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*FROM “RAZNI I POLEZNI NASTAVLENIJA ...” [VARIOUS USEFUL
INSTRUCTIONS ...] TO “NAUKA ZA ...” [SCIENCE FOR ...] –
EDUCATIONAL IDEAS OF PETAR ODZHAKOV*

Notes on the Image of a Person from the Bulgarian National Revival Period

This paper discusses the most popular books by Petar Odzhakov (1834–1906), and in particular his ideas for education in favour of the society. They are seen as expression of typical attitudes of Bulgarian National Revival towards the knowledge: pragmatic and idealized. Two of his books are focused on in this paper: in them he approaches current questions of education, sheds light on poetry and analyses Bulgarian folk poetry. Without being a leading figure of the Bulgarian National Revival, Odzhakov attracts scholarly attention with his literary endeavours, with his attempt to publish his own periodical, as well as with his practice as a lawyer who published the first books on Bulgarian common law and on Bulgarian folk texts concerning the law.

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