

HAFIZ ALI ULQINAKU, LIFE AND WORK

Some times ago, the well-known scholar, the late Faik Luli and Islam Dizdari published a worthy edition on the life and work of Ali Ulqinaku. This patriotic cleric was decorated in 1978 with the medal *"For patriotic activities and as a distinguished activists and fighter of the Albanian League of Prizren"*, and in 1994 he was bestowed the title *"People's Teacher"*. The whole activity of H. Ali Ulqinaku is summarized in the motivation *"Distinguished cleric and teacher, appassionato researcher, honored teacher and educationist of youth and popular masses, compiler and translator of scientific-religious works"*. A lot has been written about this figure even previously, but up to the present, a complete and authentic work on Hafiz Ali Ulqinaku has not been published yet.

Ali Ulqinaku was born, raised up and carried out a part of his activity in this Albanian environment. This patriot, whose activity belongs to the period of our National Renaissance, migrated from Ulqin to Shkoder, with the fall of town in the hands of Montenegrins in 1913 and later moved to Lezha, where he died in 1913, soon after it was declared the Independence of Albania from the long-lasting Ottoman rule, but he was buried in Shkodra.

F. Luli and I. Dizdari have included also evaluations about H. Aliu accentuating the fact that three towns were proud of him: Ulqini, Shkodra and Lezha. They have recorded all the evaluations about this author: publications, scientific sessions, ceremonies etc. The monograph ends with the conclusions and bibliography. The monograph *"Hafiz Ali Ulqinaku, life and work"* by Faik Luli and Islam Dizdari is an accomplished and successful work. It provides information of interest that is likeable and necessary not only to the researchers, but also to the simple readers. The publication of the Primer carries a special value

since it is the first one introduced to the Albanian reader in the current alphabet transcription

The authors have exploited a rich literature, which is reflected not only in the 131 books, but also in numerous articles published by the scientific and periodical press, libraries, archives etc. the work is written in a simple and rich language. For all this worthy and admirable work, competently written and at the same time a worthy contribution dedicated to the past's creations, the authors deserve our congratulations.