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Explanatory Note

(Provisional)

This compilation follows, twenty-five years afterward, the "List of... Serial Publications" issued by the Boston Public Library in 1897. Not infrequently serials were listed, in the earlier record, that are herein neither listed nor otherwise represented. The present grouping, therefore, in substance continues, and does not entirely supersede, the list of 1897.

The present work when completed will contain, it is planned, not merely the alphabetical list, but also a subject-index, as in 1897.

The alphabetical list consists of (1) Brief records of serial publications, followed by abbreviations denoting, specifically, libraries receiving serials described; and (2) Names (sometimes obsolete) of serials and organizations, and names of places, etc.,—referring those interested from such names to other portions of the list, for further information. The foregoing records of serial publications, accrediting them to at least one library, constitute Main Entries, and are numbered; the names, merely referring to other portions of the list, are References.

A serial publication is recorded herein either under its title; or under its author, that is, under the name of an organization or country (or other unit of government) issuing the publication; or under the place (city or other locality) in which the establishment, institution, or other organization, governmental or otherwise, issuing the publication, is situated; or, if a newspaper, under the place of publication. It is hoped that the following general statements, with examples, will assist the inquirer, in cases of any difficulty, to determine in which category a publication desired is most likely to be found.

**Title.** Under the title are usually recorder such serial publications as are periodicals in the commonly accepted use of the term, and are assumed to be issued independently (not by an organization or government as author).

*Example:*
4 A B C Pathfinder Railway Guide. [1849.] Boston. m.
Also, under their titles, *if distinctive*, are recorded many serial publications, even though they may be issued by organizations deemed to be their authors. *Example:*


**AUTHOR.** Under the organization as author are usually recorded serials having *non-distinctive* or routine titles (Proceedings, Sitzungsberichte, and the like), and issued by learned societies, or other similar organizations. *Example:*

10 Aachener Geschichtsverein, Aachen. — Zeitschrift. [1879.]

Also under the author (unless under their distinctive titles) are usually recorded serials of such universities or other similar institutions as are within the jurisdiction either of the United States, or of the British Empire. *Example:*


**AUTHOR OR PLACE.** Serials of countries, and of other units of government, are usually recorded either (1) under the country or other unit, as *author*, or (2) under the *place* (city or other locality) in which the governmental establishment issuing the serial is situated. *Examples:*

1516a Austria. STATISTISCHE ZENTRALKOMMISSION, Vienna.—Statistische Monatschrift. [1875.] Brünn.

1769 Berlin. PREUSSISCHES METEOROLOGISCHES INSTITUT [with observatory at Potsdam]. — Abhandlungen. [1882.]

**PLACE.** (City or other locality.)

(1) A serial of an observatory that is independent of a university is usually recorded under the *place* in which the observatory is situated. *Example:*

7 Aachen (Aix-la-Chapelle), Prussia. METEOROLOGISCHES OBSERVATORIUM. [1900.]
— Ergebnisse der Beobachtungen. Karlsruhe. y.

(2) So, likewise, in the case of a serial of a chamber of commerce, or of a similar essentially local organization. *Example:*

1484 Augsburg, Bavaria. HANDELSKAMMER. — Jahresbericht.

(3) So, likewise, in the case of a serial of a foreign (except a British) university or other similar institution. *Example:*


**PLACE OF PUBLICATION.** A newspaper is recorded under its place of publication. *Example:*