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The War of Independence took place between 1877 and 1878 and has been waged against the Ottoman Empire. The Romanian state was not prepared for that military confrontation. With the budget at its disposal, the Ministry of War could not meet the needs of the front. They appealed to the spirit of sacrifice of the Romanian people, all walks of life being involved in that process of supporting the military. The contribution of the masses across the country and from other Romanian provinces under foreign ownership has resulted in: collection of offerings for the soldiers, raising funds for the purchase of advanced weapons, support the operation of hospitals, caring for wounded, transport of supplies and equipment for front, housing Russian and Turkish prisoners, organization of cultural activities by charitable societies or individuals to raise funds to support the military effort, etc. Romanian Orthodox Church, priests and faithful, could not stand aside in those watershed moments for the Romanian nation, but was actively involved in supporting the Romanian army sorely tried. Responding to the call addressed “by the civil authorities, the orthodox hierarchs accomplished” their duty to the country and contributed in a special manner to the success of military operations. This article presents in detail the acts and facts of those Church ministers committed to the purpose aforesaid, during the military hostilities of the “Bulgarian plains”.

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