

## BOOK REVIEW

*A Checklist of Scientific Periodicals and of Selected Serials in the Libraries of Duke University, North Carolina State College, The University of North Carolina, and The Woman's College of The University of North Carolina.* Edited by Wixie Parker. Durham, North Carolina, 1954. viii, 385 pp.

The *Checklist*, which is a cooperative enterprise between Duke University and the three branches of The University of North Carolina, is a location list of the most important scientific periodicals and selected serials held in the libraries of Duke University, North Carolina State College, The University of North Carolina, and The Woman's College of the University of North Carolina. It is an expansion of a *Checklist of Scientific Periodicals and Selected Serials in the Libraries of Duke University*.

As the foreword states, the *Checklist* is not a substitute for the *Union List of Serials* (New York, H. W. Wilson Company, 1945) which is more comprehensive in scope. It merely lists the most important holdings of the four libraries, and indicates by abbreviations and symbols in which university and library unit each title is housed.

The *Checklist* is not a heavy volume to use, being only eight and one-half inches high and one inch thick and weighing less than one and one-fourth pounds. The paper is not quite heavy enough to prevent the print from showing faintly through the verso. However, the small clear off-set print is adequately spaced for easy reading, and titles may be readily located because of the indentation of the descriptive lines of signs and symbols. Publications are arranged in alphabetical order according to title except for periodicals that are entered under the name of a sponsoring society, institution or government body. There are many cross references. Although the *Checklist* is intended primarily for the use of the library staffs, faculty members and research scholars on the four campuses, it will be found to be of great significance to special librarians seeking inter-library loans from these universities.

The editor, Miss Wixie Parker, periodicals librarian at Duke University Library, and the members of the library staffs of both universities who assisted her deserve much praise for making available this handy and valuable reference work to users of scientific publications in North Carolina.

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\*V.I.P. = Virtually Irrepressible Person. (This is an example of a footnote.)