

this³⁵: Kurze distinguished between five recensions of the ArF, namely A, B, C, D and E. Only the first four concern the ArF, for the last is what is usually regarded as the revised version of the ArF that has been edited by Kurze as the aforementioned AqdE, which falls outside the scope of this article, as mentioned earlier. Peculiarities of the other four relevant recensions are as follows.

The A recension runs from the annal entry for 741 up to and including most of the entry for 788, of which the final paragraph is missing, which is taken from the B, C and D recensions in Kurze's edition³⁶. As McKitterick has underlined, this final paragraph reads like a kind of summing-up, possibly added later by a continuator of the ArF³⁷. Further, this recension lacks two narrative digressions, namely in the entries for 773, on the miracle at Fritzlar³⁸, and 776, which deals with miraculous support from God to repulse a Saxons' attack on Siegburg³⁹. Kurze maintains that these are later additions which "in der Urschrift der Reichsannalen als Nachträge am Rande gestanden haben müssen" and had not been added to the main text when the copy that survives as ArF-A had been made⁴⁰. The manuscript evidence for this recension is problematic. Except from the first nine entries, the A recension survives exclusively in an early modern printed version

Uebearbeitung, in: NA 28 (1903) p. 619–669, and the reply by Hans Wibel following directly on this response by Kurze to defend his book: *Erwiderung*, *ibid.* p. 670–686. Ultimately, Wibel provided Kurze with his own copy of the edition so that Kurze could see some of the corrections for himself. Kurze subsequently emended the edition based on Wibel's notes. The literary output was published in Friedrich KURZE, *Corrigenda zur Handausgabe der Annales regni Francorum*, in: NA 29 (1904) p. 464–467.

35) For what follows cf. Friedrich KURZE, *Die karolingischen Annalen bis zum Tode Einhards* (Wissenschaftliche Beilage zum Jahresbericht des Königlichen Luisengymnasiums zu Berlin, 1913) p. 49f., where he succinctly recapitulates his earlier suggestions and claims. It also takes into account the scholarly debate that took place between the publication of his studies on and edition of the ArF in the mid-1890s and the publication of his booklet in 1913.

36) ArF ad a. 788 (as in n. 9) p. 84. The final paragraph that is not in A is as follows: *Post haec omnia dominus rex ... se numerus annorum in DCCLXXXVIII.*

37) McKITTERICK, *Charlemagne* (as in n. 13) p. 34.

38) ArF ad a. 773 (as in n. 9) p. 36–38. This story is ad a. 774 in C.

39) ArF ad a. 776 (as in n. 9) p. 44–46. This story is also absent in B5 and D2.

40) KURZE, *Die karolingischen Annalen* (as in n. 35) p. 49.