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## NOTRS

ON THE GRAMMAR OF THE BULGARIAN LANGUAGE:*
§ 1. The Bulgarian (like the Russian, Servian, Bohemian, Polish etc. ) is a dialect of the ancient Slavic. It is spoken throughout the region lying south of the Danube as far as Mt. Haemus, and even beyond it, and from Widdin to the Black Sea. In the large cities, however, Turkish also is spokon.

Its literature is very slender, consisting almose entirely of a few elementary books printed in Bucharest, Belgrade, Buda, Cracow, Constantinople and Smyrna. At the latter place the New Testament was printed in 1840, and in April of the present year (1844) the first number of a monthly magazine entitled Ifosorsósie (Philology) was issued from the same press.
§ 2. The Alphabet consists of 40 letters exclusive of the obsolete $S$, as follows.
(*) As there does not exist, so far as I am aware, any Grammar of the Bulgarian either in English or in an y European tongue, I have thought that the following notes onght not to be lost. Eispecially should l hope they might be usefulin case any of our Pro testant churches should feel called in Divine Providence to make efforts for the spiritual good of the Bulgarian people. R. K.
Smyrna, May 1, 1844?

f Not now used except as a numerical mark for 6 .

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| Hiw | Êpm | yeri | i in machine |
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| （ | E＇ | e | e in obey． |
| 10 ю | ${ }^{\circ}$ | you | u in use |
| X $\quad$ \％ | x | uh | u in run nearly |
| $\boldsymbol{\omega}^{\boldsymbol{\omega}}$ | $\stackrel{\text { w }}{ }$ | 0 | $o$ as in stone |
|  | ${ }^{\sim}$ | yah | ya in racht |
| 令 音 | кси | ksi | $x$ in axe |
| $\psi \psi$ | п¢и | psi | ps in heaps |
| Or | ти́та | thita | $t$ or th |
| $v \ddot{y}$ | У่жича | izhitsa | i in machine，but |

The last four are used only in Greek words． Many writers，following the example of the Russian，avoid entirely the use of several letters，
 $n e$ for $\psi, \boldsymbol{T}$ for $\boldsymbol{\omega}$ and $\boldsymbol{H}$ for $\ddot{v}$ ，thus reducing the number of letters in the alphabet to 33 ．

The forms oy and $m$ are used only in the be－ ginning of words， 8 and a in the middle or end．

- Exc. Âzwikx language is written with $\AA$ to distinguish it from п̂Зь́к',"nation.
h gives a liquid sound to the consonant by which it is followed. It may be represented by a very short y; e. g. páдо८ть, jor pron. radosty,
 flame, pron. plameny. The $r$ should not be prononnced so as to make a distinct syllable. Comp. Eng. million, Christian, (the $t$ being distinctly sounded ), minion, etc.

53 Punctuation. The accents are (') and(' ); the latter is placed only over the last vowel of a word, as AOsple, well. The former marks the accent when on any other than the last syllable of a word, or on the last syllable provided it ends with a consonant and a mutez or b, as êsánrenit́, gospel, цápı, king, Є̂Aम́nz, one.

The mark ${ }^{n}$ derived from the smooth breathing of the Greeks is placed over every vowel which commences a word, as ânórtonz, apostle. When combined with the accent over the same letter it assumes an erect form, thus; ä $3^{\text {t }} I$.
(r) is a sign of an abbreviation, e. g. Ôýz for Ôr'єyz, father; ( ${ }^{(\pi}$ ) of an abbreviation implying © as one of the omitted letters, as àrīnz for ànóeто八z apostle: ГА̂́s for Гórnoals, Lord.

The comma (, ) colon (:) and period (. )
are the same as in English. The interrogation point like the Greek (;). Those writers however who use the Russian form of the letters employ (; ) as a semicolon and (?) as an interrogation. point.
§4 Nouns have three genders and two numbers as in English. - The cases are three, Nominative, Accusative and Vocative.

Four other cases of the ancient Slavic are met with, though very rarely in Bulgarian books, viz the Genitive, Dative, Ablative, and Narrative.

The Accusative does not differ from the Nominative except in masculines with the suffix which supplies the place of a definite article.

The Vocative is formed in masc. nouns by changing z into E , as ânóeto八z, ânóerтоле; L and й sometimes into E and sometimes into $ю$; as пер-
 крár, etc. - In Fem. nouns by changing a im. pure into 0 , ás $\operatorname{BOAà}$ हоддं ; a preceded by $i$, also a and b, into e, as ctixía, cтixíe, $\boldsymbol{\Xi}^{\mathrm{EMAA}} \mathrm{m}$,
 all plurals, the Voc. is like the Nom.

The place of a definite article is supplied by syllables suffixed to nouns. These are generallr for the masc. Sing. $o$, for the fem. Ta, and tor the neuter To; for the masc. and fem. plur. te and for

man, हод $^{\prime}$ water, вода́-та the water, Ану! face, Анци́-то the face, âпс́етоли apostles, âпо́rтоли-те the apostles, лича' faces, лиуа́-та the faces. The first of these suffixes is the only one which undergues any change, becoming in the Acc. arra. declexsion of a Masculine noun.
Singular. Plural.
N.ânórтол-o the apostle.ânór'ront-re the apostles.
A. ânórton-a or -ata * ânórtonh-тe
V. ânórtons $O$ apostle ânóstonh $O$ apostles.

Nouns ending in $\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{B}}, \mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{z}}$, and $\mathrm{X}^{\mathrm{T}}$ change
$\left.\begin{array}{l}5 \\ x \\ x\end{array}\right\}$ into $\left\{\begin{array}{c}\text { क } \\ 4 \\ w\end{array}\right\}$ in the voc.sing.and in to $\left\{\begin{array}{l}3 \\ y \\ c\end{array}\right\}$ in the pl.
 Pl. чenobrty men.
declension of femintine nouns.
Singular. Pliral.
N. 60 ǵá-тa the water. води́-те the waters.
A.
V. водо̀ O water. मод4ं O waters.

* Some writers use only the form in a; others prefer |  |
| :---: | $\mathrm{T}^{\mathrm{L}} \mathrm{B}$ in the declension of nouns designating inanimate objects, and a in the declension of those which designate persons, especially when the latter are employed (with Na prefixed) as Genitives. The Slavic Gen. is ânóctosa and the Dat. ânórtoņ.

** This change of $u$ into $w$ in the acc. is a mere grammatical invention, for distinguishing the two cases, which are pronounced precisely alike.

A few masculine nouns follow this torm, receiving in the sing. the suffix ma although adjectives belonging to them must still be of the masculine form. Thus войо́дд-та the governor, but до́крм-о войво́sа the good governor.

In like manner a few plurals of masc. or fem. nouns, terminating irregularly in a or a take the suffix ra like neuters, as крáтia-та, the brothers, irreg. plur from кра́тъ.

A paradigm is not needed for neuter nouns, since the cases are all alike in form. Theplural is generally formed by changing final $\varepsilon$ or $\circ$ into $a$,
 Ta, and ïz or tinto la or á, as známenitero, zná-memia-тa. Rarely instead of a the plural takes ata, and still moie rarely eea or hyлa, as nonéто, поле́та-та, Арево́-то, Аревеса́-то, кја́й-о (masc. in the sing.) кра́йциа-та.
§5 Adjectives. Adjectives have, like nouns, a definite and an indefinite form. The latter which is the radical form terminates in z ; the former in шй (or with certain consonants preceding. in ій) which however is ordinarily corrupted, in imitation of the substantives, into wo.

[^0]DECLENSION OF ADJECTIVES．
Indefinite form．
Singular．
masc．fem．neut．masc．fem．neut．
 A． ，，cви́тн
V．сbatlúhcbatóachatóecbatíu cbatún cbatá

## Definite form．

 Singular．masc．
N．ebatió－o
A．cbatús－atrs

N．сbлtи́－те

fem．
cロATぶ・ザA
Plural．
cbatwíre
chaти́－тE
cATH ́－TE

The Vocative belongs of course only to the indefinite form．

There is a class of adjectives derived from nouns，and employed precisely as the genitive cases of those nouns would be employed in most other languages．They terminate generally in овд，Nz，or cкї̆．E．g．Cains Aabígebrg，Son of David，＂डnnиma－ta cetтpi＇the sister of Anna，


Numerals．




From three, onward they are common as to gender, although from three to nine there is besides a masc. form ; thus.

Masculine. Common.
трои́цуа-та or три́-те, три-тѐ three.
четво́рицца-та पетыри-те́ four.

пети́na-та
netb-TE five.
шectrína-tтa
ceдmи́na-tтa
○́еми́na-та
ábetrina-ta
ШиE!TL-TÉ six.
"EAMb-тè seven.
Ófmb-Tí eight.
Аеветь-ті дine. Aह厄етb-тѐ ten.
ЄAиnnáglicatr eleven. авана́aceatr twelve.
трна́ásentb thirteen.
and so on in like manner to nineteen.

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { ава́дєеать twenty. } \\
& \text { три́aEcath thirty. }
\end{aligned}
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and so on in like manner to ninety.


 (TЕ) ХілАды 100.000, мїААї́́nz 1,000,000.

Ordinals. These have the masc. ending in wh̆ def. wo, the fem. in an def. a-та and the neut. in

baa, nípba-ta, neut. nípboe, nepbo-тo. They are as tollows. Пє́ вый first, вторкй second, трєтіїй third, четві́ртшй fourth, пх́тшй fifth, шectwíh

 Авана́дहсетшй twelfth, etc. Ава́дहеधтьй twentieth etc. со́тwй hundredth, Ав४го́тшй twohundredth, тристо́тnwй three hundredth, четьрнетоIгный fourhundredth, and so on to Xïла́А-
 millionth.
§ 6 Pronouns. Beside the cases used in the declension of nouns the pronouns have still in use a Genitive and a Dative. The following paradigms exhibit the declensions of the principal pronouns, personal, demonstrative and relative.

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\begin{gathered}
\text { Personal Pronouns, } \\
1 \text { st Person. }
\end{gathered}
$$

Sing.
Nom. "A3's or A" I
Gen. na-mene of me
Dat. MÉNe, MH to me Námz, NH to us Acc. mínf, me me nác'b, No' us. 2d Person.
Nom. Té ihou
Gen. na-tése of thee na-bacts of you
Dat. T'Éह, ти to thee вам'в, ви to you

Acc. t'ese, te thee bacrs, вы you
Voc. like the nominative.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { 3d Person. } \\
& \text { Singular. } \\
& \text { m. } \quad \text { f. }
\end{aligned}
$$

Nom. "ON' he
Gen. na-nírw
ônì she
ôno it na-méa ha-nérlu
Dat. hanero, némy, na néa, néh̆, na néto, némy, m
Acc. níro, ro मै M NÉA, ẩ
míro, ro Plural, com. gen.

Nom.
Gen.
Dat.
Acc.

ถิни'(tem. ônw) they
на ин́х'в
на ми́х', ни́мะ, н้мะ
ни́хя, гн
Reciprocal Pronoun
of all the genders and persons, and of both numbers. Gen. na-cése of myself, thyself, himself, herself, itself or themselves.
Dat. ciese, ch to myself, etc.
Acc. cése, re myself. etc.
All the other pronouns, Demonstrative, Relative, Interrogative and Possessive, decline only the masculine singular; the fem. and neut. sing. and all the genders of the plur. having all the cases alike, except that in the masc. plur. the $i$ or $n$ of the other cases becomes $w$ in the acc. thus.


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§ 7 Verbs. Beside the tenses usually found in the verbs of other languages, the Bulgarian has distinct forms of the Aorist, Perfect, Pluperfect and Future to mark singleness of action. These forms are generally produced by prefixing one of the prepositions n $\rho \circ$, na, or ô; as atmáx'z Ispoke продяма́хг I spoke (once) ; писа́лд са́мя I have written, nallисást cómz I have written (once);
 Ам่^н béxa ther had thrown away (once). A few verbs produce these forms by inserting
 nemz; a few ending in ábamz and ச́вам'в change these terminations into амдz and emz, as

 I shall remain, ye à "tánemz, I shall remain (once). When the ending ૪вams is preceded by 3 or $t$, these letters are changed before emz into
 па́шénz.
The Infinitive has become obsolete, and its place is supplied by the Subjunctive, as in Mod. Greek.

The substantive verb са́мь(Slavic èrmı) to be, is thus declined.

## INDICATIVE.







 ute，Ye ca．
 imperative．
Indef．néкa са́mb，нéкa ch，etc．



## subjunctive．

Pres．À cánl，that I may be，ăко си́mı，if I be etc．
 the same forms with the Indicative．

INFINITIVE．
Pres．кш＇刀口（only in use in the phrase nóжз ธ心́ти il may be）．

## participle．

 numbers．

The regular verbs terminate in $A M r$ ，Ems， нмг，or AMes，making four conjugations．
for the fem．қылà and for the neut．било．

They differ however so little that a single paradigm will be sufficient. Each preserves in general its proper vowel. The 3 p.plur. of the Pres. and Fut. tenses however al ways changes $\varepsilon$ and $u$

 -huiz, -и, Plur. -hme, -итe, -atz. And verbs in


Some verbs have the Aorist in $O X^{\prime 3}$, as Аа́вамд to give, Aor. Aás ${ }^{\circ} x^{\prime 3}$. But these must be learned by practice.
conjugation of the regular verb ádiamth,
to speak.

## indicative.


Imp. $A \delta^{\prime} M-\Delta X^{\prime Z},-\Delta \omega E,-\Delta ш E:-\Delta X^{M E},-\Delta X^{T E},-\Delta X^{\lambda}$.







2 Plup. проиชма́n's ééxz, etc.




## IMPERATIVE:

Indef. Aঠ́maй. Aa (or néka) Aठ́na: Á́naйte, A. (or néka) at́natz.

Def. продб́май, etc.

## subjunctive.

The subjunctive (including the Potential and (optative) is the same as the Indicative with äкo if, Ad that, or Aanó would that! prefixed. The Imp. Subj. takes however sometimes the characteristic prefix of the 2. Aorist, as äкo поодд́maxa if they should speali, anào mpoármaine tw', oh that thou wouldst speak!
participles.
 which are used only in the formation of the Perf. and Plur. tenses, there are forms of participles taken from the ancient language, and now rarely used, as

Pres. Абма́юцїй, f. -цаа, n. -цеЕ.
Aor. Аума́вшїй, f. -шаa, n. -шеЕ.
When employed, they are declined like adjectives.

## PASSIVE VOICE.

The Passive is formed by simply adding ef (in Slavic and in Bulg. writers whowish to imitate as far as possible the Slavic, (a) to the various forms of the Active; as Aabaniz er or Aabamce $I$ am given, да́ва се he is given.

In the compound tenses this particle comes naturally between the participle and the auxiliary;


But after conjunctions ie gencrally precedes the verb; as äко "e да́вахме if we were given.
§ 8 Adverbs. (1) of time; as cerà, нúnt now, тorà then, korà when, Anéc to day, oy'rpe or
 fore, nóest after, всегà always, ни́когаum never, etc.
(2) of place; аs по́ка here, та́мо there, вwi-
 where? rópe above, до́л४ below, Елйz子 near, ААA'ยย fur, O’коло around, mewat among, tékase everywhere, никкая nowhere.
(3) of manner ; as ка́кз how, та́ке or такà
 with difficulty, Átwu easily, etc. In general adverbs of manner may be formed from adjectives by changingo the termination of the neuter gender in to $w$. Of course those writers who reject $w$ write such ieuter adjectives and their corresponding adverbs alike.
(4) of atfirmation; as ёй res, йетннnw tru. ly, вои́стинну indeed, etc.
(5) of negation; as нe no, not, ни́какる in no wise, etc.
§ 9 Piepositions．The principal of these are nì
 ÔCBEN＇s without，of at，$\hat{0}$ or $\hat{\text { Otz }}$ concerning， חредz before，nod＇s afier，za for，＂pezz by， 1 о according to，до until，вмlisero instead of，९aдमे on account of．
§ 10 Conjunctions．$\hat{\boldsymbol{H}}$ and，$\hat{a}$ ，no but，ĥл⿱宀女r or，
 ro uecatise，etc．
 Є̈те，нá，lo！виждь behold！Eárome wonderful！ Aanó oh that！Aa bew would that！Aa bw Aink Bo＇ra would to God！etc．

There is an apparent confusion in the Alpha－ bet in respect to the letters E and $€$ which re－ quires aremark．The fact is that the same capi－ tal is employed for both，as in Old English for I and J．In the column which gives in Bulgarian the names of the letters the reader will observe $a$ aso that ${ }_{\epsilon}^{\prime \prime}$ stands as the name of the letter $\varepsilon$ ．This arises from the fact that，although they are pro－ nounced differently， e can never be written at the beginning of a word．For the same reason to－ reign names beginning with E are written in Bul－ garian with $\Theta$ and pronounced accordingly． Whenever therefore a capital $\mathfrak{B}$ is found in
the beginning of a word it is to be read $\epsilon$ ，else－ where $\varepsilon$ as $\mathfrak{F}$ ВиГГG्GIIG gospel，in small letters Êbárcenïe．

There are a few words which appear to have a common origin with words in Greek，Latin， and other European lauguages；e．g．


 men，ю̋́кк＇я juvencus，пácтisprz pastor，cóst sal， cóanye sol，etc．

English．Oratápızaltar，rásaa sabre，chin＇h son， ф⿸丆口欠аем＇z to hurl，emanáramz to grow small， тх＇pnts thorn，etc．

German．Гpós＇s grab，entírz schnee，erón＇s， stuhl，etc．

I subjoin a few phrases in Bulgarian，and the Lord＇s Prayer in ancient Slavic，Bulgarian and Russian，that the reader may see how far the two fatter have varied from thir mother language．

## PHRASES．

Aо́epts rи áent，Гornogrúne． Good day，Sir．
Нäкz cire；
How are you？
Gaása Kóry，довpí．
Well，thank God．（Lit．Glory to God，well．

Kory is Dat. Slavic from For's, God.) Pazrobápate ah ce Kóaraprкh;

Do you speak Bulgarian?
Pazrorápance máaku.
I speak a little.
"Han ah mnóro boise yo rh oýunte;
Have you been studying it a long time?
छ̆ди́n's mecéyz й полови́na.
One month and a half.
Horà yo ẅ́áare wà pacxósta;
When will you go to the country?
Táa yo ЙАЕ rgéã.
On Wednesday neut.
(Lit. This that is coming Wednesday.)

Is your country far from here?
Gె पєтьри дии пххтв.
Four days' journey.
Rakbó ye wíatete;
How will you go?

I can go by sea or by land.

What are the names of the days of the week?



Sunday, Monday, etc.


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A friend is known in necessity.

Atrue friend is as great treasure.
Yŕeto nesò $\underset{\omega}{W}$ mónnïa ee ne houi.
Aclear sky is not afraid of lightnings.
Гово́ри ма́лко, й слช́шыай мпо́го: $3^{\text {a товà }}$


Speak little and hear much; it is for this that thou hast one mouth and two ears. Но́йто ce bocráчタra mnóro bысо́кo, лécno se ердтува.

Whoever climbs very high, easily falls.

The garment does not make the man.

Put not forth a sickle into the field of another.
Но́йто копа́ е aঠ́nka apð́ronł по дá cámz oỳ néa.
Whoever digs a pit for another falls into it himself.
 предт!

My last knowledge, would I had had you first!
Ко́жї-о гтра́хя ё нача́ло-то й ŵenoránḯ то na cekoa дópoatritenis h míaports.

Thefear of God is the beginning and foundation of all virtue and wistom,

He who fears God honors also his parents．

Love your enemies．
 $3^{a} 3^{10}$ ．

See that none render evil for evil to any man．




Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you，do ye even so to them，for this is the law and the prophets．
al甲gobl－тà ne etpfóba $3^{\text {no na entiwnaro：nato－}}$


Love worketh no ill to his neighbour； there fore love is the fulfilling of the law．
В廹а－та ќєzz атла̀ er мі́ртка．
Faith without works is dead．

In whatever thou doest，think of the end．

## the lord's prayer in skavic.

From the translation of the New Testament made by the missionary byril in the ninth century.







 сли́ба, во в光ки. Л̆ми́мь.

## the same in bulgarian.

'OTYE Nátu's, Ко́йтO ch na neEEcá-TA, AA ca



 до́aгове-те ма́шн, какво́то й міє Гн Проча́ваме

 твое Є̈ уа́ретво-то, й сн́ма-та, й сла́ва-та, во


## THE SAME IN RUSSIAN.

Otчe naw'b, cyцїй na negecax'z; дa cbathtca hMA TBOE; AA ПрїНAETZ YapCTBIE TROE; Aa БУAETK BOAA TBOA H NA ЗEMAH KAK'B NA NEEECH; XAtEE'S NAW'S NACYчNWЙ AAЙ NAM'S NA CEH̆ AENL; H ПЮOCTH NAMZ AOAГH NALWH, KAK'Z H MW HЮOЧIAEMB AOASANHKAMZ NAWHMZ; H NE ПрЕגă̆ Nac'z heкyשenito, NO HZEARL NAC'S OT'K Аукаваго; НЕо твое ЄСть Чаретво, Н снла, н слава, во вбки. Лмнны.

ERRATA.


The printing of some Bulgarian words without their accents, as well as several blemishes which will strike the eye of an English reader, are owing to deficiencies in the founts of type employed.

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[^0]:    * In some parts of Bulgaria however common usage makes these nouns femiuine, as Тжрновската войво́да, the Governor of Ternova.

