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ROMANIAN HISTORIANS DURING THE GREAT WAR
(Summary)

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As expected, the Great War involved the historians as well. It did not spare anybody, and one might say that it had special reasons to “prefer” Clio’s servants, as they had actually started the conflict quite early, with weapons that had been different. The First World War did not surprise Nicolae Iorga or Vasile Pârvan, who knew that the outbreak of hostilities could lead to the unification with the Romanian provinces from the neighbouring empires, the Russian and the Austro-Hungarian ones.

A wide literature illustrates the presence of historians in the war events. The first lines were memoirs pages, direct testimonies and statements from professionals who considered that it was not all right to close their eyes in front of such a shattering phenomenon. Many of the positions adopted then came from the area of moralizing reflections. Subsequently, the “daily notes” about the war, the memoirs and the autobiographies fuelled the conferences, the special studies and even the specialized overviews that followed. In this paper, the author insists upon the idea that the historians’ attitude towards the phenomenon in question represents a serious topic of research in its turn.

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