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JOINT ENDEAVOURS AND GENERAL UPSURGE

(Summary)

The article analysis the consequences of the establishment of a separate ecclesiastical province of the territory of the Bulgarian State in 870: an Archbishopric within the framework of the Patriarchate of Constantinople. Special attention is paid to the introduction of Old Bulgarian as official language of the State and the Church which took place probably at the Council of Preslav in 893. Numerous written monuments, mainly translations, which marked the upsurge of the Old Bulgarian Christian literary culture, are also indicated, and it is pointed out that almost all its writers were clergymen. The upsurge of the Bulgarian State and the Bulgarian Church was mutually determined. It is noted that in Bulgaria during King Simeon's reign a certain orientation existed towards the example of the Patriarchate of Alexandria, first in rank next to Rome and Constantinople, and the question of the causes for this phenomenon is raised.