

MEDICAL MISSIONS IN THE BALKAN WARS THROUGH THE PRISM OF HISTORICAL SOURCES

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In the first half of the 19th century, the Principality of Serbia began to work on developing the health service and educating medical staff by sending students abroad to study medicine, because there was no Medical Faculty. The aim of the paper is to present the participation of foreign medical missions in providing assistance to Serbia during the Balkan wars. Method of historical analysis by using the primary and the secondary data sources was applied. The new wave of war, which followed in the second decade of the 20th century, pointed to the lack of personnel, medical and pharmacy equipment. The lack of medical staff was compensated by medical missions from abroad. During the First Balkan War, Serbia was visited by 16 medical missions from all parts of Europe and Scandinavia with a total of 185 doctors. Only Russia sent eleven medical missions and thus took the leading position in providing assistance. The mission consisted of 28 doctors, 11 intendants, 2 pharmacists, 86 mercy nurses and 160 nurse assistants. In the Second Balkan War, England and Scotland, Denmark, Belgium, the Netherlands, Sweden, Norway, Germany, Russia, Hungary and Austria provided medical assistance with 85 doctors (1). All missions were consistent with love and dedication in saving lives, financing medical staff, medical supplies and hospital equipment. The courage and humanity of foreign missions was awarded the Order of Saint Sava.

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Kneževina Srbija je u prvoj polovini 19. veka počela da radi na razvijanju zdravstvene službe i edukaciji lekarskog kadra slanjem studenata u inostranstvo na studije medicine, jer Medicinskog fakulteta nije bilo u Kneževini. Cilj rada je da se prikaže učešće stranih medicinskih misija u pružanju pomoći Srbiji za vreme balkanskih ratova. U radu je primenjena metoda istorijske analize uz korićenje primarnih i sekundarnih izvora podataka. Novi ratni talas, koji je usledio u drugoj deceniji 20. veka, ukazao je na nedostatak personala, sanitetske i apotekarske opreme. Nedostatak medicinskog personala bio je nadoknađen medicinskim misijama iz inostranstva. Za vreme Prvog balkanskog rata zabeležen je dolazak 16 medicinskih misija iz Evrope i Skandinavije, sa ukupno 185 lekara. Rusija je uputila jedanaest sanitetskih misija i time zauzela vodeće mesto u pružanju pomoći. Misiju je činilo 28 lekara, 11 ekonomista, 2 farmaceute, 86 milosrdnih sestara i 160 bolničara. U Drugom balkanskom ratu Engleska i Škotska, Danska, Belgija, Holandija, Švedska, Norveška, Nemačka, Rusija, Mađarska i Austrija su pružile medicinsku pomoć sa 85 lekara (1). Sve misije su sa ljubavlju i predanošću bile dosledne u spašavanju života, finansiranju medicinskog kadra, sanitetskog materijala i bolničke opreme. Hrabrost i humanist stranih misija odlikovana je dodeljivanjem Ordena Svetog Save.

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