

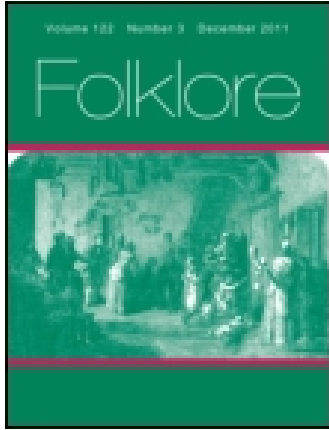
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## THE THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

THE Council are glad to be able to report that the numbers of the Society are well maintained at over 410. Twenty new members have been elected, and five libraries added to the roll of subscribers. But they have to announce with regret the deaths of five members, among them that of Mr. J. B. Andrews, who had been actively associated with the Society since its foundation in 1878, and Mr. A. M. T. Jackson, assistant collector at Nasik in the Bombay Residency, who was assassinated in December last. There have been fifteen resignations, and the names of a few members who were in arrear with their subscriptions have been struck off the list. The Council again appeal for greater regularity in the payment of subscriptions. They are informed by the Secretary that he has found it necessary to send out more reminders than in any previous year, and a considerable number of subscriptions are still unpaid.

The papers read during the year have been as follows :

- Jan.* 20. The Presidential Address. (*Folk-Lore*, 1909, pp. 12-31.)
- Feb.* 17. "Head-hunting among the Hill Tribes of Assam" (illustrated by lantern slides). Mr. T. C. Hodson.
- March* 17. "The Religion of the Andaman Islanders." Mr. A. R. Brown.
- April* 21. "Personal Amulets (European)." Miss Lina Eckenstein.
- May* 19. "The Bantu Element in Swahili Folklore." Miss A. Werner.
- June* 16. "Folk-tales of the Lushais and their neighbours" (illustrated by lantern slides). Lieut.-Colonel J. Shakespear.

- October* 20. "Some Secret Societies and Fetishes in Africa." Mrs. M. French-Sheldon.
- Nov.* 17. "Two Notes from the Banks Islands." Dr. W. H. R. Rivers.
- Dec.* 15. "British Horse Ornaments and Superstitions." Mr. A. R. Wright. "Horse Charms and Superstitions Abroad, and the Early Legendary History of the Horse" (illustrated by lantern slides). Mr. E. Lovett.

At the April meeting Mr. W. L. Hildburgh and Mr. E. Lovett exhibited a number of amulets from Naples and elsewhere; at the June meeting, Mrs. Shakespear exhibited and explained the use of a number of objects collected among the hill tribes of Assam, and more particularly the Lushais, the Manipuris, and the Hakka Chins; at the October meeting Mrs. French-Sheldon exhibited a number of objects illustrating her paper, including the coat worn by the executioner of King Prempeh of Ashanti, a fetish cup from the Congo with head looking both ways, and a mask from the upper Aruwimi river; at the November meeting Mr. A. R. Wright exhibited a number of interesting objects from Oceania; and at the December meeting Mr. A. R. Wright, Mr. E. Lovett, and Mr. C. J. Tabor exhibited a fine collection of charms, amulets, and trappings. Other objects exhibited during the session were two "St. Bridget's crosses" from County Antrim by the President, and a helmet of riveted mail covered with amulets from the field of Omdurman by Mr. A. R. Wright.

The Council have arranged a programme of exhibits coördinated as far as possible with the papers to be read at each meeting, and they hope that members and friends of the Society possessing objects of folklore interest, and especially any bearing on the subjects of the papers announced for reading, will offer them for exhibition. Anyone kind enough to send exhibits should communicate with Mr. A. A. Gomme, 12 Dryden Chambers, 119 Oxford St., W., who will supply appropriate labels.

The attendance at the evening meetings has been good. No meeting has been crowded, but the room has been often quite full. The papers illustrated by lantern slides have, as usual, proved the most attractive.

A list of additions to the library will be found appended to the minutes of the June meeting (*Folk-Lore*, 1909, p. 386).

The Society has issued during the year the 20th volume of *Folk-Lore*. In their last report the Council were unable to announce who would succeed Miss Burne as Editor of the journal. They have been so fortunate as to secure the services of Mr. A. R. Wright, under whose able editorship in collaboration with Mr. Crooke this volume has been produced. The Council have also to thank Mr. Wright for the service he has so ungrudgingly rendered to the Society in compiling the Index.

The Annual Bibliography for the year 1908, compiled in accordance with the arrangement made with the Council of the Royal Anthropological Institute in 1907, is in course of preparation, and will be issued during the coming year.

The additional volume for 1908, the collection of *Lincolnshire Folklore from Printed Sources*, by Miss M. Peacock and Mrs. Gutch, has been issued. The additional volumes for 1909 and 1910 will be *Primitive Paternity*, Parts I. and II., by Mr. E. S. Hartland. Part I. is nearly ready, and Part II. will, it is expected, be issued before June.

For many years past there has been a growing demand for another edition of *The Handbook of Folklore*, the first edition of which has long been out of print. The Council are glad to be able to announce that the President has undertaken to prepare a revised edition of the book, and that substantial progress has already been made with the work. The Council have not yet decided upon what terms the book will be issued to members and subscribers.

The meeting of the Congress of Archaeological Societies was held as usual in July, and was attended by Dr. Gaster and Mr. Longworth Dames as delegates from the Society.

The Society was represented at the meeting of the British Association at Winnipeg by Mr. E. S. Hartland and Professor J. L. Myres.

The Council regret to announce that four-fifths of the Society's stock of bound and unbound volumes were damaged by water during a fire which took place early in October at the warehouse in Little Guildford Street, Southwark, in the basement of which it was stored. The stock was insured in the Westminster Fire Office for £1500, and Mr. C. J. Tabor kindly undertook on behalf of the Society the negotiations for the settlement of its claim against the Office. The claim was finally settled for £1100 and the whole of the salvage. The sincere thanks of the Council are due to Mr. Tabor for his exertions, and the Society is to be congratulated on the successful result arrived at.

The Council submit herewith the annual Accounts and Balance Sheet duly audited.

CHARLOTTE S. BURNE,  
*President, 1909.*

## TREASURER'S CASH ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1909.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
To balance carried forward from 1908 :—		By Printing Account (Publications) :—	
On Deposit at Bank, . . .	£150 0 0	R. MacLehose & Co.,	£61 3 0
On Current Account at Bank, . . .	100 1 0	<i>Folk-Lore</i> , xix., Part 4, . . .	81 7 10
In hands of Secretary, . . .	1 5 11	"    xx., Parts I and 2, . . .	49 15 8
	£251 6 11	<i>The Grateful Dead</i> (G. H. Gerould),	
" Subscriptions, 1910 (16), . . .	£16 16 0	<i>Lincolnshire Folklore</i> (Peacock and	
" " 1909 (352), . . .	309 12 0	Gutch), . . .	114 12 9
" " 1908 (18), . . .	18 18 0		£306 19 3
" " earlier years (15) . . .	15 15 0		10 18 0
Contribution to cost of Printing, . . .	421 1 0	" Miscellaneous Printing (Matthews, Drew & Co.),	36 3 8
" Interest on Money on Deposit, . . .	0 13 6	" Engraving Blocks, etc., for Illustrations in <i>Folk-Lore</i> ,	34 5 5
	0 10 0	Binding Account (Simpson & Co.), . . .	12 0 6
		" Warehouse Stock, . . .	1 10 0
		" Insurance of Stock, . . .	0 5 6
		" MSS. and Books, . . .	15 0 0
		" Cost of Editing <i>Lincolnshire Folklore</i> ,	
		Expenses of Meetings :—	
		Hire of Rooms, . . .	£8 13 0
		Advertising, . . .	2 16 0
		Refreshments, . . .	4 4 0
		Hire of Lantern, . . .	2 10 0
			18 3 0
		" Subscriptions :—	
		Congress of Archaeological Societies, . . .	£1 0 0
		London Association for Protection	
		of Trade, . . .	1 1 0
			2 1 0
		" Secretary's Salary and Poundage, . . .	58 11 0
		" Petty Cash Expenses—Secretary,	
		Bank and other Discounts and Allow-	£6 19 6
		ances, . . .	2 16 1
			9 15 7

" Balance in Bank on Current Account, -	£161 18 7
" " in hands of Secretary, - -	5 19 11
	<u>167 18 6</u>
	£673 11 5

Examined with Vouchers and Pass Book and found correct.

F. G. GREEN,  
A. W. JOHNSTON, } *Auditors.*  
*January 11th, 1910.*

EDWARD CLODD, *Treasurer.*

BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31ST, 1909.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
Printing of Publications :—		Balance on current account at Bank, -	£161 18 7
<i>Folk-Lore</i> , xx., Parts 3 and 4 (say),	£100 0 0	" in hands of Secretary, -	5 19 11
Additional Volume, 1909, <i>Primitive Paternity</i> ,		Subscriptions for 1909 and earlier years	
Vol. i., - - - - -	87 10 0	outstanding, - - - - -	£46 4 0
Secretary's Poundage, 1909, - - - - -	22 15 0	<i>Less</i> paid in advance, - - - - -	16 16 0
Messrs. Nutt (Advertising, Postages, Despatch of			
Volumes, etc.), 1908, - - - - -	55 2 9	Messrs. Nutt—Sale of Publications, 1908,	29 8 0
Messrs. Nutt (Advertising, Postages, Despatch of		Do, do, 1909,	86 9 3
Volumes, etc.), 1909 - - - - -	59 18 5		66 1 1
Balance to credit of Society, - - - - -	24 10 8		
	<u>£349 16 10</u>		<u>£349 16 10</u>

In addition to the above, the Assets of the Society include the stock salvaged from the recent fire at the warehouse in which it was stored.

F. G. GREEN,  
A. W. JOHNSTON, } *Auditors.*  
*January, 11th, 1910.*

EDWARD CLODD, *Treasurer.*