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## PREFACE

The Kroeber Anthropological Society is pleased to present to its subscribers issue No. 10 of its Papers. In its fifth year of existence, the Society may now consider itself a well-established organization, thanks to the loyal support of its members. As a result of a recent campaign, the membership is greatly increased over last year. The response to this campaign has confirmed us in our belief that, in carrying out its announced intentions, the Society does indeed serve a useful function in the field of anthropology as a whole.

The present issue, we feel, fulfills at least one of the intentions of the Society: that of putting on record factual information which it would be difficult, for various reasons, to publish elsewhere. Chester Chard's short article in this issue follows up his earlier paper in this series (No. 5) on the physical anthropology of Northeastern Siberia, based on the work of G.F. Debets. Since the publication of the first paper, Debets has published his conclusions. Since few American physical anthropologists read Russian, this important information is largely inaccessible to them. Chard's summary of Debets' conclusions should therefore prove of considerable interest to our readers.

The second paper concerns the selection of sound-recording equipment for field use. In these days of multiplication of complicated gadgetry, the average non-electronically minded anthropologist is apt to find himself feeling rather at a loss to choose equipment best suited to his purposes. Merriam's suggestions should help to relieve this situation.

The last two papers in this issue are ethnographic in nature and shed valuable light on little-known areas of South America. Carroll Riley's paper concerns the Panare Indians of the upper Cuchivero river in Venezuela. Esther Matteson's article on the Piro of eastern Peru is her second in this series concerning this group; an earlier article on Piro myths was published in issue No. 4. We hope to publish a third article on Piro linguistics in a future issue.

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