

THE ASSOCIATION MUSEUM (1905-1914) REFLECTED IN *ASTRA'S* PRESS ORGANS

(ABSTRACT)

Between the preoccupations of Transylvanian Association for romanian literature and history of romanian people (*Astra*) enter museum concernings, too. Reflected in *Astra's* magazines (*Transilvania*, *Analele*), these preoccupations were materialized by organization of ethnography exhibitions (1862, 1881) culminating with making up of Association Museum (1905) projected like a Romanians of Transylvania museum. Ideea fights kneads and disputes on this theme, between intellectuals and problems rised for building the „National House” destined to shelter the museum, for organization of 1905 exhibition from Sibiu, for making up and development the museum collections can be cleared, at least partially, by researching of *Astra's* organs press.

The author, using this documentary source stops on supporting action of *Astra's* project, seeing the making up of a museum accepted by whole romanian population from Transylvania. Using money donations from privates but also from romanian banks and objects donations by ransom of New Year's Eve Congratulations or organization a lottery which adds to already existed funds, makes possible the building of „National House” on a ground bought with the same purpose, from Sibiu. The effort is continuing in purpose to rise ethnography and history collections of the museum in the way these collections to be of their destined space.

The whole movement, surprised enough realistic in *Astra's* press organs, had like purpose the constitute of Association Museum, a museum for whole Romanians which became a new weapon in their movement for national identity.