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Recognized and Neglected Epistolary Heritage of Marin Drinov: Historiographic Observations

(Abstract)

The name of Marin Drinov is well-known among the specialists and among the wider audience as the name of a notable scholar, honoured enlightener and public figure. Despite numerous studies, however, his correspondence has not received the adequate attention from researchers and still remains hardly accessible to readers. The study focuses on the fate of the epistolary heritage of M. Drinov in the context of the development of the Bulgarian historical science in the 20th and the beginning of the 21st century. Special attention is paid to the scientists who have made significant contributions to the search, reading and publication of his correspondence. The article outlines the prospects for future research and the preparation for publication of his known and unknown letters.

Keywords: Marin Drinov, epistolary heritage, Bulgarian historical science.