

Occasionally, at the top of a page, or towards the centre, is to be found the principal or initial letter, of the words we wish to consult.

Now and then, one half or a whole blank page. It is much to be regretted they have not been utilized to give the reader explanations which would now be thankfully received.

Neither date nor information of any kind is given about the time this manuscript was composed. But in following up closely the career of Père Silvy, we may pretty correctly say, that the book was written while he was in the Montagnais Missions of Tadousac and the Hudson Bay, since this Dictionary reproduces the language of his neophytes.

In view of these circumstances, we can reasonably state that this manuscript was written between the years 1678 and 1685.

STUDYING THE MANUSCRIPT BY SEPARATE PARTS.

First page, *recto* :

" *P. Antonius Silvy, à Societate Jesu, hoc Dictionarum conscripsit.*"

" **DICTIONAIRE MONTAGNAIS.**"

" *Utinam characteribus majoribus exarasset,*"

" *Alphabeticum ordinem Servasset,*"

" *Notas suas & puncta explanasset.*"

" *Requiescat in pace! de Missione bene meritus.*"

The title, in French, is probably in the handwriting of Père Silvy. The Latin sentences which follow, are in a different handwriting.

A

Fourteen sheets, or twenty-eight pages, are devoted to the letter A. The twenty-eighth page is almost blank.

B

At the bottom of page 28, we find the following note :

" *B. idem est ac P.*"

C

This letter occupies eight and a half pages, with one half page in blank.

E

Two and a third pages are taken up by the letter E. The rest of the third page is in blank.