

REPORTAGES AND REPORTERS FROM THE DISTRICT OF ZLATITSA IN THE BULGARIAN
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The report examines the publications in the press from the period of the Revival about Zlatitsa and the settlements in the district of Zlatitsa, situated in the area surrounded by the mountains Stara Planina and Sredna Gora and the hills Galabets and Koznitsa. It is noticed that for the period from 1852, when the first report about the area was published, until the Liberation of Bulgaria, the area was mentioned in the press 105 times with the highest number of publications in 1876 - 15, 1866 - 12 and 1875 - 10. And the least - only one for each year - in 1852, 1858, 1878.

Main topics in these publications were: news about repression and violence against the Bulgarians resorted by the dominating nationality; historical facts about the settlements from the district and about the development of the economy; observing religious ceremonies and traditions in each settlement; education and culture; demographic data of the district; acts for national liberation; interesting events and fun facts about the life of the local people.

Although it is mentioned that almost all the reports were anonymous, the editors of the issues of the period used participants or witnesses of the described events as a source of information. Only four of the publications were signed and one of them had only initials. Moreover, the name of the author of one of the articles published in the Bulgarian newspaper „Independence“ in 1873 was revealed long after the Liberation with the help of different sources. A conclusion is drawn that despite being brief, the pieces of news of the district are evidence that history was made even in the small settlements and they were not an exception from the common tendencies and processes in the development of the Bulgarian people during the Revival.