analyses should precede any further support in this field, and (b) that there is great need to develop the science upon which a sound technology may be based.—Ralph R. Shaw, Rutgers University.


The publication of these two volumes marks another step forward in the efforts of Australian libraries to compile information on their resources. This "interim edition" is designed to be a companion to Scientific Serials in Australian Libraries, as it might well be after it is used and continued as a list of holdings of several hundred libraries in the country. The list includes periodicals and other serials, as well as monographic and some publishers' series, but it does not contain newspapers, company reports, house organs, and certain ephemeral titles. Almost twenty thousand titles are included.

Australian librarians, through AACOBS (the Australian Advisory Council on Bibliographical Services), the National Library of Australia, and the work of personnel in individual libraries, have been pooling their efforts to gain an insight into present holdings. The objective is to develop, so far as is feasible, within programs of individual institutions a program of collecting that will be beneficial to the country as a whole. Australian libraries, because of their distance from one another, have an opportunity that is both unique and challenging, particularly in a country in which the social sciences and humanities, as well as science and technology, are regarded as important.—Maurice F. Tauber, Columbia University.


