

ANDREI BĂRSEANU

(1852—1922)

SUMMARY

Andrei Bărseanu was an outstanding personality who counts as a representative of the Romanian spirit in Transylvania in the last half of the century before the union of 1918, as his cultural-national activity was almost encyclopaedic in the fields of education, literature and folklore, to which he devoted himself with talent, passion and a total lack of material interest. The most deserving side of this teacher of the people was his substantial contribution to the democratization and popularization of the „Astra“, as well as to the fulfilment of the union, by joining around him all the live forces of the masses and of the scholars from the district of Sibiu. He could have become rich: however, he died poor, leaving behind him the decisive image of an idealist sacrificing himself for the prosperity of his Romanian people.