

Collation: Title, with verso blank, 1 leaf; "Preface," pp. iij.-xxiv.; text, pp. 1-359, 380, 381, 384-387; "Table," pp. 388-402. Colophon on p. 402 as follows: "Nîmes, de l'Imprimerie de Pierre Beaume. 1776." The pagination is very erratic. Pp. 44, 273, 282, 304, and 309 are mispaged 45, 373, 182, 303, and 409, respectively. There is a break in the paging between 359 and 380.

It is a singular fact that most of the sets in libraries are incomplete, especially lacking the last volumes; and we find the same condition prevailing in sets offered by the Paris booksellers. Nevertheless, a full set is not costly, and would sell for about 75 francs. Odd volumes, of one edition or another, between 1703-1776, are not uncommon in the book-market.

Paris Edition—1780-83

The volumes of the original collection, as we have shown, were published from time to time, as the reports came to hand from the mission fields in both hemispheres. Hence they are a confused mass, without any geographical arrangement. In the twenty-six volumes, printed in 1780-83, this defect was remedied by the new editor, Yves Mathurin Marie de Querbeuf, who was also a member of the order. He divided the work as follows: *Levant*, 5 vols., published in 1780; *America*, 4 vols., published in 1781; *the Indies*, 6 vols., published in 1781; *China*, 9 vols., published in 1781; and vols. xxv. and xxvi., supplementary, published in 1783. Querbeuf also enlarged the collection by adding some "*Mémoires inédits*" and "*Lettres nouvelles*"—a life of the Canadian missionary Piquet, by Lalande, being one of them. A description of this edition follows:

"Lettres | édifiantes | et curieuses, | écrites | des Missions étrangères. | Nouvelle édition. | Mémoires du Levant. | Tome Premier. |