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### EDITORIAL

The southwestern archaeologist's position for making historical reconstructions has been immeasurably improved in the brief eight years since tree-ring data has been available. This fact can be emphasized by answering the question as to how far our interpretations of prehistory here would have been carried in recent years without the aid of tree-rings. The reluctant admission is that we would still be laboring under the delusion of a high antiquity for some of the remains, that we would still have false notions as to the vast amount of time needed for the advance of culture from what we know as Pueblo I to Pueblo III. We would plead ignorance as to the cause of some of the evident tribal shake-ups, such as took place towards the end of the thirteenth century when the center of gravity of the Puebloan area moved southward. And we would further be forced to recognize that tree-ring contributions have been directly responsible for the speeding up of the study of the southern cultures because the rapidity of culture development in the north, formerly believed to have been inherent, indicated the possibility that other forces were to be considered.

With this issue the Bulletin begins a check list of all dated ruins of the Southwest. The great amount of information, coming from various students, has demanded condensation to the point where only the range of dates and a few other pertinent facts can be given and, for want of space, these must be released in instalments. Some of the material has already been given in fuller form herein and in other publications; some has not previously appeared. When completed, this list should serve as the starting point for a series of papers dealing anew with general regional and cultural trends, movements of people, correlations, and possibly a revision of Southwestern prehistory.

—E. W. H.