follows:—

Boston . . . . .	99
Cambridge . . . . .	42
Missouri . . . . .	13
Illinois . . . . .	9
North Carolina . . . . .	8
South Carolina . . . . .	5
Texas . . . . .	20
At large . . . . .	149

CHARLES PEABODY, *Secretary.*

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

##### RECEIPTS.

Balance from last statement . . . . .	\$996.83
Receipts from annual dues . . . . .	923.95
Receipts from life-membership dues . . . . .	50.00
Subscriptions to Publication Fund . . . . .	98.00
Sales of Memoirs . . . . .	3.50
Sales of Journal of American Folk-Lore . . . . .	300.73
Gift from Franz Boas for clerical assistance to Editor . . . . .	147.88
Gift from "Friend" . . . . .	100.00
Mr. King, for sending out reprints . . . . .	1.50
Balance from Treasury of Illinois Branch of the American Folk-Lore Society, H. S. V. Jones, Treasurer . . . . .	7.75
Interest, Old Colony Trust Company, Boston, Mass. . . . .	18.85
	<u>\$2648.99</u>

##### DISBURSEMENTS.

The New Era Printing Company, Lancaster, Pa., for manufacturing Journal of American Folk-Lore, Nos. 96-101 . . . . .	\$1580.35
American Anthropological Association, $\frac{7}{12}$ cost of composition, mailing, etc., of "Current Anthropological Literature" . . . . .	416.57
The New Era Printing Company, Lancaster, Pa., for reprints for Mr. Mechling . . . . .	6.45
Storage of catalogue, "Tenth Memoir," for one year . . . . .	12.00
Insurance on catalogue . . . . .	2.00
Dr. Franz Boas, Editor, expenses for 1912 . . . . .	35.00
Dr. Franz Boas, Editor, expenses for 1913 . . . . .	30.00
Dr. Franz Boas, Editor, for clerical assistance . . . . .	247.88
Sending out reprints for Mr. King . . . . .	.68
Miss Emma Backus, folk-lore material . . . . .	10.00
Refund of Gezer Rohéim . . . . .	5.00
English draft listed as \$6.00 was paid for \$5.76 . . . . .	.24
Treasurer's postage and sundry expenses . . . . .	16.18
Rebate to Cambridge Branch (M. L. Fernald, Treasurer, Cambridge, Mass.) . . . . .	19.00
Rebate to Boston Branch (S. B. Dean, Treasurer, Boston, Mass.) . . . . .	63.75
Rebate to Missouri Branch (Miss Idress Head, Treasurer, St. Louis, Mo.) . . . . .	6.00
Rebate to New York Branch (Stansbury Hagar, Treasurer, New York, N. Y.) . . . . .	.50
Rebate to Texas Branch (Miss Ethel Hibbs, Treasurer, Galveston, Tex.) . . . . .	5.00
Rebate to North Carolina Branch (Frank C. Brown, Treasurer, Durham, N. C.) . . . . .	12.00
Rebate to South Carolina Branch (Reed Smith, Treasurer) . . . . .	5.00
Amount carried forward . . . . .	<u>\$2473.60</u>

Amount brought forward . . . . .	\$2473.60
Rebate to Kentucky Branch (E. B. Fowler, Treasurer) . . . . .	6.00
Old Colony Trust Company, Boston, Mass., for collecting checks . . . . .	4.20
	<u>\$2483.80</u>
Balance to new account . . . . .	165.19
	<u>\$2648.99</u>

ELIOT W. REMICK, *Treasurer.*

R. B. DIXON } *Auditing*  
 CHARLES PEABODY } *Committee.*

EDITOR'S REPORT.

During the current year six numbers have been issued, thus bringing the Journal up to date. The last number of the current year is expected to come out early in January. According to a vote of the Society, the printing of the index to the first twenty volumes is not to be started until a sufficient amount of money is available in the treasury. Since during the past year the publication of six numbers entailed a considerable expense, which was still further increased by payments for "Current Anthropological Literature," nothing can be done towards the publication of the index, which it is felt is very much needed.

The amount of material offered for publication is becoming so extended, that the Journal is no longer capable of providing space for all of it. Since most of the contributions sent in are of value, the Society ought to look forward towards an enlargement of the Journal; and the Editor recommends that the Society endeavor to make the Journal a bi-monthly publication, devoting three numbers to European folk-lore in America, three numbers to aboriginal American folk-lore. Contributions on the Spanish field have been coming in during the last few years, in increasing numbers, but it still remains to work up properly the field of French and of Negro folk-lore.

The whole edition of the Journal and of the Memoirs has been transferred to Messrs. G. E. Stechert & Co., 151-155 West 25th Street, New York City, who will henceforth be the selling agents of the Society.

The following officers were then elected for the year 1914:—

PRESIDENT, Dr. Pliny Earle Goddard, American Museum of Natural History, New York.

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

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT, Professor J. Walter Fewkes, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.

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

ASSOCIATE EDITORS, Professor Alexander F. Chamberlain and Professor G. L. Kittredge.

COUNCILLORS. For three years: Roland B. Dixon, Mrs. Zelia Nuttall, A. L. Kroeber. For two years: Phillips Barry, J. B. Fletcher, A. F. Chamberlain. For one year: R. H. Lowie, E. K. Putnam, A. M. Tozzer. Past Presidents: J. R. Swanton, H. M. Belden, John A. Lomax. Presidents of local branches: F. W. Putnam, W. F. Harris, A. C. L. Brown, H. G. Shearin, Miss Mary A. Owen, J. F. Royster, Reed Smith, Robert A. Law.

At 10.30 A.M. the scientific meeting of the Society was called to order, President Lomax in the Chair. The Society met in conjunction with the American Anthropological Association. The following papers were read:—

JOHN A. LOMAX, presidential address, "Types of American Folk-Songs."

CHARLES PEABODY, "A Folk-Dance from the Charente, France."

ROBERT H. LOWIE, "The Crow Sun Dance" (printed on pp. 94-96).

TRUMAN MICHELSON, "Notes on the Folk-Lore and Mythology of the Fox Indians."

ALANSON SKINNER, "Some Aspects of the Folk-Lore of the Central Algonkin" (printed on pp. 97-100).

A. A. GOLDENWEISER, "The Iroquois Totemic Complex."

H. J. SPINDEN, "Home Songs of the Tewa Indians."

REED SMITH, "The Traditional Ballad in the South" (printed on pp. 55-66).

HENRY C. DAVIS, "Negro Lore in South Carolina:" (a) "Tales, Sayings, and Superstitions;" (b) "Songs, A Plantation Dance before de War."

PHILLIPS BARRY, "The Bridge of Sunbeams" (printed on pp. 79-89).

MOCK JOYA, "The Japanese New Year."

The following papers were read by title: "Siuslauan, a newly Discovered Linguistic Family" (an ethnological sketch of the Wailatpuan tribes of northeastern Oregon), by LEO J. FRACHTENBERG; and "Introduction to the Study of Indian Religions," by PAUL RADIN.

CHARLES PEABODY, *Secretary.*