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PREFACE

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It is a pleasure to see the objective realized in the fourth number of the Papers. The editors feel that the articles in this issue will not only appeal to most readers regardless of specific interests, but will be of value to specialists as well. Professor Kroeber gives us another sensitive glimpse of Mohave life and culture with a native historical document, in addition to an evaluation and critique of the older published account. Mr. Nichols' paper deals with a subject having interest both to linguists and to students of social behavior. Mr. McKern discusses a question of great significance to those who wish to apply statistical procedures to the phenomena of biological and social sciences.

Miss Matteson's paper illustrates the variety of article the Papers are especially suited to publish. This contribution is the only detailed published account on the language or culture of the Piro. Miss Matteson's collection of tales is one of the few from South America with accompanying texts. The manner of presenting the textual material is also new. The texts are divided into numbered morphemes which refer to the exhaustive glossary, making it possible for the student to make his own interlinear translations. By the use of this new technique, the value of each morpheme in the 'vocabulary-glossary' may be derived by referring to its contexts in the tales. We feel that Miss Matteson's contribution to methods of presenting text materials is worthy of careful study.

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