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The Archive Review (Rom. „Revista Arhivelor“) was initially meant to publish studies of archival theory and practice. But serving the Romanian historical science for over sixty years, it has widened its thematic area, including materials from other historical auxiliary sciences as well as articles of historical analysis elaborated on the basis of novel documents. The articles with archive content prevail in its first period of publication, on which there were fundamented studies of cronology, diplomacy, genealogy, heraldry, numismatics, paleography or sigilography. These studies alternated with the publication of documents or bibliographic studies. Articles in the Archive Review belonging to outstanding representatives of postwar historiography are a proof of its development in an upward direction. The names of Ion Bianu, Ion Lupaş, Ştefan Meteş, Constantin Moisil — who will be the head of Romanian archivistics for almost thirty years — Andrei Veres, Emil Condurachi, Aurelian Sacerdoţeanu, Dan Simionescu — whose articles represent important contributions — express the permanent concern for the development of Romanian science and culture.

With the passage of years the Archive Review defines its programme, themes and stucture according to the tasks of the General Directin of the State Archive and the archive legislation regarding the keeping, conservation and administration of the National Archive Fund. At the same time the Review takes into account the huge transformations which have taken place in our country and the social and politic importance the party accords to the press, as well as the measures and the concern for the improvement of the activity in all the fields of social life. The activity started in the direction of the turning into account of the large number of actual documents will extend. Its working programme guides itself after the necessities of the organization of the archive activity, of the reflection of the research in the field of social sciences, of the turning into account of the cultural heritage and the education of the socialist conscience of all the working people. At the same time the review has tried to build up, ever more clearly, a physiognomy of itself and to enter a sphere of interest for the readers as constant and wide as possible. As a matter of fact the review includes-besides the editorials inspired from the revolutionary processes in our country or the stages of historical importance for our people in the process of the building up of the multilaterally developed socialist society — programme-articles meant to give a

competent and authorized answer to some problems of archivalistics raised by the unitary development of the archive activity in our country with a programme based on the party and state documents. Such articles on archival theory and practice contribute, at the same time, to the development of the historical science, by the immediate approach to problems of the technique of the publication of documents. As for the content of the review, there is a constant presence of scientific and research articles in it. In the history studies particular attention is showed to the moulding of the feelings of profound appreciation for all the progressive forces. The articles on history written by the archivists and the other contributors usually represent a turning to account of the documents in our archives, trying to offer up a special source of information for the scientific research. Considering the special concern of the General Direction of the State Archive for enriching the documentary basis, the Archive Review has found it necessary to publish more of the immense richness of documents, and placed in the centre of its activity the turning to account of the archive treasure, irrespective of the keeping stack. There have been published presentations of funds and archive collections as reliable guides to the theme of the documents, essential information on the history of archive creating institutions, appreciations on the value of various categories of papers, the way of organizing documents and the most important evidence instruments. There have been published many documents from different historical periods, documents which reveal the moral qualities and the progressive mobilizing traditions of the Romanian nation.

A constant concern in the activity of the review was to support the development of the auxiliary historical sciences. The articles published have analysed their tasks, the parts less studied by the specialists, contributing to an improvement of the auxiliary science research.

The concern of the General Direction of the State Archive for the knowledge and the application of the archive legislation, the organization, administration, conservation and the use of the National Archive Fund, the research determined by various types of documents and their protection, the latest results obtained by the international archivalistics have also been central to the theme of the review.

In each subgroup there has been made an alphabetic arrangement of the authors.

The book is followed by an index of the names of the authors and the main fields of activity, which will provide a better orientation. The index sends to the number of each article in the thematic bibliography.

The working method used was carding each published study, article or paper. For each there is given the issue of the review in which it has appeared, the year and the pages between which it is placed.