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**ON THE RELATIONS BETWEEN MARIN DRINOV AND VASIL
CHOLAKOV**

(Summary)

The article deals with some aspects of the spiritual development, social activity, and the relationship between Vasil Cholakov and Marin Drinov. V. Cholakov is one of the first Bulgarians to receive training in Russia. Later, it was he who helped M. Drinov and N. Bonchev to follow in his footsteps. The article reveals the relations between them in the process of publishing the “Bulgarian Folk Collection” by V. Cholakov. The importance of the national culture for the preservation and development of the Bulgarians within the Ottoman Empire is also examined. The second problem addressed in the article is the attitude of M. Drinov and V. Cholakov to foreign religious propaganda and their struggle for the preservation of Orthodoxy. These aspects of their activities are essential in examining the struggle for the spiritual elevation and preservation of Bulgarians.