

Schools Church Singers in Oltenia in the Second Half of the Nineteenth Century and the Early Years of the Twentieth Century

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Abstract

After setting up seminars and until the late nineteenth century, the church singers of the Diocese Râmnic - Nouă Severin (Oltenia) were recruited largely from the ranks of seminarians poorer school students who could not complete seminary courses. With the Act of the lay clergy, passed in 1893, which provided for the abolition seminars degree (four classes), the Church had to seek new solutions for the future to ensure the smooth running of parish life. In Oltenia, on the eve of the War of Independence (1877-1878) three schools of church singers were established: in Craiova, Turnu Severin and Tg-Jiu. Following the Act of the lay clergy of 1893, which stipulated the obligation of establishing and sustaining shared by the State and the Church of church singers schools in each diocese were established in every city – county, right Olt seat since 1894, one church school for the training of future teachers. In chronological order they were opened: Turnu Severin, Râmnicu Valcea, Targu-Jiu, Craiova and Caracal.