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*ALEKSANDAR EXARCH'S AND PETAR BERON'S IDEAS
ABOUT THE FOUNDATION OF BULGARIAN EDUCATION*

The paper reviews issues of enlightenment during the Bulgarian National Revival as a general problem of the development of society. Authors such as P. Beron and Al. Exarch use ideas of enlightenment as building blocks for comprehensive programmes which are designed not only to provide education but also as mechanisms for cultural and economic growth. The most promising and profound ideas are those focused on the integral approach in school, for the transformation of schools into centres for the improvement of communal life by using school buildings as workshops, libraries, stages for all kinds of performances and cultural events, as sports complexes, etc. Numerous Revival activists conceived of schools as life-long centres of communal life – from childhood through maturity to old age.

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