

**PANDELI SOTIRI,
A DISTINGUISHED PERSONALITY
OF ALBANIAN SCHOOL**

Pandeli Sotiri honored with 'People's teacher' order, was born in 1843 at Seleke of Lunxheri. He finished university studies at Viena of Austria. After exercising his profession for a short while, he left Viena for Istanbul. It is there that his activities relating to Albanian national cause began. He was one of twenty eight patriots who in 1879 established the association of: "Printing Albanian Letters".

His contribution as a journalist starts when he directs "Drita-Ditura" magazines. Another important era on Pandeli Sotiri's life is the period of opening of the first Albanian language school in Korça on 07 of March 1887. He served as a director and organizer for a short while. He established the bases for a didactic and qualified work leading with his own example as an Albanian language teacher.

It is worth mentioning also his work as one of the founders of association: "Teaching Albanian" at Korça. This association had 160 members with different religious beliefs muslimans and catholics alike. His life was cut short at 1891 as a result of an prearranged accident.