

dinary interest. For when a manuscript betrays Insular symptoms in its abbreviations or in the form of its initials, these may be taken over from the Insular exemplar, but when vellum is chosen rather than parchment and when membranes are prepared for ruling in the Insular manner, the probability is that this practice was introduced into the scriptorium by those in charge of it, or at least by those in authority as far as book production went. ~~Such a scriptorium~~ *one scriptorium naturally thinks of Alcuin and those with him.* ~~could have been Trier, where Charlemagne had a residence, or the neighbouring Anglo-Saxon foundation of Echternach, famous for the books it produced and pre-~~

~~served.~~ The following are the chief manuscripts belonging to this group:

1. Abbeville, Bibl. Municip. 4 (1). Evangeliarium aureum purpureum (No. 704).

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