

PRE-UNIVERSITY EDUCATION IN THE ATTENTION OF DR. CONSTANTIN ANGELESCU (1920-1937)

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Abstract. This article introduces a general overview of the unique documents in the manuscripts folder of Dr. Constantin Angelescu, minister of Public Instruction in the interwar period, documents kept in the Library of the Romanian Academy. From this folder, three files make reference to Dobrogea and contain 127 documents, we have thematically structured. The research of these files allows us to reach conclusions regarding the knowledge and implication of Dr. Constantin Angelescu in the development of education in Dobrogea.

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Romanian schools in Dobrogea have their beginnings before 1878. In the Romanian settlements there were organized primary schools maintained by the communities. Professor Gheorghe Dumitrașcu's research in local archives led him to the conclusion that between the Danube and the Sea, in the old Romanian province, there were schools in 67 localities.¹ The teachers were either priests or brought from beyond the Danube or from Transylvania. There were also wealthy families who brought a good teacher for their children. Some allowed the participation in classes of other children (in exchange for a fee), thus laying the foundations of a school.² Personalities, such as Nifon Bălășescu, Costache Petrescu, Dimitrie Chirescu entered the history of the region for the establishment of Romanian education between the Danube and the Black Sea. It should be noted

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¹ Gheorghe Dumitrașcu, *Din istoria învățământului românesc în Dobrogea până la 1878* [From the History of Romanian Education in Dobrogea until 1878], in „Colegiul Constantin Brătescu”. *Valori ale civilizației românești în Dobrogea* [”Constantin Brătescu College”. Values of Romanian Civilization in Dobrogea] (coord. St. Lascu, C. Vitanos), Constanța, 1993, pp. 30-37; also see Ioan Georgescu, *Învățământul public în Dobrogea* [Public Education in Dobrogea], in *1878-1928. Dobrogea cincizeci de ani de viață românească* [1878-1928. Dobrogea Fifty Years of Romanian Life], București, 1928, p. 641 and the next.

² Protopopul G.V. Niculescu, *Dare de seamă alcătuită cu ocazia jubileului de 40 ani de domnie a majestății Sale Regelui Carol I al României* [An Account Made up on the Occasion of the 40-year Jubilee of His Majesty King Carol I of Romania], București, 1906, p. 82.