

THE PROFILE OF VASILE VOICULESCU

Abstract. Vasile Voiculescu, surnamed “doctor-priest without pieces of silver”, was born at 27 of November 1884, at Pârscov, Buzău County, Romania, and he remained for posterity as a Romanian medical doctor, poet, prose man and playwright. He was titular member of the Academy of Sciences in Romania starting 21 of December 1935 and Vice-President of Section VIII, titled “The History and Philosophy of Science; organization, education, popularization.” He was elected member of the Romanian Academy, postmortem, in 1993. Vasile Voiculescu remains a great personality and a lively presence among us through his immortal work. Posterity attempts to honor him, bashfully. Thus, posthumously, *Ultimele sonete închipuite ale lui Shakespeare în traducere imaginată de Voiculescu* (1964), two volumes of short stories - *Povestiri* (1966) and the novel *Zahei orbul* (1970) are published. In 1991 the Society of the Romanian Medical Doctors Writers and Publicists launched a commemorative medal and unveiled several memorial plates: in the central lobby of U.M.F. “Carol Davila” (Bucharest), at V. Voiculescu dispensary (Bucharest), at the Memorial House at Pârscov (Buzău).

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Vasile Voiculescu was son of Costache Voiculescu, wealthy manager and of Sultana (born Hagi). He followed the classes at „Alexandru Hâjdeu” High School and then “Gheorghe Lazăr” High School in Bucharest. The intellectual interests of the young personality include materialism, positivism and evolutionism, as well as psychopathology and psychophysics. Among the authors that triggered his early interest we mention: Littré Claude Bernard, Auguste Comte, Darwin, Spencer, Wundt, Höfding, Pierre Janet și W. James. He graduated from the Faculty of Letters and Philosophy in Bucharest (1902 - 1903), and then the Faculty of Medicine in 1903, with a PhD in Medicine in 1910.

Maria Mittescu, student at Medicine, met in his natal village, Pârscov, becomes his wife and muse, many of his love poems being dedicated to her. In