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**BULGARIANS ARE NOT JUST ALL TALK”. THE DUTCH SLAVIST
NICOLAS VAN WIJK’S IMPRESSIONS ABOUT BULGARIA**

(Summary)

Nicolas Van Wijk (1880–1941) is a Dutch linguist and founder of Slavonic studies in the Netherlands. As Raymond Detrez (University of Gent, Belgium), who prepared the present publication in Bulgarian, says: “Van Wijk’s travelogue depicts a fascinating picture of the Bulgarian people in one of the most dramatic moments in its history” (shortly after the Balkan wars). “Looking into the future the author makes modern readers, to whom this future is already past, meditate on some important points of the national destiny.” The Bulgarian translation of Van Wijk’s travelogue preserves the author’s notes. Some explanatory notes of the interpreter have been added and some minor errors of the author have been corrected.