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*Secretary*

### THE AMERICAN FOLK-LORE SOCIETY

THE American Folk-Lore Society met in annual session on Friday, December 27, at the Johns Hopkins University. The following papers were read and discussed:

*Cape Verde Islands variants of the tale of "the witch and the dogs"*: ELSIE CLEWS PARSONS, New York.

*Ceremonies of the Eskimo of St. Lawrence Island*: RILEY D. MOORE, Washington.

The retiring president, C. M. Barbeau, was prevented by illness from attending and delivering the presidential address entitled "The field of European folk-lore in America." The following papers in the absence of the authors were read by title:

*Resources of Celtic folk-lore in northeast America*: EDWARD J. O'BREIN.

*Some French-Canadian folk-songs from Gaspé*: LORAIN WYMAN.

The officers of the society for 1919 are the following:

*President*—Dr. Elsie Clews Parsons.

*First Vice-president*—E. C. Hills.

*Second Vice-president*—J. W. Fewkes.

*Permanent Secretary*—Charles Peabody.

*Treasurer*—A. M. Tozzer.

*Editor*—Franz Boas.

### THE AMERICAN ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

THE American Anthropological Association held its sessions on December 27 and 28 at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore. The Friday morning meeting was devoted to the reading of papers and their discussion as in former years. The following papers were read:

*The estimated weight of the parts of the lower extremities in living men*: ROBERT BENNETT BEAN, University of Virginia.

*The relation of towers to prehistoric Pueblos*: J. WALTER FEWKES, Bureau of American Ethnology.

*Indian mounds and other relics of Indian life in Texas*: J. E. PEARCE, The University of Texas.

*In memoriam, Herman K. Haerberlin*: FRANZ BOAS, Columbia University.

In addition to these the following were read by title in the absence of the authors:

*Ceremonial objects excavated at Otowi, New Mexico*: LUCY L. W. WILSON, Philadelphia.

*Excavations at Hawikuh, New Mexico, in 1917 and 1918*: F. W. HODGE, Museum of the American Indian (Heye Foundation).

*Mountain haunts of the coastal Algonquins*: MAX SCHRABISCH, Paterson, N. J.

*Ethnography of the Jugoslavs*: BEATRICE STEVENSON STANOYEVICH, New York.

At the Saturday morning session, papers which had already been published were taken up for discussion. This innovation resulted from the experience of past years, that worth-while discussion of papers, new and just read, was seldom possible.

At the business sessions of the council of the association Professor J. C. Merriam, of the Executive Committee of the National Research Council, presented for discussion a plan for a future permanent research body which should include a division of anthropology. The matter was referred to a committee consisting of Professor Boas, Dr. Hrdlička, and Professor Tozzer, who were directed to present definite research problems of the types most likely to be undertaken and to ascertain the organization best adapted for dealing to advantage with such problems.

The following officers were elected:

*President*—Clark Wissler, Museum of Natural History, New York.

*Vice-president, 1919*—John R. Swanton, Bureau of American Ethnology.

*Vice-president 1920*—George Grant MacCurdy, Yale University.

*Vice-president, 1921*—A. Hrdlička, U. S. National Museum.

*Vice-president, 1922*—B. Laufer, Field Museum of Natural History.

*Secretary*—Alfred M. Tozzer, Harvard University.

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