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THE ROMANIANS IN THE PERSPECTIVE OF KONSTANTIN JIREČEK (Summary)

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Konstantin Jireček can be rightly considered one of the founders of modern balkanology. It is a reason for which we direct our attention to his personality, especially because the intellectual and, for some years, one of the officials – Secretary General and holder of the portfolio – of the Ministry of National Education of the Bulgarian state reborn after the Congress of Berlin, was interested in the past and the present of Romania and the Romanians. The positions held in Bulgaria in the years 1879-1884 have allowed him direct or mediated contact with the Romanian realities and his *Journal* from this period is a rich source of interesting and relevant comments.

In our demarche we try to briefly capture the most significant lines of K. Jireček's *Journal* on the Romanians and Romania in various aspects. In this regard, we thought about several topics: *Images from and about Romania and the Romanians. Travel Impressions; Romanians and Aromanians from Bulgaria and the Balkans; Bulgarians with a Past in Romania; On the Bulgarians and other Minorities in the Romanian Space. About the Bulgarian Political Migration to the North of the Danube; Bulgarian-Romanian Relations. Romanian Diplomats in Sofia and Bulgarians in Bucharest; Information on the Political Life in Romania.*

K. Jireček records news from most various records, most often without comments, but the sources – often indicated – make clear their accuracy. The information on the Romanians, of which we have presented some samples considered as significant, is reflecting the effort of understanding the past and contemporary realities, the free and open spirit of the author, a certain appetite for the most various details, the care for authenticity and objectivity, even though his sources were extremely varied.

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